



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting February 12, 2020 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on February 12, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Deputy Reeve, Rick Giesbrecht and Councillors Mervin Dueck, Barry Fraese, Stan Siemens, Shane Kroeker and Scott Siemens, were present, with Deputy Reeve Giesbrecht in the Chair. CAO, Larry Driedger, Recording Officer, Kimberley Robert, Public Works Manager, Paul Robert, and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, were also present at the meeting.

Reeve, Ralph Groening, sent his regrets.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions: None**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2020-010

Barry Fraese

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 12, 2020, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Minutes**

**2.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes: None**

**2.2 Previous Council Minutes - January 8, 2020**

2020-011

Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on January 8, 2020, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2020-012

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 20200001 to 202000175 totalling \$432,132.32;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

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**CARRIED**

**3.2 Reserve Allocations for the 2019 Fiscal Year**

2020-013  
Scott 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 \$320,000 for 2019;  
AND WHEREAS it is deemed in the best interest of the Rural Municipality of Morris to transfer some of these surplus funds to the various Reserve funds instead of leaving them to be allocated to the accumulated surplus;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we transfer the following additional amounts into the corresponding reserve funds for 2019:

- General Reserve Fund - up to \$155,000.00
- Equipment Replacement Reserve - up to \$65,000.00
- Economic Development Reserve - up to \$92,500.00;

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**

**3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2020-014  
Shane Kroeker  
Stan Siemens

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
223100	Payment Returned NSF	\$1,730.40
223100	NSF Fee	\$40.00

**CARRIED**

**4 Public Hearings: 10:00 a.m.**

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

2020-015  
Mervin Dueck  
Stan 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:

- New Public Road - SE 1/4, 5-6-1E, Being Lots 1,2&5, Plan 16518 and Lot 2, Plan 41824 - To Expand the Rosenort Industrial Park Area as a Result of Subdivision No. 4152-19-7917

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The CAO gave a brief overview of the item. No written letters were received and no persons attended the hearing to oppose the new public road.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Close Public Hearing**

2020-016

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

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

**CARRIED**

**5 Delegations: Sgt. Jason Vrooman, Detachment Commander - Morris/Emerson RCMP - 11:00 a.m.**

Sgt. Jason Vrooman, from the Morris/Emerson Detachment, attended the Council Meeting and gave a brief overview of the Quarterly Stats Report for the period October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Sgt. Vrooman reported that the RM of Morris has the lowest 'crimes against property' compared to some surrounding municipalities.

RM of Morris Council requested there be more speed enforcement on PR205. It was also requested that a supply of rural crime watch signs be available for placement in the RM of Morris.

**6 Action Correspondence: None**

**7 Reports**

**7.1 Reeve Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

**7.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration**

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

**7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report. Mr. Dackow reported that he has asked for an additional quote for renovations to the Sperling Fire Hall.

**7.4 Public Works Manager Report**

**Shop:**

- Ten benches have been completed, still need to talk to Darren Plett about benches for the walking bridge in Rosenort;
- Two new pick-up box racks have been built and installed;

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- Getting the safety done on the truck and trailers;
- Working on the new truck dump box;
- Rebuilt the dock for Rosenort. Ready to install.

**Various:**

- Will need to look into a new way of heating the Lowe Farm landfill hut. The old fuel drip is not working well;
- Track links have been ordered for the Rosenort landfill crawler. The Town of Morris shares 50% of the cost;
- The bridge is gone over the Shannon Creek for Paschke. Will be getting appropriate signage for permanent closure.

**Additions:**

- Employees have started building a quick mount for one of the graders;
- Two more sign trailers will be built this winter. One for The Valley Agricultural Society and the other for advertising.

The RM of Morris Council requested that yield signs be added to certain rural roads to help reduce potential accidents.

**7.5 Council Action Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Council Action Report.

Council requested that once an urban planner is retained to 'urbanize' PR205, they also provide a practical plan for the Rose Lane, PR 205, and River Road South intersections.

