



Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes
April 18, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.
RM of Morris Council Chambers

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 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, Public Works Manager, Don Harder, and Recording Officer, Kim Robert, were also present at the meeting.

68/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 18, 2017, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1. Council Minutes:

1.1 Council Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2017:

69/17 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on March 8, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – March 29, 2017:

70/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on March 29, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Finance/Personnel:

2.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

71/17 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201700394 to 201700587 totalling \$482,915.35. AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

Carried.

2.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements – December 2016:

72/17 Denis Robert – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the December, 2016 Financial Statements as presented.

Carried.

2.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Utility Accounts:

73/17 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

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

Account Number	Description	Amount
24029500	Penalty Adjustment	(\$2.37)
24058503	Penalty Adjustment	(\$4.85)
24088001	Penalty Adjustment	(\$4.49)
24098500	Penalty Adjustment	(\$1.06)

Carried.

2.4 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts:

74/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
203210	Tax Discount	(\$41.75)
284300	Tax Sale Costs	(\$255.00)
26500	Tax Sale Costs	\$268.00
27500	Tax Sale Costs	\$218.00
34800	Tax Sale Costs	\$286.00
94600	Tax Sale Costs	\$286.00
117700	Tax Sale Costs	\$268.00
139425	Tax Sale Costs	\$268.00
142400	Tax Sale Costs	\$286.00
144900	Tax Sale Costs	\$286.00
147350	Tax Sale Costs	\$268.00
287145	Tax Sale Costs	\$290.00
142200	Payment Returned – NSF/Penalty Adjustment	\$151.88
281450	Payment Returned – NSF/Penalty Adjustment	\$205.00
199960	Penalty Adjustment	(\$0.06)

42500	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.01)
43600	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.01)

Carried.

2.5 Accounts Receivable Penalty Reversal:

75/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

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

Account Number	Description	Amount
1162	Reverse Penalty	(\$0.39)
854	Reverse Penalty	(\$0.94)

Carried.

3. Public Hearings:

10:00 a.m.

- 3.1 2017 RM of Morris Financial Plan**
- 3.2 RM of Morris By-law No. 1713/2015 – To Adopt a New Zoning By-law**
- 3.3 Variation No. 01/2017 – JT Holdings Ltd.**
- 3.4 Conditional Use No. 02/2017 – H. Fehr Co. Ltd. & Cleason Bauman**

76/17 Mervin Dueck – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RM of Morris open this Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments or concerns related to the following items:

- 2017 RM of Morris Financial Plan
- RM of Morris By-law No. 1713/2015 – To Adopt a New Zoning By-law
- Variation No. 01/2017 – JT Holdings Ltd.
- Conditional Use No. 02/2017 – H. Fehr Co. Ltd. & Cleason Bauman

Carried.

3.1 2017 RM of Morris Financial Plan:

Intent to present the RM of Morris financial plan for the fiscal year 2017.

No persons attended the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the Financial Plan were received.

Reeve, Ralph Groening, gave a brief presentation of the 2017 RM of Morris Financial Plan which includes 2017 Operating Costs, 2017 Capital Budget and a Five Year Capital Expenditure Program. The Reeve advised that there was a 1.75% increase over the 2016 Budget, approximately \$100,000.00. The Reeve also made note of the School Tax increase in comparison which has increased to 8.78%.

CAO, Larry Driedger, reported that provisions in the Financial Plan are included for the following:

- Construction of a roadway in the Rosenort Industrial Park if Canada Manitoba Infrastructure Funding approves the RM of Morris grant application;
- Construction of a new Fire Hall in Rosenort with an expected borrowing of \$400,000.00 to pay 1/3 of the anticipated cost.

3.2 RM of Morris By-law No. 1713/2015 – To Adopt a New Zoning By-law:

Intent to adopt a new Zoning By-law for the RM of Morris and replace the current Zoning By-law No. 1581/04.

Ms. Elise Denheyer from the Department of Indigenous Affairs & Municipal Relations attended the Hearing and brought a Council Report for review. Ms. Denheyer relayed to Council that her Department is willing to work with the RM of Morris to complete the new Zoning By-law in order for 2nd reading to take place at a future meeting.

3.3 Variation No. 01/2017 – JT Holdings Ltd.

Proposal to vary an agricultural lot from a minimum site area of 40 acres to 4.61 acres and to vary the minimum site area width of 600 feet to 409.62 feet. The CAO gave a brief overview of the Variation Order Application. No persons attended the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the Variation were received.

Council inquired about the likelihood that the property would be developed as a residential lot. It was determined that this would be doubtful due to the location and the elevations of the property.

3.4 Conditional Use No. 02/2017 – H. Fehr Co. Ltd. & Cleason Bauman:

Proposal to allow for 100 animal units on 16 acres in an “AG” General Agricultural Zone. The current Zoning By-law allows for 50 animal units on 40 acres.

