



Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes
December 14, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.
RM of Morris Council Chambers

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve Ralph Groening and Councillors Stan Siemens, Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese and Michael Toews were present, with Reeve Groening in the chair. CAO, Larry Driedger, Public Works Manager, Don Harder and Recording Officer, Kim Robert, were also present at the meeting.

220/16 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 14, 2016, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1. Council Minutes:

1.1 Council Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2016:

221/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on November 9, 2016, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Finance/Personnel:

2.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

222/16 Barry Fraese – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201601820 to 201602050 totalling \$4,314,890.89.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

Carried.

2.2 2016 Financial Statement – November:

223/16 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the 2016 Financial Statements for November.

Carried.



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2.3 Utility Penalty Reversal:

224/16 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Utility Accounts:

Account Number	Description	Amount
26024200	Penalty Reversal	(\$1.06)
23065601	Penalty Reversal	(\$1.20)

Carried.

2.4 Tax Penalty Reversal:

225/16 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Property Tax Accounts:

Roll Number	Description	Amount
1614000	Penalty Reversal	(\$47.72)
1616000	Penalty Reversal	(\$36.35)
192000	Penalty Reversal	(\$24.97)
290200	Penalty Reversal	(\$19.16)
33200	Penalty Reversal	(\$3.13)
53300	Penalty Reversal	(\$5.73)
45050	Penalty Reversal	(\$51.04)
174800	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.07)
214475	Penalty Reversal	(\$29.91)
199020	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.73)
23450	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.13)
201986	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.98)
201986	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.97)
201986	Penalty Adjustment	(\$1.90)

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2.5 Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes:

226/16 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris transfer the following outstanding Utility Accounts to Property Taxes as per the attached listing.

Carried.

2.6 Outstanding Accounts Receivable Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes:

227/16 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris transfer the following outstanding Accounts Receivable Account to Property Tax Account.

A/R Account No.	Transfer to Roll No.	Description	Amount
1192	142100	Outstanding Invoice-Water Meter Installation	\$25.44

Carried.

2.7 Miscellaneous Posting to Tax Accounts:

228/16 Barry Fraese – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Property Tax Account.

Roll Number	Description	Amount
213860	EPTCA	(\$700.00)

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2.8 Accounts Receivable Account Adjustment

229/16 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Accounts Receivable Account.

Account Number	Description	Amount
1191	Write Off Outstanding Balance	\$5.91

Carried.

2.9 Sharpe & Co. Chartered Accountant Ltd., Consolidated Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2015:

230/16 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Morris adopt the Auditors report as presented.

Carried.

3. Public Hearings:

3.1 9:30 a.m. Conditional Use 09/2016, Rural Municipality of Morris & Evolve Surface Strategies Inc.:

231/16 Denis Robert – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we open this Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments or concerns related to the following item:

Conditional Use 09/2016
 Rural Municipality of Morris & Evolve Surface Strategies Inc.

Carried.



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9:30 a.m. – Conditional Use 09/2016:

Proposal to allow for a 76 meter guyed lattice tower in an “AG” General Agricultural Zone. Property is located at North ½ River Lot, 449, Plan 3599, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris.

Reeve, Ralph Groening, gave a brief outline of the procedures for the Hearing. A Hearing Presenter sheet was circulated to attendees in the gallery to state their names if they would like to make a presentation objecting to or in favour of the Conditional Use.

CAO, Larry Driedger, gave a brief overview of the Conditional Use Application. No formal objections were received in the Administration Office prior to the Hearing. Manitoba Telecom Systems (MTS) and Evolve Surface Strategies Inc., chose the site where they request to have the communication tower.

Ms. Joan Masters attended the Hearing and stated that she is undecided if she is in favour of the proposed Conditional Use. Ms. Masters resides in the Community of Aubigny where she receives poor cell service, and realizes the importance of having service in the area. Ms. Masters requests that in order to fill the service void south of Ste. Agathe she would like to see MTS chose a site further north of the proposed location.

