



**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes
December 13, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.
RM of Morris Council Chambers**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, December 13, 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 and Barry Fraese 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. Councillor, Michael Toews, sent his regrets.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

243/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 13, 2017, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Council Minutes:

2.1 Council Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2017:

244/17 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on November 8, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – November 30, 2017:

245/17 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on November 30, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3. Finance/Personnel:

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

246/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201701692 to 201702065 totalling \$5,512,239.51.

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

Carried.

3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements – November 2017:

247/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the November, 2017, Financial Statements as presented.

Carried.

3.3 2018 Interim Budget:

248/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve the following interim budget for 2018:

Government Services	\$ 230,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 57,500.00
Transportation Services	\$ 460,000.00
Environmental Health	\$ 57,500.00
Public Health & Welfare	\$ 11,500.00
Environmental Development	\$ 11,500.00
Economic Development	\$ 149,000.00
Recreation	\$ 57,500.00
Fiscal Services	<u>\$ 57,500.00</u>
Total:	\$1,092,500.00

Carried.

3.4 Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes:

249/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

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

Carried.

3.5 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts:

250/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the adjustments of the following Property Tax Accounts:

Account Number	Description	Amount
182100	EPTCA Returned	\$700.00

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182100	EPTCA	(\$700.00)
281450	EPTCA	(\$700.00)
281900	EPTCA	(\$700.00)
203480	EPTCA	(\$700.00)
55400	Payment Applied to Wrong Account	(\$1,949.16)
146440	Transfer A/R to Tax Account	\$215.26

Carried.

4. Public Hearings: None

5. Delegations: None

6. Action Correspondence:

6.1 Morris & Area Christmas Cheer Donation:

251/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant \$100.00 to the Morris & Area Christmas Cheer program.

Carried.

6.2 STARS Air Ambulance Donation:

252/17 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt an annual grant in the amount of \$0.50 per capita to STARS Air Ambulance.

Carried.

Councillor Robert left the meeting due to conflict of interest during the discussion and decision of Item 6.3.

6.3 Equipment Purchase Invoice:

253/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS Council has been considering the purchase of a portable generator system to be used by the RM of Morris Public Works and Utilities;
AND WHEREAS Councillor Denis Robert happened to attend an Auction Sale of the former Schroeder Freight Company;
AND WHEREAS an appropriately sized generator was one of the items available at the auction sale;

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AND WHEREAS the Public Works Manager, the CAO, and Councillor Robert were in communication about the value and potential purchase of the said generator;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Robert purchased the generator on behalf of the RM of Morris and paid for it on his personal credit card;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the invoice for the purchase of the diesel generator, Model DK82G6S, portable GE-Set, 102.5 KVA Prime, 113 KVA Standby, 3 Phase, Diesel Powered, Mounted on T/A Trailer, s/n YC120511, from Denis E. Robert, totalling \$9,175.60.

Carried.

Councillor Robert returned to Council Meeting.

7. Reports:

7.1 Reeve Report – November 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

7.2 Public Works Manager Report:

Drainage:

- 17 ½ miles to carry-over to next year.

Roads:

- So far there has been minimal snow clearing.

Various:

- Cleaning up scrap metal at landfills;
- Remove the 2 railway bridges west of Lowe Farm on the old railway property;
- Remodeling offices in the basement.

Shop:

- Building culvert traps;
- Re-building low bed trailer.

Additions:

- Don Harder met with Mel Nott from Q Collaborations Inc., regarding the flood claim;
- The RM of Morris Landfill Operator that works in Rosenort, has been certified;

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- Don Harder and the CAO will meet with Mr. Scott Jackson, Regional Operations Manager, and Mr. Matthew Bittner, Water Control Superintendent, from Manitoba Infrastructure regarding provincial drains;
- It has been noted that vehicles have been speeding over Riverside bridge. The CAO will contact the RCMP to request for them to monitor the area.

8. Information:

8.1 (a) Red River Valley School Division Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the meeting minutes.

8.1(b) Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2017 & December 4, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the meeting minutes.

8.2 Valley Reginal Library Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the meeting minutes.

8.3 Morris District Handi-Van Service Financial Statements:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

8.4 Recreation Connections Manitoba – 22nd Annual Provincial Recreation Conference:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

8.5 Manitoba Justice, Consumer Protection Office – The New Home Warranty Act:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.6 Manitoba Infrastructure – Correspondence to RM of Macdonald – PR 330 Speed Limit Request:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.7 Office of the Fire Commissioner – Correspondence to MSTW Planning District – Request for Addition of RM of Morris:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.8 Manitoba Sustainable Development – Correspondence to L&W Farms – Decommissioning Acknowledgement:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.9 Morris Area Senior Services – Support Thank You:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

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8.10 New Year's Levee Invite:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Invitation.

8.11 Community Futures Triple R 25th Anniversary – April 2018:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.12 RM of Morris & The Rosenort Fire Hall Ltd. Agreement:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Agreement.

8.13 AMM Municipal Survey – Cannabis Legalization & Regulation:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Survey. No response will be sent at this time. Further discussion will take place at the December COTW Meeting.

8.14 Disabilities Issues Office – Accessibility Plans:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

The CAO reported that the Federal Disabilities Issues Office is currently reviewing the RM of Morris grant application for accessible doors for the RM of Morris Administration Office.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Council Event Listing:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

9.2 RM of Morris Fire Chief/Building Inspector Hire Discussion:

254/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Duck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the hiring of Mr. Trevor Dackow, as the RM of Morris Fire Chief/Building Inspector, effective January 11, 2018.

Carried.

9.3 Lowe Farm Landfill Position:

255/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the hiring of Mr. Dallas Hodgson, for the position at the Lowe Farm Landfill, effective December 12, 2017.

Carried.

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9.4 RM of Morris Building Inspector 2018 Holidays:

256/17 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve Building Inspector, Mr. Ed Penner's request for 2 months of holidays in January and February 2018, 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.

9.5 2017 Dekalb SuperSpiel – Sponsorship Renewal Discussion:

A resolution will be presented at the January 2018 Council Meeting.

9.6 Westfield Park Expansion Discussion:

The CAO will craft an email with details of the various options for Councillor Dueck to bring to the Rosenort CCD Board. Further discussion shall take place at a future meeting.

9.7 RM of Morris Utility Rate Increase:

257/17 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adopt the revised utility rates effective January 1, 2018, as attached.

Carried.

10. Adjournment Resolution:

258/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:40 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on January 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

REEVE

CAO