



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

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

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions**

The following five items were adjusted on the agenda.

**1.1.1 Property Sale - Jennifer & Nicholas Pauls**

2019-041

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

WHEREAS Council approved the sale of a property at its meeting of February 13th, 2019 to Jennifer & Nicholas Pauls by Resolution No. 2019-039;  
AND WHEREAS Bruce Gregory Law Office has prepared a formal Agreement for Sale;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agreement of sale between the R.M. of Morris and Jennifer & Nicholas Pauls as presented.

**CARRIED**

**1.1.2 Resolution for Item 8.11**

**1.1.3 See Item 6.2**

**1.1.4 Spring Flooding - Item No. 9.15**

**1.1.5 CAO additions - Item 9.16**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2019-042

Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 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**

2019-043

Barry Fraese

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on February 13, 2019, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2019-044

Mervin Dueck

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201900269 to 201900395 totalling \$247,748.57.

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

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Account**

2019-045

Barry Fraese

Scott Siemens

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
142200	Transfer A/R to Property Tax Account	\$352.80

**CARRIED**

**3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Utility Accounts**

2019-046

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the adjustment of the following Utility Account:

Account Number	Description	Amount
26015000	Payment Returned NSF	\$123.83

**CARRIED**

**3.4 Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes**

2019-047

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

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

**CARRIED**

**4 Public Hearings**

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

2019-048

Stan Siemens

Mervin Dueck

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 items:

- Conditional Use No. 01/2019 - Albert Kornelsen & Elma Helen Kornelsen
- Variation Order No. 01/2019 - Jennifer Nicole Loewen
- Variation Order No. 02/2019 - Jennifer Nicole Loewen

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Conditional Use Order No. 01/2019 - Albert Kornelsen & Elma Helen Kornelsen**

Proposal to allow for a modular home as a second residence in an "AG" General Agricultural Zone.

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Conditional Use Order.

Albert & Elma Kornelsen attended the hearing in favor. No other persons attended the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the Conditional Use Order were received.

**4.3 Variation Order No. 01/2019 - Jennifer Nicole Loewen**

Proposal to vary the southerly side yard setback from 25' to 5' in an "AG" General Agricultural zone to retain the existing solar arrays.

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Variation Order.

Ernest Loewen & Jennifer Loewen attended the hearing in favor. No other persons attended the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the Variation were received.

**4.4 Variation Order No. 02/2019 - Jennifer Nicole Loewen**

Proposal to vary the northerly side yard setback from 25' to 5' in an "AG" General Agricultural zone to retain the existing solar arrays.

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Variation Order.

Ernest Loewen & Jennifer Loewen attended the hearing in favor. No other persons attended

the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the Variation were received.

**4.5 Closing the Public Hearing**

2019-049

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

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

**CARRIED**

**5 9:35 p.m. - Delegations: Sgt. Jason Vrooman, Detachment Commander, Morris/Emerson RCMP**

Sgt. Jason Vrooman, from the Morris/Emerson Detachment, attended the Council Meeting and reviewed their Violation Report for the period of September 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019. Sgt. Vrooman noted that crimes against property is down compared to the same period the year prior.

Sgt. Vrooman reported on a Meth Dealer arrest made in their jurisdiction.

Construction site thefts are on the rise. RCMP were able to locate a stolen goods storage site.

Question from CAO on if there was a local supply of cannabis, would this be a concern for RCMP? Sgt. Vrooman confirmed that typically crime would increase however with property security measures they could be managed.

The Sergeant reported that boats and a tactical team have been secured in preparation for the possible spring flooding.

Question from Council member regarding the break-in at Subway in Rosenort. The perpetrator is still at large.

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-19-7832, W 1/2 17-6-1E - William Thiessen & Lucille Thiessen**

2019-050

Mervin Dueck

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for subdivision no. 4152-19-7832, 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**

**6.2 Proposal to Subdivide - File No. 4152-19-7829 - Michel Jean Rafford - River Lot 496**

2019-051

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for subdivision no. 4152-19-7829, 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**

## **7 Reports**

### **7.1 Reeve Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

### **7.2 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report.

Mr. Dackow reported that Lowe Farm Fire Hall has one new recruit making a total of ten fire fighters on staff. Seven of these have Level 1 Fire Fighter training. Sperling Fire Hall is currently recruiting with fourteen fire fighters on staff.

Council inquired about a couple of building permits.

