



March 9, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, commencing at 9:01 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve Ralph Groening and Councillors Stan Siemens, Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese and Michael Toews were present with Reeve Groening in the chair. CAO, Larry Driedger and Recording Secretary, Kim Robert were also present at the meeting.

Call to Order:

27/16 Denis Robert – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED that the March 9, 2016 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1. Council Minutes:

1.1 February 10, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

28/16 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting that was held on February 10, 2016, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Finance/Personnel:

2.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

29/16 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque numbers 201600268 to 201600365 totalling \$150,842.10.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the payroll earnings as presented from January 31, 2016 to February 13, 2016.

Carried.

2.2 December 2015 Financial Statement:

30/16 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris Council adopt the Financial Statement for December 2015.

Carried.



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2.3 A/R Adjustments:

31/16 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris adjust the following A/R Accounts:

Account Number	Description	Amount
983	Refund to Clear Account	\$145.70
921	Refund to Clear Account	\$80.00
1142	Transfer to Property Roll# 139450	\$2.88

Carried.

2.4 Tax Adjustments:

32/16 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
1561000	Penalty Reversal	\$115.96
1562000	Penalty Reversal	\$134.62
275000	Tax Sale Costs	\$75.00
348000	Tax Sale Costs	\$220.00
142200	Tax Sale Costs	\$75.00
1424000	Tax Sale Costs	\$220.00
162425	Tax Sale Costs	\$127.00
196800	Tax Sale Costs	\$75.00
279700	Tax Sale Costs	\$75.00
276700	NSF Fee-Cheque Returned	\$16.00
276700	Payment Returned NSF	\$3,200.00


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2.5 Utility Adjustments:

33/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris adjust the following Utility Account:

Account Number	Description	Amount
25199920	Utility Adjustment	 UT Credit.pdf

Carried.

2.6 Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes:

34/16 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris transfer the following Utility Accounts as per the attached listing.

2.6	Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes	 UT Transf to TX.pdf
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Carried.

2.7 RM of Morris Office Job Descriptions, Office Grid and Receptionist/Office Clerk Hiring Approval:

35/16 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED that the Job Descriptions for the Finance Officer, Accounts/Payroll Officer, Administrative/Planning Officer and the Receptionist/Office Clerk be approved.

Carried.

36/16 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED that the revised Administration Office Salary Grid be approved.

Carried.

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37/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the hiring of Jennifer Reimer as the Receptionist/Office Clerk, effective February 29, 2016, with a 90 day probationary period during which she will receive \$1.00 per hour below the Step One rate for this position. After successful completion of the probationary period she will be placed onto the Grid at the Step One rate.

Carried.

**3. Delegations/Hearings:
9:30 a.m.**

3.1 Public Works Manager, Don Harder – Report

Equipment:

- New 210 Deere excavator arrived;
- New 872 Deere graders start arriving second week of March;
- Clean-up Hitachi excavator and advertise for sale;
- Ordered four sets of carbide blades for graders;
- 931 Cat crawler loader, replacing some under carriage parts;
- Water tanker, installing miscellaneous parts after paint job.

Various:

- Sperling fire hall shower stall almost complete;
- Ventilation for all three fire halls has been started;
- Building gear-drying devices for all three fire halls;
- Building a trailer for mosquito fogger;
- Ten more park benches are complete;
- Ceiling and walls of entire shop have been washed.
- The province will place road weight restrictions starting Friday, March 10, 2016.
- MPI has changed their regulation on plates. All vehicles over 10,000 kg will have to have a Commercial Truck Plate rather than regular Truck Plate. There will be an increase in cost for this change.
- The older graders that we are replacing will be going to Auction. Further discussion will take place to determine the date and location. The new machines should be ready next week.

3.2 RM of Morris Fire Chief, Bernard Schellenberg – Report

No Report Submitted.

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11:30 a.m.

3.3 Building Inspector, Ed Penner – Report

Building Inspector, Ed Penner attended the meeting and Council reviewed his report.

4. Committee & Reports:

Council reviewed the following reports and minutes:

- 4.1 Reeve's Report
- 4.2 Rosenort Community Centre Budget & Board Meeting
- 4.3 Pembina Valley Central Plains Tourism Agenda & Minutes
- 4.4 Rosenort CCD Annual Meeting
- 4.5 Lowe Farm/Kane Recreation Commission Annual Meeting-Jan 18, 2016 & March 1, 2016 Minutes
- 4.6 Valley Regional Library Agenda & Minutes

5. Action Correspondence:

5.1 Partners 4 Growth – Regional Transit Initiative Study:

38/16 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Ritchot is in the process of making application to the Partner's 4 Growth program to conduct a Regional Transit Initiative Study;
AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris Council deems it in the best interest of the municipality to participate in said study;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris commit a maximum of \$3,000.00 towards the cost of this said study.

Carried.

5.2 Rivers West Red River Corridor-Membership Renewal:

39/16 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris renew the membership with Rivers West Red River Corridor.

Tabled.

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5.3 2016 Drainage Program:

40/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris Council accept the 2016 Drainage Program as per the attached map.

Carried.

6. Information:

6.1 Certificate of Approval-Proposed Sub-Division File#152-14-7271

6.2 Pembina Valley Central Plains Tourism-Workshop

6.3 Proposed Subdivision-File#4152-16-7504

Council will review the application and have further discussion at the next COTW Meeting on March 23, 2016.

6.4 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Annual Report, Financial Statement & Water Cost Production-2015

6.5 Manitoba Conservation-Sun Valley Hog-Storage Permit LM-0286-M02

7. Other Business:

Council reviewed the following information:

7.1 Event Calendar

7.2 By-Law Enforcement Report – February 26, 2016

7.3 Office Copier Contract Discussion

It was agreed to pursue the lease of a new copier for the RM of Morris Administration Office. The official lease will be formally approved at a future council meeting.

7.4 Valley Agricultural Society Discussion

The Valley Ag Society continues to struggle financially but is still working towards hope to put on a good show for 2016.

7.5 CAO Contract Discussions:

41/16 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go in-camera to discuss a personnel issue.

Carried.

42/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED that Council go back into open meeting.



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Carried.

43/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED that the employment agreement for the position of CAO be approved as presented.

Carried.

8. Adjournment Resolution:

44/16 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 2:06 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on April 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

REEVE

CAO