Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes
July 12, 2017
RM of Morris Council Chambers

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 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.

RM of Morris Building Inspector, Mr. Ed Penner, attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Ms. Jennifer Reimer from the RM of Morris Administration office attended the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
By-law Enforcement Officer, Mr. Michael Lawrence attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

140/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 12, 2017, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Council Minutes:

2.1 Council Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2017:

141/17 Barry Fraese – Denis Robert
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on June 14, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3. Finance/Personnel:

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

142/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201700920 to 201701062 totalling $642,087.20.
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

Carried.

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3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements – June 2017:

143/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the June, 2017 Financial Statements as presented.

Carried.

3.3 Miscellaneous Postings to Property Tax Accounts:

144/17 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the adjustments of the following Property Tax Accounts.

Account Number	Description	Amount
142400	Tax Sale Costs	$475.00
27500	Tax Sale Costs	($148.00)
144900	Tax Sale Costs	$149.00
26500	Tax Sale Costs	$320.00
26500	Tax Sale Costs	$148.00
27500	Tax Sale Costs	$148.00
94600	Tax Sale Costs	$188.00
142400	Tax Sale Costs	$263.00
144900	Tax Sale Costs	$299.00
147350	Tax Sale Costs	$130.00
287145	Tax Sale Costs	$84.00
195900	Tax Discount	$30.48
195900	NSF Fee	$40.00
195900	Payment Returned NSF	$2,001.44
219300	Tax Discount	$58.31
219300	Payment Returned NSF	$3,828.77
219500	Tax Discount	$64.64
219500	Payment Returned NSF	$4,244.57
219600	Payment Returned NSF	$3,099.19
219600	Tax Discount	$47.20
219900	Payment Returned NSF	$3,191.97
219900	Tax Discount	$48.61
142200	By-law Enforcement	$380.00
142200	By-law Enforcement	$3,185.00
146440	By-law Enforcement	$1,395.00
281600	EPTCA	($700.00)

Carried.

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3.4 Miscellaneous Posting to Utility Accounts:

145/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mike Toews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adjust the following Utility Accounts:

Account Number	Description	Amount
23033504	Penalty Reversal	($0.58)
24088001	Penalty Reversal	($1.81)
24094500	Penalty Reversal	($1.23)

Carried.

3.5 Accounts Receivable Account Adjustments:

146/17 Barry Fraese – Mike Toews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adjust the following Accounts Receivable Account:

Account Number	Description	Amount
397	Write-off Outstanding Balance	($99.62)

Carried.

4. Public Hearings: None

5. Delegations: None

6. Action Correspondence:

6.1 Proposed Subdivision (REVISED), File No. 4152-13-7122, SE ¼ 6-4-2W, RM of Morris, Bernie A. & Sara Bergen:

RM of Morris Council reviewed the revised subdivision and due to the proposal not meeting provincial regulations, and also need for more information, Council was not able to approve the subdivision at this time.

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Councillor Barry Fraese left the meeting due to conflict of interest during the discussion and decision of Item 6.2.

6.2 Proposed Subdivision, File No. 4152-17-7666, Lot 1, Plan 47950, NE ¼ 5-6-1E, RM of Morris, Henry B. & Justina Thiesen:

147/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application f or subdivision number 4152-17-7666, Lot 1, Plan 47950, NE ¼ 5-6-1E, RM of Morris, for Henry B. & Justina Thiesen, subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required as a result of this subdivision;
- Installation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

Carried.

6.3 Emergency Measures Organization – Community Impact Assessment:

148/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

WHEREAS public and private property in the RM of Morris has suffered significant damages caused by the 2017 Spring Flooding;

AND WHEREAS the costs surrounding this event far exceed the resources available to the RM of Morris and/or its ratepayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request that the Provincial Government provide Disaster Financial Assistance to both the Public and Private Sectors in this jurisdiction.

Carried.

149/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

WHEREAS we have requested assistance under the Disaster Financial Assistance Program for the 2017 Spring Flooding event;

AND WHEREAS our personnel resources do not provide adequate time or expertise to manage the recovery process required;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Mel Nott, of Q Collaborations Inc., reporting to Council through the Chief Administrative Officer, to manage all aspects of the recovery process for this event.

Carried.

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6.4 Manitoba Infrastructure – Proposed Agreement No. 10181 – Installation of Land Drainage System, Adjacent to a Portion of PR 246, South of PR 205, Aubigny, RM of Morris

150/17 Denis Robert – Michael Toews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agreement for Underground Installation of a Land Drainage System between the RM of Morris and The Province of Manitoba, be approved as presented.

Carried.

7. Reports:

7.1 Reeve Report – June 2017:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

7.2 Public Works Manager Report:

Drainage:
- 18 miles completed.

Roads:
- Roadside mowing is approximately 80% complete on first round of gravel roads;
- Gravel and dirt roads are staying in decent shape.