### **7.3 Public Works Manager Report**

The Public Works Manager reported that Rosenort ditches were being opened. Lowe Farm will be started next week.

The Public Works Manager should look into different options for the snow clearing pile on Municipal Property created by Westfield.

## **8 Information**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

### **8.1 Lowe Farm/Kane CCD Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2019**

### **8.2 Prairie Rose School Division Board Meeting Minutes - February 19, 2019**

### **8.3 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2019**

Councillor Dueck reported a large attendance at last meeting due to new and outgoing RM Council Members.

Pipeline to be completed between Morris and St. Jean.

The proposed 5 year plan of 10 million dollars in capital work does not include another water reservoir. It was suggested they use the corner of Hwy 422 & Hwy 23. Treherne Dam Project was revisited.

PVWC reported staff changes and current positions available.

### **8.4 Notice of Public Hearing - Rural Municipality of Macdonald - March 26, 2019**

### **8.5 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-15-7394 - Michel Jean Raffard - Application Withdrawn**

### **8.6 Proposal to Subdivide 4152-17-7708 - Rosenort Housing Corp. Inc. - Certificate of Approval**

### **8.7 Proposal to Subdivide 4152-17-7647 - Mavis Eileen Robert - Certificate of Approval**

### **8.8 Steinbach Bible College Fundraising Breakfast - Sponsorship Request**

Council was in agreement that any such sponsorship for this event should come from individual members and not from the municipality.

**8.9 Manitoba Infrastructure - Speed Limit Change Update - PR 205**

**8.10 Manitoba Assessment Services - 2020 Reassessment Date - Tax Impact Date-June 12, 2019**

**8.11 Manitoba Infrastructure - PTH 75 Flood Protection Project**

There is a concern regarding the closure of the Road 25 access off of Hwy 75 as the two property owners would have no alternate route to their property during highway construction.

Council needed clarification on Road 27N access closure if they are realigning the road. Further discussion will take place at the COTW meeting, March 25, 2019. The CAO will invite Yuriy from MI to attend.

**8.12 Manitoba Justice - The New Home Warranty Act**

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 Conditional Use No. 01/2019 - Albert Kornelsen & Elma Helen Kornelsen**

2019-052

Mervin Dueck

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Order No. 01/2019, for Albert Kornelsen & Elma Helen Kornelsen, Roll No. 49700, SW 25-5-1W, 111 Road 28 NW, be approved as applied for, to allow for a modular home as a second residence in an "AG" General Agricultural Zone with the following conditions:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required;
- Installation of a separate water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure shall be required;
- Conditional Use shall cease when Albert Kornelsen and Elma Helen Kornelsen move away from the property and thereafter said modular home shall be removed from the property.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Variation Order No. 01/2019 – Jennifer Nicole Loewen**

2019-053

Shane Kroeker

Barry Fraese

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Order No. 01/2019, for Jennifer Nicole Loewen, Roll No. 55900, Lot 1, Plan 63553, Parcel A, 24 Eidse Road, be approved as applied for, to vary the southerly side yard setback from 25' to 5' in an "AG" General Agricultural zone in order to retain the existing solar arrays.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Variation Order No. 02/2019 – Jennifer Nicole Loewen**

2019-054

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation Order No. 02/2019, for Jennifer Nicole Loewen, Roll No. 55400, Lot 3, Plan 63553, Parcel B & C, be approved as applied for, to vary the northerly side yard setback from 25' to 5' in an "AG" General Agricultural zone in order to retain the existing solar arrays.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 By-law No. 1741/2018 – Utility Rate Increase as a Result of Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Increase – Third Reading**

2019-055

Mervin Dueck

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final 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.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Mervin Dueck	✓			
Barry Fraese	✓			
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			
Shane Kroeker	✓			
Stan Siemens	✓			
Scott Siemens	✓			

**CARRIED**

**9.5 By-law 1742/2019 – Designated Officer – Third Reading**

2019-056

Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final 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.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Mervin Dueck	✓			
Barry Fraese	✓			
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			
Shane Kroeker	✓			
Stan Siemens	✓			
Scott Siemens	✓			

**CARRIED**

**9.6 By-law 1743/2019 – Organizational By-law – Third Reading**

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Mervin Dueck  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final reading to By-law 1743/2019, being a by-law to govern the organization of The Rural Municipality of Morris and the committees thereof.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Mervin Dueck	✓			
Barry Fraese	✓			
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			
Shane Kroeker	✓			
Stan Siemens	✓			
Scott Siemens	✓			