Mr. Robert G. Mears attended the Hearing and stated that he feels the process thus far has been unfair. There are viable sites to the west and northeast of the proposed site that could be used. Mr. Mears contacted Evolve Surface Strategies Inc., and had discussions regarding the site choice. Mr. Mears believes that placing the cell tower at the proposed site will do a disservice to the RM of Morris. Mr. Mears asks that RM of Morris Council deny the Conditional Use and the Variation. (Mr. Mears full written presentation is attached to the original copy of these minutes.)

Mr. Larry Gluck attended the Hearing and gave a brief presentation. Mr. Gluck feels that MTS has failed to do the research in order to get the best service. Mr. Gluck asks that we encourage MTS to pick a better site so the RM of Morris will have better cell service.

Reeve, Ralph Groening, commented that the RM of Morris was not given the task to pick the “best” site.



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3.2 Closing the Public Hearing:

232/16 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council close this Public Hearing.

Carried.

3.3 9:30 a.m. Variation Order 04/2016, Rural Municipality of Morris & Evolve Surface Strategies Inc.:

233/16 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we open this Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments or concerns related to the following item:

Variation Order 04/2016

Rural Municipality of Morris & Evolve Surface Strategies Inc.

Carried.

9:30 a.m. – Variation Order 04/2016:

Proposal to vary the tower anchor locations as follows:

South – Vary to place tower anchors at 1.524 meters or 5 feet from the south property line.

East – Vary to place tower anchors at 1.524 meters or 5 feet from the east property line.

West – Vary to place tower anchors at 1.524 meters or 5 feet from the west property line.

Property is located at North ½ River Lot, 449, Plan 3599, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris.

Reeve, Ralph Groening, gave a brief outline of the procedures of the Hearing. A Hearing Presenter sheet was circulated to attendees in the gallery to state their names if they would like to make a presentation objecting to or in favour of the Variation Order.

No formal objections were received in the Administration Office prior to the Hearing.



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CAO, Larry Driedger, advised that the tower itself and the height does not require a variation. The variation is for the anchor sites, to allow for a minimum side yard.

Mr. Larry Gluck attended the Hearing and requested information on why MTS chose that particular site for the tower.

CAO, Larry Driedger, addressed the question from Mr. Gluck as follows:

Mr. Driedger met with Mr. Stewart Anderson from Evolve Surface Strategies Inc. Mr. Driedger was asked by Mr. Anderson to be shown potential locations on the west side of PTH 75, around the PR 205 area that the tower could be located. Mr. Driedger showed various options which included the landfill property in Rosenort, the Industrial Park in Rosenort, and a few properties along PR 205 including the property in Silver Plains that is being proposed. Mr. Driedger advised that MTS and Evolve Surface Strategies Inc., chose the site and the RM of Morris had no influence on the chosen site.

Mr. Gluck questioned why the RM of Morris was trying to have the tower near Rosenort.

Mr. Driedger responded that we did not know what the motive of Evolve or MTS was, so Council tried to encourage them to locate the tower as close as possible to one of our communities to enhance the service to our municipality.

Mr. Gluck advised that line of site is the key for good cell service.

RM of Morris Council advised Mr. Gluck that the main motivation of Council was to help improve service to the RM of Morris and the proposed tower height was encouraging to provide better service to the municipality.

Mr. Robert G. Mears interjected that the height of a cell tower is not necessarily going to provide better service and stated two different examples with which he is familiar.

Mr. Gluck concluded his presentation with the question-if a cell tower is built, how will this affect the RM of Morris in the future to obtain another cell tower?



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Reeve, Ralph Groening, advised that the Hearing is for the current tower proposal and anything hypothetical would not be addressed.

3.4 Closing the Public Hearing:

234/16 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council close this Public Hearing.

Carried.

4. Delegations: None

5. Action Correspondence:

5.1 Proposed Subdivision File No. 4152-16-7595, SW ¼ 11-6-2E, RM of Morris - Guy L.J. Saurette:

235/16 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application for Subdivision Number 4152-16-7595, SW ¼ 11-6-2E, RM of Morris, for Guy L.J. Saurette, subject to the property owners being responsible for any and all costs as related to the installation of any additional access driveways that will be required as a result of this subdivision.

Carried.

