

September 9th, 2015 Council Minutes

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council meeting held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve Ralph Groening and Councillors Stan Siemens, Barry Fraese, Denis Robert, Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht and Margaret Gluck were present with Reeve Groening in the chair. CAO, Larry Driedger and Recording Secretary Julie Snarr were also present at the meeting.

Call to Order:

153/15 Denis Robert – Margaret Gluck

Be it Resolved that the September 9th, 2015 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1. Council Minutes:

1.1 August 12th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes

154/15 Mervin Dueck - Barry Fraese

Be it Resolved that the minutes of a meeting that was held on August 12th, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Finance/Personnel:

2.1 Cheque Listing

155/15 Rick Giesbrecht - Stan Siemens

Be it Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque numbers 201501194 to 201501313 totalling \$192,251.66.

Carried.

2.2 July 2015 Financial Statement

156/15 Margaret Gluck – Rick Giesbrecht

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council adopt the Financial Statement for July 2015.

Carried.

2.3 August 2015 Financial Statement

157/15 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council adopt the Financial Statement for August 2015.

Carried.

2.4 2015 Supplementary

158/15 Barry Fraese – Rick Giesbrecht

Resolved that the RM of Morris adjust the following supplementary tax accounts as per attached lists, and all supplementary taxes are due November 30th, 2015.

Carried.

2.5 Property Tax Account Adjustments

159/15 Rick Giesbrecht – Margaret Gluck

Resolved that the RM of Morris adjust the following property tax accounts:

Tax Account No.	Description	Amount
216900	EPTCA - Credit Applied	\$700.00
144900	Tax Sale Costs	\$170.00

Carried.

2.6 Utility Adjustments

160/15 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

Resolved that the RM of Morris adjust the following utility accounts:

Account No.	Description	Amount
24095500	Utility Penalty Reversal	\$1.71
25105000	Utility Penalty Reversal	\$3.06
25166001	Utility Penalty Reversal	\$1.23
18710000	Property Tax Penalty Reversal	\$1.59

Carried.

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2.7 AR Adjustments

161/15 Margaret Gluck – Stan Siemens

Resolved that the RM of Morris adjust the following AR accounts:

Account No.	Description	Amount
631	Write off account-Sent for collections	\$140.11
68	Write off to clear the credit on account	(\$1.25)
925	Write off account, cannot collect	\$327.84
524	Write off to clear the credit on account	(\$0.20)
982	Write off to clear the credit on account	(\$2.60)
918	Write off to clear the credit on account	(\$1.40)
1129	Write off to clear account	\$0.13
768	Write off account-cannot locate customer	\$43.95

Carried.

2.8 Transfer Utilities to Taxes

162/15 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

Resolved that the RM of Morris transfer the outstanding utility accounts to their property taxes as per attached list.

Carried.

3. Committee & Reports:

3.1 Reeve's Report

3.1 COTW Minutes – August 25th, 2015

3.2 Rosenort Chamber – August 20th, 2015 Minutes

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4. Action Correspondence

4.1 Windstorm Request for Disaster Financial Assistance

163/15 Rick Giesbrecht – Stan Siemens

WHEREAS southern Manitoba experienced a severe windstorm event on April 15th, 2015;
AND WHEREAS there were several municipalities that were affected by the windstorm in terms of ditches & drains being filled-in with blow-dirt and some gravel roads experiencing too much dirt on them causing them to have to be re-graveled;

AND WHEREAS in previous years, requests for Disaster Financial Assistance funding for such windstorm events have been approved by the Province;

AND WHEREAS affected ditches & drains required cleaning out to prevent damage to other properties when the spring and summer rain events started occurring;

AND WHEREAS some municipalities proceeded with the remediation in order to avoid other damage and thereby incurred significant expenses while believing that the Disaster Financial Assistance Program would provide funding to cover these costs;

