



Rural Municipality of Morris
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting February 13, 2019 - 09:00 AM

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on February 13, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillors Rick Giesbrecht, Mervin Dueck, Barry Fraese, Stan Siemens, Shane Kroeker and Scott Siemens, were present, with Reeve Groening in the Chair. CAO, Larry Driedger, Public Works Manager, Paul Robert, Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, and Recording Officer, Kimberley Robert, were also present at the meeting.

Reeve Groening left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and Deputy Reeve, Rick Giesbrecht chaired the remainder of the meeting.

1 Agenda

1.1 Agenda Additions

None

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2019-012

Rick Giesbrecht

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 13, 2019, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Council Minutes

2.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous Minutes.

2.2 Previous Council Minutes - January 9, 2019

2019-013

Shane Kroeker

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on January 9, 2019, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 Finance/Personnel

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3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2019-014

Mervin Dueck

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201900001 to 201900268 totalling \$776,353.01.

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

CARRIED

3.2 Draft December 2018 Financial Statements

2019-015

Barry Fraese

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the December 2018, Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

Reserve Allocations for the 2018 Fiscal Year

2019-016

Stan Siemens

Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS based on the preliminary year end projections it is estimated that the General Operating Fund will have a surplus of approximately \$145,000.00 for 2018;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed in the best interest of the Rural Municipality of Morris to transfer some of these surplus funds to the General Operating Reserve instead of leaving them to be allocated to the accumulated surplus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we transfer an additional amount of up to \$135,000.00 from the General Operating Fund to the General Reserve for the year 2018;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event that, if during the course of an audit review this transfer results in a deficit to the General Operating Fund, the Auditor may transfer some funds back to the General Operating Fund to avoid creating such an operating deficit.

CARRIED

3.4 Sharpe & Co. Chartered Accountant Ltd., Final Consolidated Financial Statements - For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

2019-017

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

WHEREAS the RM of Morris Council approved the draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, from Sharpe & Co. Chartered Accountant Ltd., at the November 14, 2018, Council Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the final Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, from Sharpe & Co. Chartered Accountant Ltd., as presented.

CARRIED

3.5 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts

2019-018

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Shane Kroeker
Rick Giesbrecht

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
141000	Transfer from Accounts Receivable Account to Property Tax Account	\$1,846.50
39450	Tax Sale Property - Payment of Outstanding Taxes	\$16,246.30

CARRIED

4 Public Hearings

4.1 Open Public Hearing - 10:00 a.m.

2019-019

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

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

- Two New Public Roads - Lowe Farm, RM of Morris

The CAO gave a brief overview of the proposal.

No persons attended the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the creation of two new public roads were received.

CARRIED

4.2 Close Public Hearing

2019-020

Shane Kroeker

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RM of Morris Council close this Public Hearing.

CARRIED

5 Delegations

5.1 9:30 a.m. - Ms. Jennifer Pauls - Property Purchase Request

Mr. Nicholas Pauls and Ms. Jennifer Pauls attended the meeting to answer any questions that the RM of Morris Council may have regarding the request.

The CAO gave a brief overview of the proposal and advised Council that the RM of Morris Building Inspector had inspected the house that may be moved onto the property.

The Building Inspector reported that he had no concerns or objections regarding the structure.

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5.2 11:15 a.m. - Mr. Robert Poirier, Q Municipal Emergency Coordinators Network - Presentation

Mr. Robert Poirier, the Managing Partner of Q Municipal Emergency Coordinators Network along with Ms. Barb Gillis, the RM of Morris Municipal Emergency Coordinator, attended the meeting.

Mr. Robert Poirier gave a brief presentation regarding the legal obligations, roles and responsibilities of Council during an emergency.

Ms. Barb Gillis gave an overview of an emergency exercise that took place in Sperling.

