



May 11, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, commencing at 9:00 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.

77/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 11, 2016 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1. Council Minutes:

1.1 April 20, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes:

78/16 Barry Fraese – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on April 20, 2016, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Finance/Personnel:

2.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

79/16 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201600634 to 201600746 totalling \$270,464.72.

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

Carried.

2.2 Outstanding Accounts Receivable Account Transferred to Property Taxes:

80/16 Barry Fraese – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris transfer the following Tax Account Credit to the Utility Account:

Account Number	Description	Amount
188530000	Tax Credit Applied to Outstanding Utility Account# 24082002	(\$216.75)

Carried.

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2.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Tax Accounts:

81/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
158650	Grazing Lease Adjustments	\$2,624.78
257100	Grazing Lease Adjustments	\$1,070.42
257450	Grazing Lease Adjustments	\$1876.57

Carried.

2.4 Miscellaneous Posting to Utility Accounts:

82/16 Barry Fraese – Rick Giesbrecht

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

Account Number	Description	Amount
23049501	Deficit Recovery not calculating correctly due to estimated bills	(\$62.27)
24012500	Deficit Recovery not calculating correctly due to estimated bills	(\$373.65)
24096100	Deficit Recover not calculating correctly due to estimated bills	(\$2.62)
25146500	Deficit Recover not calculating correctly due to estimated bills	(\$12.14)

Carried.

3. Delegations/Hearings:

10:00 a.m.

3.1 Lorne Hamblin, Dekalb Superspiel:

Mr. Hamblin gave a brief presentation on three items:

1. Dekalb Superspiel: The Dekalb has continued to grow and the 2015 financial report was reviewed.
2. “NextGen” Program: CurlManitoba is partnering with the Morris Curling Club to offer the “NextGen” Program which is a high performance-training program for junior teams and coaches in Manitoba. Mr. Hamblin requested a Letter of Endorsement for the training centre in order to help gain access for funding.

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3. Raffle Fundraiser: There will be a raffle fundraiser for the Stampede hydro upgrade. A media launch will take place with a date to be determined. A press release will be available for the RM of Morris to post.

3.2 Public Works Manager, Don Harder Report:

Drainage:

- 6.5 miles completed. Both excavators are on drain maintenance.

Culverts:

- Replacing a large number of thru grade culverts that are rusted out and collapsed.

Roads:

- Gravel program should take place in early June. Start on dust control sites first. The deadline for applications/payments is May 20, 2016.

Water Works:

- We had four water main breaks recently. The standpipe at PVWC in Morris should be operation by May 10.
- Two new sewer and water services in Rosenort have been completed.
- One new water service in the rural area has been completed.

Various:

- Spring clean-up dates are May 24 - May 27.
- All graders are now equipped with mulchers and wider tires; currently working on wobbly hook-ups for graders.
- Three CAT graders were sold at Ritchie Bros. Auction in Fort Worth, TX. Upon receipt of funds, Council will receive a full report.
- Spring weight restrictions were removed May 9th.
- Dry conditions during seeding hopefully won't cause soil drifting.

3.3 RM of Morris Fire Chief, Bernard Schellenberg-Report:

RM of Morris Council reviewed the Fire Chief's Report. Council had discussion on the fire ban. CAO to discuss with the Fire Chief.

The Fire Chief is in the process of gathering an inventory of small equipment and personal protection equipment (PPE).

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3.4 Building Inspector, Ed Penner-Report:

Building Inspector arrived at 11:30 a.m. to give his report.

4. Committee & Reports:

4.1 Reeve's Report

RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve's Report.

5. Action Correspondence:

5.1 Canada Day Funding Request:

83/16 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris grant \$3,000.00 to the Canada Day Celebration in conjunction with the Town of Morris.

Carried.

5.2 Lagoon Straw Exemption Request-Mr. Kenton Penner:

84/16 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve Mr. Kenton Penner's request letter for straw exemption for 2016.

Carried.

A letter to be sent to Mr. Penner requesting "proof" that he is still using the product for smell reduction.

6. Information:

Council reviewed the following as information:

6.1 Manitoba Beekeepers' Association

6.2 Strategic Plan Report 2016-2020

Further discussion will take place at the next COTW Meeting.