**8 Information**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

**8.1 Fillmore Riley LLP - Enns v. RM of Morris**

**8.2 Rosenort Recreation Centre Board Meeting Minutes - November 2, 2019, December 7, 2019 and January 20, 2020**

**8.3 Lowe Farm Recreation Board Meeting Minutes - January 2, 2020**

**8.4 Rosenort Chamber Meeting Minutes - January 24, 2020**

**8.5 Rosenort Summer Festival - Thank You**

**8.6 Rosenort Co-op - Member Correspondence**

**8.7 Morris District Handivan Service Inc. Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2020**

**8.8 Community Futures Triple R Corporation - Meeting Notes - January 20, 2020**

**8.9 Manitoba 150 - Programming Updates**

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- 8.10 Heritage Resource Conservation Grant Program**
- 8.11 Prairie Rose School Division Board Meeting Minutes & Highlights - December 16, 20019, January 13, 2020, January 20, 2020, February 3, 2020 & Pulse Edition No. 22**
- 8.12 Municipal Relations - Subdivision No. 4152-19-7907, SE 1/4 19-6-1E, Herbert Rempel and Raymond Rempel - Certificate of Approval**
- 8.13 Municipal Relations - Subdivision File No. 4152-19-7829, RL 496, Parish of Ste. Agathe, Michel Jean Raffard - Certificate of Approval**
- 8.14 Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service Foundation (STARS) - Support Thank You**
- 8.15 Recreation Connections Manitoba - Municipal Parks & Trails Forum - March 10, 2020**
- 8.16 Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention**
- 8.17 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Coordinated Distribution Project**
- 8.18 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Drought Monitoring Report - January**
- 8.19 Ste. Anne Municipality - STARS Support Request**
- 8.20 Ark Flood & Dam Resources**
- 8.21 Graydon Veterinary Corporation - Vaccination Clinic Request**
- 8.22 15th Annual Camp Bridges Weekend Camp**
- 9 Other Business**
- 9.1 Proposal to Subdivide - 4152-19-7917, SE 1/4 5-6-1E, Being Lots 1,2&5, Plan 16518 and Lot 2, Plan 41824 - Elmer Brandt & Anne Brandt  
2020-017  
Shane Kroeker  
Stan Siemens**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for subdivision no. 4152-19-7917, 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;
- Must meet all recommendations outlined in the letter from the Manitoba Community Planning Branch;
- Installation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

**CARRIED**

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- 9.2 Morris Area Senior Services, Inc.**  
2020-018  
Barry Fraese  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant \$3,000.00 to the Morris Area Senior Services, Inc. for 2020.

**CARRIED**

- 9.3 Red River Valley Food Bank**  
2020-019  
Shane Kroeker  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant \$1,800.00 to the Red River Valley Food Bank for 2020.

**CARRIED**

- 9.4 Valley Regional Library 2020 Grant Request**  
2020-020  
Mervin Dueck  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant \$15,540.00 to the Valley Regional Library for 2020.

**CARRIED**

- 9.5 Valley Agricultural Society - 2020 Partnership Opportunities**  
2020-021  
Scott Siemens  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council sponsor the Valley Agricultural Society in 2020 in the amount of \$7,500.00, to cover all Valley Agricultural Society events and up to \$5,000.00 of 'in-kind' work.

**CARRIED**

- 9.6 Weed Inspection Supervisor**  
2020-022  
Shane Kroeker  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council appoint Mr. Michael Lawrence, from Commissionaires Manitoba, as the 2020 Weed Inspection Supervisor for the RM of Morris.

**CARRIED**

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- 9.7 RM of Morris By-law No. 1750/2020 - Building By-law - First Reading**  
2020-023  
Mervin Dueck  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to the RM of Morris Building By-law No. 1750/2020, being a by-law to amend RM of Morris Building By-law No. 1498/1996.

**CARRIED**

- 9.8 RM of Morris By-law No. 1750/2020 - Building By-law - Second Reading**  
2020-024  
Stan Siemens  
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to the RM of Morris Building By-law No. 1750/2020, being a by-law to amend RM of Morris Building By-law No. 1498/1996.

**CARRIED**

- 9.9 RM of Morris By-law No. 1751/2020 - Fines, Penalties, Fees and Charges By-law - First Reading**  
2020-025  
Scott Siemens  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law No. 1751/2020, being a by-law to update the fines, penalties, fees and charges payable to the Rural Municipality of Morris for services rendered.

**CARRIED**

- 9.10 RM of Morris By-law No. 1751/2020 - Fines, Penalties, Fees and Charges By-law - Second Reading**  
2020-026  
Scott Siemens  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law No. 1751/2020, being a by-law to update the fines, penalties, fees and charges payable to the Rural Municipality of Morris for services rendered.

**CARRIED**

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- 9.11 RM of Morris By-law No. 1752/2020 - Organizational By-law - First Reading**  
2020-027  
Shane Kroeker  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law 1752/2020, being a by-law to govern the organization of The Rural Municipality of Morris and the committees thereof.

**CARRIED**

- 9.12 RM of Morris By-law No. 1752/2020 - Organizational By-law - Second Reading**  
2020-028  
Barry Fraese  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law No. 1752/2020, being a by-law to govern the organization of the Rural Municipality of Morris and the committees thereof.