5.2 Hon. Candice Bergen, P.C., Referendum Request for Electoral Reform:

236/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council requests The Prime Minister and Special Committee on Electoral Reform, to hold a referendum prior to the implementation of any proposed changes to the current first-past-the-post voting system for federal elections.

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5.3 General Service Agreement Between RM of Morris and EPIC/SMILE St. Malo Inc.:

237/16 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give authorization to enter into a General Service Agreement with EPIC/SMILE St. Malo Inc., for recycling pick up.

Carried.

6. Reports:

6.1 Reeve Report:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

6.2 Public Works Manager Report:

Drainage:

- Managed to complete 46.5 miles. There will be 5 miles carry-over to 2017;
- Spreading of dirt piles did not go so well because of excess moisture.

Roads:

- Gravel roads have been a struggle lately. With the excess moisture and freezing temperatures, it was hard to shape up the roads for winter travel. The mulchers helped make a difference;
- Dirt roads will stay as they are;
- Snow plow incident. Final repair cost should be less than our insurance deductible so most likely a claim will not be required.

Various:

- Excavators moved to shop for clean-up;
- Scrap metal from landfills and the RM of Morris yard to load and haul to scrap dealer;
- New pit to excavate at Rosenort landfill;
- Snow plow to repair for MG-1;
- Undercarriage items ordered for skid steer;
- T-3 tandem truck rad out for repair;
- Items to get ready for safeties: T-3, T-2, T-11, GT-1, GT-2, LB-2, UT-1, UT-3.

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Additional Items:

- There is already 56 miles of Drainage Requests slated for 2017 and 28 miles for 2018;
- Public Works Manager is currently working on the map for gravel program for 2017;
- Graders are currently levelling ruts in the gravel roads;
- The grader that had an incident is in good working order. There was minimal damage and was back on the road within 3 hours;
- The trees to be planted in Rosenort will be moved to cold storage for the winter. They have been watered and will be ready for planting in the spring of 2017.

6.3 Fire Chief Report:

No Report Submitted.

6.4 Building Inspector Report:

No Report Submitted.

7. Information:

RM of Morris Council reviewed the following as information:

7.1 Camp Bridges – Donation Request

The donation request does not fall under the RM of Morris grant policy.

7.2 Morris Fire Department Fundraising Committee-Thank You

7.3 Valley Regional Library – Grant Acknowledgment

7.4 Valley Agricultural Society – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2016

A meeting will be requested with the new President of the Valley Agricultural Society, Reeve, Ralph Groening and CAO, Larry Driedger.

7.5 Manitoba Infrastructure – Request Acknowledgment

7.6 Recreation Connections Manitoba – Conference - February 13-15, 2017

7.7 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2016 & Highlights – December 5, 2016

7.8 Morris District Handi-Van Service Inc. October 29, 2016, Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

7.9 Sperling Rink Board Financial Statements



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8. Other Business:

8.1 Event Listing:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

8.2 RM of Morris Building Inspector 2017 Holidays

238/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve Building Inspector, Mr. Ed Penner's request for 2 months of holidays in January and February 2017, with 10 hours per week pay, provided that he pay his replacement Building Inspector, and that the RM of Morris provide WCB for his replacement.

Carried.

RE: 3.5 Conditional Use 09/2016, Rural Municipality of Morris & Evolve Surface Strategies Inc.:

239/16 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use No. 09/2016, be approved as applied for, to allow for a 76 meter guyed lattice tower in an "AG" General Agricultural Zone.

Carried.

RE: 3.6 Variation Order 04/2016, Rural Municipality of Morris & Evolve Surface Strategies Inc.:

240/16 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation order 04/2016, be approved as applied for, to vary guyed wire variations as follows:

Vary to place tower anchors at 1.524 meters or 5 feet from the south property line.

Vary to place tower anchors at 1.524 meters or 5 feet from the east property line.

Vary to place tower anchors at 1.524 meters or 5 feet from the west property line.

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8.3 Non-Unionized Staff 2017 Rate Increase:

241/16 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that RM of Morris Council go in-camera to discuss a personnel issue.

Carried.

242/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council return to open meeting.

Carried.

9. Adjournment Resolution:

243/16 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:50 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held January 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

REEVE

CAO