Various:
- Micro surfacing is getting applied to PR 330; approximately a 2 week job;
- Started on weed control on 2016 drainage ditches. Start on cattail spraying after that;
- Started on Lowe Farm street extension in the Industrial Park.

Additions:
- Micro surfacing has been completed up to the north boundary of the RM of Morris;
- The work on Water's Edge Drive, Rosenort, has been completed;
- HP Construction will be working on two damaged driveways on Oak Bay in Rosenort;
- Sewer & Water work for Brandt Street in Rosenort has been ongoing;
- Public Works Manager, has met with Crown Utilities to assist with line locations so they can bury cable across the RM of Morris. The CAO will inquire who approved the work and what the cost will be.
- A notice has been sent to a taxpayer regarding weeds on their property. 33.1 acres have been sprayed.

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8. Information:

8.1 Seniors & Healthy Aging – Contact Information Request:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

8.2 Red Shoe Crew Week – Ronald McDonald House – Sponsorship Opportunities:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.3 Morris District Handi-van Service – Special Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2017 & Resolution:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes and Resolution.

151/17 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council affirm the decision to award the tender for the new Morris and Area Handi-van garage construction project to Rona Rosenort.

Carried.

8.4 Rosenort Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2017:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

8.5 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. – Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2017:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

8.6 Manitoba Infrastructure – Highway Traffic Board Permit:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.7 Manitoba Infrastructure – Highway Planning & Design Access Management Section – Proposed House – Riverside Access:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.8 Animal Control Correspondence:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.9 By-law Enforcement Officer – Inspection Report – June 29, 2017:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the report.

8.10 Board of Revision for 2018 Assessment Roll – October 11, 2017:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

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9. Other Business:

9.1 Council Event Listing:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

9.2 Rural Municipality of Morris Zoning By-law No. 1713/2015:

152/17 Barry Fraese – Michael Toews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1713/2015 be now given second reading as amended.

Carried.

153/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1713/2015 be now given third reading and passed.

In Favour:	7
Opposed:	0
Abstained:	0

Carried.

9.3 Eco-West – Climate Change Local Action Plan:

Adoption of a GHG Emissions Reduction Target (PCP Milestone 2):

154/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht
WHEREAS the Municipality of Morris commits to becoming a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Morris has already created a greenhouse gas emissions inventory;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Morris commits to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions to **20%** below **2011** levels for **municipal operations** within **10 years**, and to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to **6%** below **2011** levels **in the community** within **10 years**.

Carried.

Adoption of the CCLAP (PCP Milestone 3):

155/17 Denis Robert – Rick Giesbrecht
WHEREAS the Municipality of Morris has committed to becoming a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program;

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WHEREAS the Municipality of Morris has already created a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and a greenhouse gas reduction plan including a sustainability vision and sustainability goals, specific targets, actions, and an implementation and monitoring strategy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Morris adopt the Climate Change Local Action Plan (CCLAP) as presented and that it be submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Carried.

Data Collection Authorization Form:

156/17 Michael Toews – Denis Robert

WHEREAS the Municipality of Morris has partnered with Eco-West to develop baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories for our Municipality.

WHEREAS it is recognized that substantial benefit is derived from the comparison between similar communities, as this offers context for inventories, identifies municipal infrastructure performance levels, and leads to opportunities for improvement.

WHEREAS it is further recognized the information collected for these purposes is not proprietary and is mostly already publicly accessible.

THEREFORE the Municipality of Morris is giving authorization to Eco-West to share the data related to energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) for the purposes of comparing contrasting efficiencies in municipal and community infrastructure.

Carried.

9.4 Canada Day Funding – Sperling:

157/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris grant $500.00 to the Canada Day Celebration in Sperling.

Carried.

9.5 Steckley Consulting Engineers Inc. – Invoice Discussion:

Councillor, Michael Toews, advised that the plans for the RM of Morris Fire Hall have been finalized. The Reeve and CAO had a discussion with a lawyer who advised that no invoices should be paid until an agreement is in place. The RM of Morris has no knowledge of costs for the project or land purchase price. Projected cost for the building is 1.2 million. A meeting is scheduled for July 14,

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2017, after which hopefully the lawyers will have enough info to draft an agreement.

RM of Morris Building Inspector, Mr. Ed Penner attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Penner reported that he inspected a trailer that a ratepayer would like to move into the RM of Morris. Mr. Penner conveyed concern over the age of the trailer. The CAO suggested that Mr. Penner write up his concerns and the ratepayer would need to comply with the requirements.

Jennifer Reimer from the RM of Morris Administration office attended the meeting to give Council a brief presentation of the RM of Morris Mapping system.

By-law Enforcement Officer, Mr. Michael Lawrence, attended the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Lawrence advised that he visited the property on PTH 23E where he issued a Clean-up Order and no progress has been made on making the property more presentable. The CAO will contact the property owner's lawyer directly to relay Council requirements.

10. Adjournment Resolution:

158/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:55 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held August 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

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