AND WHEREAS most of the affected municipalities have filed a request for financial assistance with the Manitoba Disaster Financial Assistance Program for funding to help offset the costs of remediation;

AND WHEREAS all of these municipalities have received letters from the Disaster Financial Assistance Program that their requests have been denied;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has incurred costs in excess of \$225,000 to date, and the drift dirt still needs to be spread on the land adjacent to the ditches & drains that were remediated;

AND WHEREAS one of the principals of the Disaster Financial Assistance Program is that when a widespread disaster strikes and creates an unreasonable financial burden, Disaster Financial may be made available to help local authorities restore eligible infrastructure to a functional state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris ask the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to lobby the Province of Manitoba to have them reverse their decision to deny the requests for Disaster Financial Assistance and approve the request for Disaster Financial Assistance for those municipalities that submitted a request for funding.

Carried.

4.2 Purchase of a New Sanding Unit

164/15 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

Resolved that the RM of Morris purchase a new sanding unit for \$6,450.00 plus taxes.

Carried.

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4.3 Riverside Seal Coat Road Maintenance

165/15 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the quote from Hugh Munroe Construction for the application of a double seal coat in Riverside at a cost of \$16,200.00.

Carried.

4.4 Outstanding Utility Bill

166/15 Margaret Gluck – Stan Siemens

Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the transfer of the R.M. of Montcalm Utility Account No. 8090655 to Roll No. 151100 in the amount of \$60.26.

Carried.

4.5 Red River Valley Palliative Care

167/15 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

Resolved that the RM of Morris sponsor the Red River Valley Palliative Care Golf Tournament as per our policy in the amount of \$200.00.

Carried.

4.6 Boundary Trails HC Foundation Fundraiser

168/15 Stan Siemens - Rick Giesbrecht

Resolved that the RM of Morris buy four tickets to the BTHC Foundation Fundraiser Dinner.

Carried.

5. Delegations/Hearings:

11:30 a.m. Unveiling of the Armour School dedication site, with former school teachers, Rita Covernton, Edna Dreger, Ina Mazinke, and Evelyn Watt

5.1 Public Works Manager, Don Harder

Drainage

- 17 miles completed.
- Property owners affected by drift soil all received confirmation to spread piles of dirt.
- Starting to spread dirt piles from regular drainage program.

Roads

- Approximately 300 tonnes of gravel left over from gravel program.

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Waterworks

- Water's Edge services are complete. Two fire hydrants and water hook-up at the Rosenort water plant should be done by September 11th, 2015. Pressure testing and chlorinating is scheduled for mid-September.
- Lowe Farm Industrial Park sewer and water installation has started.

Various

- Sperling streets seal-coat completed.
- Riverroad South in Riverside seal coat is also completed.
- Park benches are all installed and look great.
- Historical School signs are 75% completed.
- PR 330 first layer of gravel base is 75% completed. September 8th, 2015, starting to incorporate dry concrete into gravel base. 20,000 tonnes of gravel base to be placed and compacted after concrete is set up.
- Riverside Road Bridge on-site inspections are completed by Stantec. Waiting for their report.
- New employee Blain Funk started August 24, 2015.
- Replaced 4 low-level crossings on 110 Drain, with larger culverts once school signs are completed.

5.2 Building Inspector, Ed Penner. Council reviewed his report.

6. Information Package:

Information Correspondence	Description
6.1 MIT, Transportation Policy...	Abandoned departmental roads.
6.2 Imperial	Election signage installation near pipelines.
6.3 MIT, Engineering & Operations...	Fence & blanket building setback extension granted.
6.4 Workplace Safety & Health	RM of Morris Public Works Shop improvement orders.

7. Other Business/Discussions

- 7.1** Event Calendar
- 7.2** August Google Analytics
- 7.3** RM of Morris Fire Department's Appreciation Picnic. September 12th, 2015.

8. Adjournment Resolution:

169/14 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:55 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.



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