**CARRIED**

**9.7 By-law 1744/2019 – Fees and Charges By-law – Third Reading**

2019-058  
Scott Siemens  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final reading as amended 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.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Mervin Dueck	✓			
Barry Fraese	✓			
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			
Shane Kroeker	✓			
Stan Siemens	✓			
Scott Siemens	✓			

**CARRIED**

**9.8 RM of Morris Weed Inspection Supervisor**

2019-059  
Barry Fraese  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council appoint Mr. Michael Lawrence, from Commissionaires Manitoba, as the 2019 Weed Inspection Supervisor for the RM of Morris.

**CARRIED**

**9.9 Valley Fiber - Payment Proposal**

2019-060



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Mervin Dueck  
Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS we have entered into agreements with Valley Fiber to install a fibre optic cabling and upgraded fixed wireless systems within the Rural Municipality of Morris to provide better internet connectivity to our ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to cost share the project with a financial commitment of \$500,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we advance funds to Valley Fiber as follows:

- Stage 1 - Completion of installation of Main Line from Morris to Lowe Farm and Rosenort - \$150,000.00.
- Stage 2 - Completion of Installation of Mains in the two (2) Communities - \$100,000.00
- Stage 3 - Completion of line installments to RM Buildings as proposed - \$50,000.00
- Stage 4 - Completion of "Fixed Wireless" towers needed to service balance of municipality - \$35,000.00
- Stage 5 - Completion of all works as outlined in the agreements and a fully operational system - \$165,000.00 (to be paid no earlier than January of 2020)

**CARRIED**

**9.10 Fuel Contract Renewal**

2019-061

Barry Fraese

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council renew the fuel contract with Lowe Farm Co-op, which has now been amalgamated with Winkler Consumers Cooperative Ltd., for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021.

**CARRIED**

**9.11 Boyne Regional Library**

Barry Fraese

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council, approve to cover the cost of 2019 membership fees for residents for in the Rural Municipality of Morris that utilize the Boyne Regional Library. Residents/ratepayers desiring to have memberships in the Boyne Regional Library shall pay their membership fees and then submit proof of payment to the R.M. of Morris after which the R.M. of Morris will re-imburse said residents/ratepayers.

Resolution was amended to remove 'ratepayers'.

**9.12 Boyne Regional Library - Amended**

2019-062

Stan Siemens

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council, approve to cover the cost of 2019 membership fees for residents for in the Rural Municipality of Morris that utilize the Boyne Regional Library. Residents desiring to have memberships in the Boyne Regional Library shall

pay their membership fees and then submit proof of payment to the R.M. of Morris after which the R.M. of Morris will re-imburse said residents.

**CARRIED**

**9.13 Rosenort Industrial Lots - HD Concrete**

2019-063

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council enter in to a sales agreement with HD Concrete for the sale of 3 lots on the west side of Industrial Drive in Rosenort (exact lots to be determined from the lots that are still available) which includes the following conditions:

- Purchase price of the lots shall be \$11,250.00 per lot
- Construction of the building with a minimum value of \$300,000.00 must be built within two (2) years of possession date
- Possession Date shall be no later than July 1, 2019
- In the event that construction has not started within the twenty-four (24) month time frame, then the property will revert back to the Rural Municipality of Morris at the above purchase price less a penalty of \$5,000.00
- Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all legal/transfer costs

**CARRIED**

**9.14 2019 Culvert Quotations**

2019-064

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris purchase the 2019 culvert supplies from Armtec Canada Culvert.

**CARRIED**

**9.15 Possible 2019 Spring Flood**

Discussion around 2019 Flood Preparedness Seminar that Council attended March 11, 2019. Council will bring concerns regarding new evacuation regulations and detour preparations to the meeting with Barb Gilles, EMO on March 21, 2019.

**9.16 CAO additions**

CAO discussed giving First Reading to Debenture By-laws for the Rosenort Fire Hall and Rosenort Industrial Park. Council set a Special Council Meeting March 25, 2019.

CAO reported on an inquiry regarding a cannabis growing facility in the R.M. of Morris.

**10 Adjournment**

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Stan Siemens  
Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:04 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on April 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Deputy Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**

**Attachments**

- 1) Delegations: Sgt. Jason Vrooman, Detachment Commander, Morris/Emerson RCMP 9:35 a.m.