**CARRIED**

- 9.13 RM of Morris By-law No. 1753/2020 - Procedures By-law - First Reading**  
2020-029  
Mervin Dueck  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to by-law 1753/2020, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings and conduct of the council and the committees thereof.

**CARRIED**

- 9.14 RM of Morris By-law No. 1753/2020 - Procedures By-law - Second Reading**  
2020-030  
Mervin Dueck  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to by-law 1753/2020, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings and conduct of the council and the committees thereof.

**CARRIED**

- 9.15 RM of Morris By-law No. 1754/2020 - Reserve Fund By-law - First Reading**  
2020-031  
Scott Siemens  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to RM of Morris By-law No. 1754/2020, being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund for the improvement and replacement of infrastructure assets.



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**CARRIED**

- 9.16 RM of Morris By-law No. 1754/2020 - Reserve Fund By-law - Second Reading**  
2020-032  
Mervin Dueck  
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to RM of Morris By-law No. 1754/2020, being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund for the improvement and replacement of infrastructure assets.

**CARRIED**

- 9.17 RM of Morris Proposed 2020 Drainage Plan**  
2020-033  
Shane Kroeker  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the proposed 2020 Drainage Plan as presented.

**CARRIED**

- 9.18 2020 RM of Morris Urban Septic Tank Clean Out Program**  
2020-034  
Barry Fraese  
Stan Siemens

WHEREAS the RM of Morris requested proposals for the biennial septic tank clean out program;

AND WHEREAS we have received one written proposal for Rosenort, Lowe Farm and Sperling;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we contract with Valley Septic & Waste, for the years 2020 and 2022 at the following rates:

Year of Service	2020	2022
Rosenort - Per Tank	\$90.00	\$93.00
Lowe Farm - Per Tank	\$80.00	\$82.00
Sperling - Per Tank	\$85.00	\$86.00

**CARRIED**

- 9.19 RM of Morris Signing Authority**  
2020-035  
Shane Kroeker  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council authorize Reeve, Ralph Groening, Deputy Reeve, Rick Giesbrecht, Councillor, Mervin Dueck, CAO, Larry Driedger, Public Works Manager, Paul Robert and Finance Officer, Lorraine Lussier, to have signing authority for cheques and other municipal documents.

**CARRIED**

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**9.20 Retention and Disposition of Municipal Records - Regulation 53/97**

2020-036

Barry Fraese  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council authorize the proper destruction of records of the RM of Morris as in accordance to Regulation 53/97 of The Municipal Act.

**CARRIED**

**9.21 RM of Morris 2020 Emergency Programme**

2020-037

Shane Kroeker  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the RM of Morris 2020 Emergency Programme be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**9.22 RM of Morris 2020 Emergency Plan**

2020-038

Mervin Dueck  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the RM of Morris 2020 Emergency Plan, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**9.23 RM of Policy No. 9440-001 - Reserve Interest Policy**

2020-039

Shane Kroeker  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the RM of Morris Reserve Interest Policy No. 9440-001, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**9.24 RM of Morris Fire Department PSCS Radio Replacement**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the purchase of fifteen (15) PSCS radios from Bell Mobility in the amount of \$43,396.64.

**9.25 RM of Morris Fire Department - Rosenort Fire Paging System Relocation**

2020-040

Mervin Dueck  
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Rosenort Fire Paging System relocation quote from Prairie Mobile Communications for up to the maximum amount of \$9,984.02.

**CARRIED**

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**9.26 RM of Morris Fire Department - Sperling Hall Fire Truck Replacement**

2020-041

Stan Siemens

Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the 1988 Ford Fire Truck located at the Sperling Fire Hall is in need of replacement within the next year or two;  
AND WHEREAS the Fire Chief has recommended that a used 'mini-pumper' would serve the Sperling Fire Hall as a replacement to said Fire Truck;  
AND WHEREAS Council is of the opinion that a used 'mini-pumper' would serve appropriately;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council authorize the Fire Chief to search for a used 'mini-pumper' to serve the Sperling Fire Hall at a maximum price of \$150,000.00;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon completion of a successful search for an appropriate unit that said information be presented to Council for final approval.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Reeve, Rick Giesbrecht, left the meeting due to conflict of interest for the discussion and decision of Item 9.27

**9.27 Sale of Railway Properties Correspondence**

2020-042

Barry Fraese

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the correspondence to authorize the sale of RM of Morris railway land along PTH 23 running west of Morris to Kane.

**CARRIED**

**10 Adjournment**

2020-043

Scott Siemens

Shane Kroeker

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Deputy Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**