



**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
January 9, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.  
RM of Morris Council Chambers**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 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.

**1. Adoption of Agenda:**

**01/18 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 9, 2018, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**2. Council Minutes:**

**2.1 Council Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2017:**

**02/18 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on December 13, 2017, be adopted and amended as presented.

**Carried.**

**2.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2017:**

**03/18 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on December 20, 2017, be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**3. Finance/Personnel:**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:**

**04/18 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201702066 to 201702212 totalling \$615,574.60. AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**Carried.**

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**3.2 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts:**

**05/18 Michael Toews – Barry Fraese**

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
277225	Transfer Outstanding A/R To Property Tax Account	\$521.50
27500	Transfer Outstanding A/R To Property Tax Account	\$158.09
139450	Transfer Outstanding A/R To Property Tax Account	\$1,445.89
148950	RM of MacDonald Water Bill Transferred to Property Tax Account	\$209.71

**Carried.**

**4. Public Hearings: None**

**5. Delegations: None**

**6. Action Correspondence:**

**6.1 Tax Sale Year Designation: 2016:**

**06/18 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council designate 2016 to be the Tax Sale Year.

**Carried.**

**6.2 By-law 1726/2017 – Local Improvement Plan No. 2017-01:**

**07/18 Michael Toews – Rick Giesbrecht**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1726/2017, Local Improvement Plan No. 2017-01, be given second reading.

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**08/18 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1726/2017, Local Improvement Plan No. 217-01, be now given third reading and passed.

In Favour: 7  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0

**Carried.**

**6.3 By-law No. 1727/2018, Being a By-law to Open a Municipal Road – Ag West Drive – First Reading:**

**09/18 Barry Fraese – Denis Robert**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1727/2018, being a by-law to open a municipal road, be given first reading.

**Carried.**

**6.4 By-law No. 1728/2018, Being a By-law to Open a Municipal Road – Canola Drive – First Reading:**

**10/18 Rick Giesbrecht – Michael Toews**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1728/2018, being a by-law to open a municipal road, be given first reading.

**Carried.**

**6.5 By-law No. 1729/2018, Being a By-law to Close a Municipal Road – Portion of Canola Drive – First Reading:**

**11/18 Denis Robert – Michael Toews**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1729/2018, being a by-law to close a municipal road, be given first reading.

**Carried.**

**6.6 By-law No. 1730/2018, Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 1715/2015, to Finance the Lowe Farm Lagoon Project – First Reading:**

**12/18 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law No. 1730/2018, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 1715/2015, to finance the Lowe Farm Lagoon Project.

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**7. Reports:**

**7.1 Reeve Report – December 2017:**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

**7.2 Public Works Manager Report:**

**Drainage:**

- Drainage plan for 2018 will be presented to Council for approval at the February Council Meeting.

**Roads:**

- Gravel quantities for 2018 ready for council approval. Approximately 38,000 tonnes which is similar to 2016.

**Various:**

- Trucks and trailers ready for safeties;
- Build metal bridge railings;
- Scrap metal cleaned up.

**Additions:**

- The data loggers at the water plants are no longer working and will need to be replaced. They are approximately \$9,047.00 per unit.
- The mower tractor is 11 years old and should be upgraded. Prices for a replacement unit will be provided at the next COTW meeting.
- The skid steer will need to be replaced and can be used at the Lowe Farm Landfill. More information on prices will be provided at the next COTW meeting.
- Currently gathering prices for trading in two snow wings and two side arm mowers in order to purchase a gravel re-claimer.
- The railing for the Riverside Bridge is being constructed at this time. A dock for Rosenort will be manufactured this winter.
- The price for gravel is not increasing this year.

**8. Information:**

Council reviewed the following as information:

**8.1 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2017 & December 18, 2017**

**8.2 Morris District Handivan Service Inc. Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2017**

Councillor Fraese reported that the board is hoping to qualify for a grant to replace the old Handivan bus.

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- 8.3 Rosenort Chamber Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2017**
- 8.4 Sperling Annual Rink Board Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2017**
- 8.5 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2017**
- 8.6 Outstanding Invoice – Weed Control**
- 8.7 Ronald McDonald House Charities – Donation Request**
- 8.8 Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Ralph Eichler, Thank You Correspondence**
- 8.9 By-law Enforcement – General Notice Order**
- 8.10 Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2018-2019 Membership Renewal Request**  
The RM of Morris will be renewing the membership for 2018-2019.
- 8.11 Rural Municipality of Montcalm – Triple R Representation**
- 8.12 A Port In The Storm – Donation Request**
- 8.13 Communities In Bloom – 2018 Provincial Registration**
- 9. Other Business:**
- 9.1 Council Event Listing:**  
The RM of Morris reviewed the Event Listing.
- 9.2 Rail Line Properties Discussion:**  
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence from Mr. Bruce Gregory regarding the options for dealing with the properties adjacent to the rail line. Public Works Manager, Don Harder, will review the drainage impact and further discussion will take place at the next COTW meeting.
- 9.3 2018 RM of Morris Election – SEO Appointment**
- 13/18 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert**  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council appoint Larry Driedger as the Senior Election Official for the Rural Municipality of Morris 2018 Election.

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**10. In-Camera Discussion:**

**14/18 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go in-camera to discuss a possible business opportunity.

**Carried.**

**15/18 Mervin Dueck – Michael Toews**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go back into open meeting.

**Carried.**

**10. Adjournment Resolution:**

**16/18 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:25 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on February 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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