



Rural Municipality of Morris
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting April 8, 2020 - 09:00 AM

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on April 8, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Ralph Groening, and Councillor Stan Siemens were present with Reeve Groening in the Chair. Councillors Rick Giesbrecht, Mervin Dueck, Barry Fraese, Shane Kroeker and Scott Siemens were present via teleconference.

Also in attendance in the RM of Morris Council Chambers were CAO, Larry Driedger and Recording Officer, Kimberley Robert.

Staff also attending via teleconference include Public Works Manager, Paul Robert and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow.

Municipal Emergency Coordinator, Ms. Barb Gillis also attended the meeting via teleconference.

1 Agenda

1.1 Agenda Additions

- Item 9.4 - Updated Spring Flood Information

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2020-069

Rick Giesbrecht

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 8, 2020, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Council Minutes

2.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes: None

2.2 Previous Council Minutes - March 17, 2020

2020-070

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on March 17, 2020, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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3 Finance/Personnel

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2020-071

Mervin Dueck

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202000349 to 202000474 totalling \$295,786.59.

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

CARRIED

4 Public Hearings: None

5 Delegations: None

6 Action Correspondence

6.1 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-20-7953 - SW 1/4 10-5-1W, Donald Eugene Brown and Geraldine Anne Brown

2020-072

Shane Kroeker

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for subdivision no. 4152-20-7953, 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 Permit Value Report & 2019 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.

7.4 Public Works Manager Report

Various:

- Graders switched over to summer mode, took wings and snow tires off

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- Steaming and snow ditching almost complete
- Water came up in the rural and low level drains quicker than in previous years

Utilities:

- Employees will not be going in houses to do repairs of meters that cannot be read. Will only be going in for emergency repairs or new meter installs.

Flood Preparedness Funding:

- Ordered signs/barricades/delineators on March 24th and should have them by mid-April
- Ordered a Thompson steamer on March 24th, arriving the week of April 27th
- Ordered a gooseneck trailer on March 30th
- Order pumps and hoses March 30th and received all March 31st
- Ordered generators
- Working on road closure gates. Most of the steel was ordered beginning of March

Additions:

- Gates will be ready for installation in the summer
- Currently are in short supply of temporary barricades
- Two areas on the River Road South walking path need to be repaired
- The mobile signs to promote the Rosenort Industrial Park are ready. Next step is for a design for advertising. Will be looking for the most cost effective option
- Currently looking at replacing the excavator. Waiting on a price to buy outright and not lease. Further discussion will take place at the budget meeting

7.4.1 Equipment Purchase

2020-073

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the purchase of the 2019 Schulte Mower in the net amount of \$18,760.00, including applicable taxes, as presented.

CARRIED

7.5 Council Action Report

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Council Action Report. The CAO was directed to provide a report regarding the status of the railway properties that have been offered for sale.

8 Information

RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

8.1 Valley Regional Library Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2020

A copy of the agreement between the Valley Regional Library and the RM of Morris will made available to the VRL Board.

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8.2 Low Farm Community Centre District Meeting Minutes - February 27, 2020 & March 14, 2020

Councillor, Rick Giesbrecht, reported that a Zamboni was purchased. The CAO was directed to inquire if community centres would be eligible for government assistance during this time due to COVID-19.

8.3 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 - Conditional Approval

8.4 Minister of Municipal Relations, Rochelle Squires - 2020 Flood Preparedness Program

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence. The CAO was directed to provide a spreadsheet with deductible information for review.

8.5 Minister of Agriculture & Resource Development, Mr. Blaine Pedersen - Correspondence

8.6 Manitoba Infrastructure Correspondence - Proposed PR 246 Roadway Improvement Project

8.7 Association of Manitoba Municipalities - 2020 June Resolutions

8.8 Association of Manitoba Municipalities - Western Financial Group (Network) Inc. - Insurance Program Renewal

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence. It was questioned if the Community Centre Districts would be able to receive part of the rebate and asked the CAO to make the inquiry.

8.9 Proposed Project Plan - Anderson Drain

8.10 2019 RM of Morris Public Water System Annual Report

8.11 Valley Agricultural Society - Rumble in the Valley Sponsorship Options

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the options and will make a decision once it is determined if the Manitoba Stampede will take place.

9 Other Business

9.1 Grass Mowing - Rosenort & Lowe Farm

2020-074

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council extend the grass mowing tender for the 2020 season for the community of Rosenort received from the Community Centre District of Rosenort, for \$45.00 per hour with their own mower and \$25 per hour when using leased RM of Morris equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council extend the grass mowing tender for the 2020 season for the community of Lowe Farm received from Linda and Peter Schroeder, for \$40.00 per hour.

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9.2 Commissionaires Manitoba - Contract Renewal

2020-075

Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Multi-Year By-law Services Contract between the Rural Municipality of Morris and Canadian Corps. of Commissionaires, Manitoba Division, until March 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

Plans COVID 19 Updates - Parks, Playgrounds, Ball Diamonds, Tennis Courts, etc.

RM of Morris Council had a brief discussion regarding the various amenities in the RM of Morris. The Representatives to the Community Centre Districts will communicate to the Boards to determine the best course of action during this time.

9.4 Updated Spring Flood Information

The RM of Morris Municipal Emergency Coordinator, Ms. Barb Gillis, gave a brief update of the water levels reported by the Province of Manitoba.

10 Adjournment

2020-076

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:00 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on May 13, 2020.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer