



Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes
January 11, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.
RM of Morris Council Chambers

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve Ralph Groening and Councillors Stan Siemens, Mervin Dueck, 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. Councillor, Rick Giesbrecht sent his regrets.

01/17 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 11, 2017, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1. Personnel Discussion:

02/17 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go in-camera to discuss a personnel issue.

Carried.

03/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council return to open meeting.

Carried.

2. Council Minutes:

2.1 Council Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2016:

04/17 Denis Robert – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on December 14, 2016, be adopted as presented.

Carried.



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3. Finance/Personnel:

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

05/17 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201602051 to 201602165 totalling \$501,430.01 AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

Carried.

3.2 2017 Interim Budget:

06/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve the following interim budget for 2017:

Government Services	\$230,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 57,500.00
Transportation Services	\$460,000.00
Environmental Health	\$ 57,500.00
Public Health & Welfare	\$ 11,500.00
Environmental Development	\$ 11,500.00
Economic Development	\$149,000.00
Recreation	\$ 57,500.00
Fiscal Services	<u>\$ 57,500.00</u>
Total:	\$1,092,500.00

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3.3 Miscellaneous Postings to Utility Accounts:

07/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Utility Accounts:

Account Number	Description	Amount
26005003	Billing Adjustment	(\$15.75)
25199895	Refund Credit	(\$147.50)

Carried.

3.4 Miscellaneous Posting to Tax Accounts:

08/17 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Property Tax Accounts:

Roll Number	Description	Amount
148950000	Utility Account Transferred to Property Tax Account	\$271.80
142200000	Tax Payment Returned	\$1,652.46
142200000	NSF Fee	\$40.00

Carried.

4. Public Hearings: None

5. Delegations:

10:00 a.m.

5.1 Shelley Lepla, Sgt., Detachment Commander, Morris RCMP – 6 Month Police Report:

Sgt. Lepla from the Morris RCMP Detachment attended the Council Meeting and gave a brief report for the July 1 – December 31, 2016 period. Sgt. Lepla



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advised that a new statistical report will be implemented in February which will be more informative.

Additional items that Sgt. Lepla reported on, are as follows:

- During the months of October and November 2016, the RM of Morris did not have as many incidents as the surrounding Towns and Municipalities;
- All the vehicles that were reported stolen contained the key;
- All the vehicles that had items stolen, had been left unlocked;
- The RCMP are using an app called Biz Watch to aide in locating stolen items that have been taken to pawn shops.

The RM of Morris Council advised that a big concern is property crime as this creates an unsafe state of mind for residents.

The RM of Morris Council made inquiries on the following items:

- Riverside Bridge: Actions that should have taken place following the vandalism of the barriers on the Riverside Bridge. The offenders should have been arrested and charged to proceed to the Crown. The offenders did not meet the obligation that was promised and the file was closed. In future events, it would be best to proceed to the Crown and there would be an option for the offenders to attend the Alternative Measures Community Justice Program. If the offenders did not meet the mandated obligation, they would go to court. Sgt. Lepla advised she would inquire into having the Alternative Measures Community Justice Program in the area. It was suggested by Council that a police presence to the offenders' homes may have made a difference.

Highway Closures Due to Inclement Weather: It was questioned who controls highway closures. Sgt. Lepla advised that the RCMP in conjunction with Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) are in charge of opening and closing the highways. If MI deems it not safe for their employees to clear the roads, the highways will not be opened.

Sgt. Lepla advised that she will come back in next few months for further discussion and requests that Council consider what they would like to see from the RCMP in the future.



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6. Action Correspondence:

6.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2017-2018 Membership Renewal Request:

The RM of Morris will be renewing the membership for 2017-2018.

6.2 Manitoba School Boards Association – Independent Expert Request:

The correspondence was viewed as information and the RM of Morris will not be sending an “Independent Expert”.

6.3 Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations – Premier’s Volunteer Service Award 2017 – Nomination Request:

Council has no Volunteer Service Award nominations at this time.