6 Action Correspondence

**6.1 The Manitoba Water Services Board - 2019 Core Infrastructure Renewal Plan
2019-021**

Barry Fraese
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the attached 2019 Core Infrastructure Renewal Plan from The Manitoba Water Services Board, as presented.

CARRIED

6.2 Valley Fiber Ltd. - Service Level Agreement

2019-022
Mervin Dueck
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Service Level Agreement between the RM of Morris and Valley Fiber Ltd., as presented.

CARRIED

6.3 Valley Fiber Ltd. - Development Agreement

2019-023
Barry Fraese
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Development Agreement between the RM of Morris and Valley Fiber Ltd., as presented.

CARRIED

6.4 Valley Fiber Ltd. - Indefeasible Right of Use and Rights-Of-Way Agreement

2019-024
Rick Giesbrecht
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Indefeasible Right of Use and Rights-Of-Way Agreement between the RM of Morris and Valley Fiber Ltd., as presented.

CARRIED

6.5 Valley Fiber Ltd. - Rights-Of-Way Consent and Access Agreement

2019-025
Stan Siemens

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Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Rights-Of-Way Consent and Access Agreement between the RM of Morris and Valley Fiber Ltd., as presented.

CARRIED

7 Reports

7.1 Reeve Report

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

7.2 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report

2019-026

Stan Siemens

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council authorize the purchase of the 2007 TNT Jaws of Life from the RM of Cartier Fire Department in the amount of \$15,000.00, from the budgeted RM of Morris fire reserve.

CARRIED

7.3 Building Permit Value Report & 2019 Building Permit Listing - Administration Office

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Permit Value Report and the 2019 Building Permit Listing.

7.4 Public Works Manager Report

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Public Works Manager Report.

8 Information

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

8.1 Manitoba Good Roads Association Banquet Invitation

8.2 Morris District Handivan Service Inc. Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2018, January 29, 2019 and Financial Statements as of December 31, 2018

Councillor, Barry Fraese, reported that an evacuation training session took place at the Red River Valley Lodge. Councillor Fraese also advised Council that the new mini-van should be coming at the end of March or beginning of April.

8.3 Rosenort Chamber Meeting Minutes - February 1, 2019

8.4 Rosenort Recreation Centre Board Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2019

8.5 Rosenort Summer Festival - Thank You

8.6 Lowe Farm/Kane Recreation Board Minutes - January 7, 2019

8.7 Morris Area Senior Services Meeting Income Statement - April 1-December 31, 2018

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- 8.8 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes January 14, 2019, January 21, 2019 & Budget Update 2019-2020**
- 8.9 Red River Valley School Division Meeting Minutes - December 10, 2018 & January 14, 2019**
- 8.10 Borderland School Division - Meeting Request**
- 8.11 HELP International Tree Production, Research and Training Center - Manitoba Tour**
- 8.12 Red River Basin Commission South Chapter Annual General Meeting - February 26, 2019**
- 8.13 Red River Basin Commission - 11th Annual Fish Dinner Gala - March 21, 2019 - Silent Auction Donation Request**
- 8.14 Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association - Graduation Banquet**
- 8.15 2019 Inter-Municipal Curling Event - March 7, 2019**
- 8.16 Valley Agricultural Society - 2019 Partnership Opportunities
2019-027
Barry Fraese
Scott Siemens**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council sponsor \$1,500.00 to the Valley Agricultural Society in 2019, for the Rumble in the Valley event.

CARRIED

- 8.17 Manitoba Infrastructure - Highway Traffic Board Hearing Decision**
- 8.18 Manitoba Infrastructure - PTH 75 Flood Protection Project**
- 8.19 Manitoba Infrastructure - Proposed Access Management Plan**
- 8.20 Statement of Claim**
- 9 Other Business**
- 9.1 Tax Sale Year Designation
2019-028
Stan Siemens
Mervin Dueck**

WHEREAS Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2018 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2017 or prior).

CARRIED

- 9.2 By-law No. 1741/2019 - Utility Rate Increase as a Result of Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Increase - First Reading**

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2019-029
Stan Siemens
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law No. 1741/2019, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 1677/2011, and subsequent amendments thereto, to establish water & sewer rates for the municipal utility.

CARRIED

9.3 By-law No. 1741/2019 - Utility Rate Increase as a Result of Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Increase - Second Reading

2019-030
Mervin Dueck
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law No. 1741/2019, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 1677/2011, and subsequent amendments thereto, to establish water & sewer rates for the municipal utility.

CARRIED

9.4 By-law No. 1742/2019 - Designated Officer - First Reading

2019-031
Shane Kroeker
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law No. 1742/2019, being a by-law to establish one or more positions to carry out the powers, duties and functions of a designated officer under a by-law of this or any other Act, and may give each such positions any title the council considers appropriate.

CARRIED

9.5 By-law No. 1742/2019 - Designated Officer - Second Reading

2019-032
Barry Fraese
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law No. 1742/2019, being a by-law to establish one or more positions to carry out the powers, duties and functions of a designated officer under a by-law of this or any other Act, and may give each such positions any title the council considers appropriate.

CARRIED

9.6 By-law No.1743/2019 - Organizational By-law - First Reading

2019-033
Stan Siemens

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Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law No. 1743/2019, being a by-law to govern the organization of The Rural Municipality of Morris and the committees thereof.

CARRIED

- 9.7 By-law No. 1743/2019 - Organizational By-law - Second Reading**
2019-034
Scott Siemens
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law No. 1743/2019, being a by-law to govern the organization of The Rural Municipality of Morris and the committees thereof.

CARRIED

- 9.8 By-law No. 1744/2019 - Fees and Charges By-law - First Reading**
2019-035
Mervin Dueck
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law No. 1744/2019, being a by-law to update the fees and charges payable to the Rural Municipality of Morris for services.

CARRIED

- 9.9 By-law No. 1744/2019 - Fees and Charges By-law - Second Reading**
2019-036
Mervin Dueck
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law No. 1744/2019, being a by-law to update the fees and charges payable to the Rural Municipality of Morris for services.

CARRIED

- 9.10 2019 RM of Morris Drainage Plan**
2019-037
Stan Siemens
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the 2019 Drainage Plan as presented.

CARRIED

- 9.11 Anderson Drain Repair**
2019-038
Shane Kroeker

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Stan Siemens

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is responsible for the operation and maintenance of various drains within the Rural Municipality of Morris;
AND WHEREAS the drain known as the Anderson Drain runs along Road 25 North in an eastwardly direction from a 1/2 mile west of PR 332 towards the Morris River, being a total distance of between 15.2 to 16.1 kilometres;
AND WHEREAS the Anderson Drain is in need of some major repairs;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request the Province of Manitoba reconstruct and upgrade the Anderson Drain to meet current and future drainage requirements.

CARRIED

9.12 Property Purchase Request - Discussion

2019-039

Barry Fraese
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the property purchase request for Lot 7, Plan 16158, SW28-5-1E, in the RM of Morris, from Nicholas and Jennifer Pauls, in the amount of \$1,000.00, subject to entering into a Sales Agreement with the RM of Morris, which will include some of the following conditions:

- The purchaser being responsible for any and all costs related to the installation of any access driveways and roadways that will be required;
- The purchaser will be responsible for any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required;
- The completed construction of a house within twelve (12) months of the purchase of the property;
- All legal and title transfer costs to be paid by the purchaser.

CARRIED

9.13 Sharpe & Co. Chartered Accountant Ltd. - Invoice

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the invoice as presented. The CAO advised that the agreement between Sharpe & Co. Chartered Accountant Ltd. and the RM of Morris, indicates that 'all other hours' would be charged \$100.00 per hour. Further documentation will be required from the Community Centre District for review and be brought to a future meeting for further discussion.

10 Adjournment

2019-040

Stan Siemens
Scott Siemens

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 1:45 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on March 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer

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