6.3 Disabilities Issue Office-Workshop



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- 6.4 PVWC Meeting Minutes, April 22, 2016
 - 6.5 MASS Meeting Minutes and Financial Report
Council discussed the request of the MASS Board to have representation from the RM of Morris Council. Council will have further discussion on committee reorganization.
 - 6.6 Proposed Subdivision, Conditional Approval 4152-16-7515
 - 6.7 Proposed Subdivision, Conditional Approval 4152-16-7516
 - 6.8 Proposed Subdivision, Conditional Approval 4152-16-7525
 - 6.9 Commissionaire Reports, April 2016
Further discussion will take place at the next COTW Meeting.
 - 6.10 Proposed Subdivision, Certificate of Approval 4152-13-7092
 - 6.11 Municipal Government Assessment Services, Board of Revision
 - 6.12 Taxervice – 2013/2014 Tax Sale
 - 6.13 Saint-Jean-Baptiste 2016 Convocation Ceremony Invite
 - 6.14 River Golf & Country Club, Ladies Sunshine Tournament-Sponsorship Request
 - 6.15 Operating Engineers 987-Notice to Commence Negotiations
Further discussion in-camera.
 - 6.16 Rosenort EMC Youth Group-Clean our Town 2016-Sponsorship Request
- 85/16 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council encourages the beautification of our urban communities.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris establish a policy whereby if a community group or school seeks to organize a mass community wide spring clean-up in the communities of Lowe Farm, Sperling or Rosenort, we will pay such group up to a maximum of \$300.00 per year.

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7. By-laws:

7.1 By-law 1716/2016-Tax Levy By-law:

86/16 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris give third reading and pass By-law 1716/2016, being a by-law to provide for imposition of taxes for 2016.

In Favour: 7
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Carried.

7.2 RM of Morris Development Plan By-law No. 1712/2015

87/16 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris give third reading and pass By-law No. 1712/2015 being the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law.

In Favour: 7
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Carried.

8. Other Business:

8.1 2014-2018 RM of Morris Committees & Organizations

The Reeve will be having discussions with each Councillor individually to determine the Committees and Organizations appointments. A resolution shall be brought forward at the June Council Meeting.

8.2 Event Listing

8.3 RM of De Salaberry-Intermunicipal Utility Agreement:

Council is not prepared to approve agreement at this time.

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8.4 Provincial Road 205-Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation Request:

88/16 Denis Robert – Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS Provincial Road 205 running west of Rosenort beginning at the Morris River diversion up to the Provincial Road 422 intersection, is already hard surfaced, however is in need of repairs and also in need of an increase in elevation to avoid water overflow;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation to:

1. Reconstruct PR 205 from the Morris River Diversion bridge running west to the PR 422 Intersection, to provide for an increase in elevation to 2009 flood level plus 1 foot, or the height of the proposed new bridge crossing the Little Morris River on PR 422, whichever is the higher level.
2. Increase the weight classification to provide for the same weight classification as PTH 23, west of the Town of Morris, and PR 205 (from PTH 75 to Rosenort).
3. Increase and reconstruct PR 422 from the PR 205 intersection running south past the bridge over the Little Morris River to the point where the road elevation is increased.

Carried.

8.5 AMM Resolution for Education Funding – 2016:

89/16 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

WHEREAS the education funding model in Manitoba has been in existence for many years and is in need of a major review;

AND WHEREAS education has traditionally been jointly funded by a portion from the Provincial Government and a portion by the local Municipal Governments;

AND WHEREAS several organizations such as the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association (MMAA), the Manitoba School Boards Association (MASB) and Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) are all involved in the process of creating the financial plans for school divisions, levying for and collecting the taxes;

AND WHEREAS it would be deemed prudent to request the Province of Manitoba to establish a task force to review how education is funded in the Province of Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request the AMM to lobby the Provincial Government to establish a task force to review how education is funded in the Province of Manitoba;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT such a task force include representatives from AMM, MMAA, MASB, MASBO and such other individuals as the Provincial Government deems appropriate.

Carried.

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8.6 AMM Resolution for Mandatory Inquiries Prior to Digging Activities:

90/16 Dennis Robert – Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro and MTS both promote the “Call before you dig” program;
AND WHEREAS numerous Rural Municipalities within the Province of Manitoba have installed rural water lines to provide potable water to their residents;
AND WHEREAS there have been occasions where Manitoba Hydro has not contacted Rural Municipalities to ensure that their “digging” will not compromise such rural utility lines;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to make it mandatory for Manitoba Hydro and MTS to inquire of the local municipal authorities to ensure that no local utilities will be compromised by their “digging” activities.

Carried.

9. Human Resource Discussion:

91/16 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

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

Carried.

92/16 Michael Toews – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go back into open meeting.

Carried.

9. Rosenort Campground:

The RM of Morris Council had a discussion regarding the Rosenort Campground. There will be a provincial baseball tournament on the July long weekend. If a basic campground is to be constructed, it would be recommended to get it done before that time.



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10. Adjournment Resolution:

93/16 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held June 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

REEVE

CAO