6.4 Minister of Indigenous and Municipal Relations – 2016 Municipal Bridge Program Funding:

CAO, Larry Driedger advised that he spoke with Evan Manning from Fort Richmond Construction Inc. Materials have been ordered for the Riverside Bridge repair and anticipates their arrival at the end of January.

6.5 RM of Morris Utility Rate Increase:

09/17 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adopt the revised utility rates effective January 1, 2017, as attached.

Carried.

6.6 Tax Sale Year Designation: 2015 & Prior:

10/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris designate 2015 and prior to be the Tax Sale Year.

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7. Reports:

7.1 Reeve Report:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

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7.2 Public Works Manager Report:

Drainage:

- Setting up drainage plan for 2017.

Roads:

- Snow clearing equipment is quite busy;
- Experiencing a number of breakdowns;
- Excavator will start levelling snow ridges;
- Snow blower is going where possible.

Various:

- Repaired 2 water leaks in the rural area;
- Repaired 1 water leak in Rosenort;
- Rosenort landfills new pit is 50% completed.

Equipment:

- 7730 John Deere - replacing internal shaft on PTO;
- Re-installing wings on 2 graders.

Additional Items:

- Mesa Excavating has been hired to help clear the snow ridges;
- Excavators are out to clean up the snow;
- Both wings are back on the graders;
- Public Works is hopeful they can keep piling up the snow rather than hauling it away which would be costly;
- Some signage around the RM will need to be replaced in the spring.

8. Information:

RM of Morris Council reviewed the following as information:

8.1 RM of Morris Fire Hall Planning Meeting Minutes – November 14, November 23, and December 28, 2016:

The RM of Morris is currently waiting for quotes for drawings that have been made. CAO, Larry Driedger is currently working on a location sketch. The Fundraising Committee is currently working on brochures and have been given a deadline of March 31, 2017, to have their donations or commitments in place. Further discussion will take place at the upcoming RM of Morris Planning Session.



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8.2 Prairie Rose School Division Board Meeting Minutes – December 5 and December 19, 2016:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

8.3 Proposed Subdivision 4152-16-7595 – SW ¼ 11-6-2E – Guy L.J. Saurette – Conditional Approval:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Proposed Subdivision.

8.4 Valley Regional Library Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2016:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

8.5 Valley Agricultural Society – Consent Resolutions:

A meeting will be requested to work out in what manner we shall proceed.

8.6 Hudson Bay Route Association – 2017 Membership:

RM of Morris Council is not interested at this time.

8.7 Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – The Highway Traffic Board Hearing – January 17, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information as presented.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Event Listing:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

9.2 OE987 Operating Engineers July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 Collective Agreement:

11/17 Michael Toews – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the negotiated Collective Agreement for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018, between The Rural Municipality of Morris and The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 987, be approved as presented.

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9.3 By-law 1719/2016 – 1st Reading for Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712-2015:

12/17 Denis Robert – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1719/2016 being an amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law No. 1712/2015, to re-designate a parcel of land in the LUD of Rosenort in the RM of Morris from Public Reserve to Urban Residential Area, be given first reading.

Carried.

9.4 By-law 1720/2016 – 1st Reading for Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015:

13/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1720/2016, being an amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law No. 1712/2015, to re-designate a portion of land in the RM of Morris from Restricted Agricultural Area to General Agricultural Area, be given first reading.

9.5 Assistant Public Works Manager Job Description:

14/17 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approves the Job Description for the RM of Morris Assistant Public Works Manager, as presented.

Carried.

9.6 RM of Morris Non-Unionized Administration Staff Salary Increase:

15/17 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approves the non-unionized RM of Morris Administration Staff wage increase as follows:

2017	2.5%
2018	2.25%
2019	Freeze at 2018 Rates

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT these increases are to be effective with the first payroll of each year.

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9.7 RM of Morris Public Works Manager Salary Increase:

16/17 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris Council approves the RM of Morris Public Works Manager Salary to be increased by 3%, effective with the first payroll of 2017.

Carried.

9.8 Assistant Public Works Manager Position Salary Scale:

17/17 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopts the RM of Morris Assistant Public Works Manager Position Salary Scale as presented.

Carried.

10. Adjournment Resolution:

18/17 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 February 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

REEVE

CAO