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Conditional Use Application. One email from concerned neighbour Mr. Kevin Janz was received in the Administration

Office prior to the hearing. Mr. Janz had various questions regarding the plan for safe disposal of waste and ensuring that ditch run-off is not affected.

Council had some questions for Mr. Cleason Bauman such as what state would the manure be when spread and how it would be collected. They also questioned if the animals would be housed in a barn or left outside.

The CAO will contact Mr. Bauman for clarification on these items before Council would make a decision on the Conditional Use.

3.5 Closing the Public Hearing

77/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RM of Morris Council close this Public Hearing.

Carried.

4. Delegations:

4.1 11:30 a.m.

Shelley Lepla, Sgt.,

Detachment Commander, Morris/Emerson RCMP

Morris RCMP Annual Performance Plan (APP)

Sgt. Lepla from the Morris RCMP Detachment attended the Council Meeting and gave a brief report.

Sgt. Lepla advised that they are finding the crimes in the rural areas are being committed by perpetrators from Winnipeg. More people are reporting the crimes which is helpful. Sgt. Lepla will be providing material for the RM of Morris to post on the website.

RM of Morris Council made inquiries on the following items:

RCMP presence at the Emerson Border Crossing: Sgt. Lepla advised that when the Morris detachment was involved, this was the lowest priority and did not take away much time from regular duties. The Federal Government has members from Winnipeg and Altona monitoring the border for the last several months and supervise the crossing 24 hours a day.

Morris Riverview Golf Course: Sgt. Lepla reported that the file has gone to the Crown and they will decide if the case will be brought for charges.

Number of RCMP Members: Sgt. Lepla advised that they are short by 5 members due to transfers. `Relief Members` from Winnipeg will be filling in until additional members become available. The detachment will also be having a Reservist arriving to work for one month. There are 2 Constables along with the Sergeant at the Morris Detachment currently.

Council relayed the priorities for the RM of Morris which include:

1. Safety and Security
2. Property Protection
3. Improved Communication

Council thanked Sgt. Lepla and her staff for their efforts.

5. Action Correspondence:

5.1 Lagoon Straw Exemption Request – Penner:

78/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Mr. Kenton Penner's request letter for straw exemption for 2017.

Carried.

5.2 Sport Manitoba - KidSport Canada – Donation Request:

79/17 Barry Fraese – Denis Robert

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris grant \$300.00 to the KidSport Program for 2017.

Carried.

5.3 Proposed Subdivision (REVISED), File No. 4152-17-7636, RL 373, 375 & 377, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris – JT Holdings Ltd.:

80/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

WHEREAS Council previously approved Subdivision File No. 4152-17-7636 by Resolution No. 46/17;

AND WHEREAS the Subdivision applicant has made a minor revision to the application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the revised Subdivision No. 4152-17-7636, RL 373, 375 & 377, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris, for JT Holdings Ltd., 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.

5.4 Proposed Subdivision (REVISED) File No. 4152-16-7632, RL 481, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris – Florence A. Robert:

81/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

WHEREAS Council previously approved Subdivision File No. 4152-16-7632 by Resolution No. 45/17;

AND WHEREAS the Subdivision applicant has made a minor revision to the application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the revised Subdivision No. 4152-16-7632, RL 481, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris, for Florence A. Robert, subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs as 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.

5.5 Rosenort Youth Group – Clean our Town 2017, Support Request:

82/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Michael Toews

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris Council grant \$300.00 to Rosenort Youth Group – Clean our Town 2017, as per the RM of Morris policy.

Carried.

5.6 Rosenort School – Local Urban District of Rosenort Award:

83/17 Michael Toews – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris grant \$500.00 to Rosenort School for the Local Urban District of Rosenort Award.

Carried.

5.7 Proposed Subdivision File No. 4152-17-7647, RL 458, 460, 462 & 464, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris – Mavis E. Robert:

84/17 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-17-7647, RL 458, 460, 462 & 464, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris, for Mavis E. Robert, subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs are 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.

6. Reports:

6.1 Reeve Report – March, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

6.2 Public Works Manager Report:

Drainage:

- Ditch clean-outs to start April 18th. Start with 2016 carry-over first.

Roads:

- Municipal road gravelling will start April 18th.
- Graders are currently working on dirt roads.

Urban Centres:

- This was an eventful spring, with ditches frozen to the bottom and most culverts frozen as well. The dirt chunks and sod are getting cleaned-up in the communities at present. Some culvert repair work will be done shortly after.
- Street sweeping started April 12th.

Various:

- Straw to haul from various locations in the rural areas.
- Roads are opening as water recedes.

Additional Items:

- Drainage work has started on April 18th.
- The Gravel Program has also started on April 18th. Eight trucks are being utilized.
- The RM of Morris stockpile is short about 2,000 tonne.
- New culverts are required for Roberts Drain, which is a provincial drain. The need for new culverts has compromised Ouimet Road access. The

province is currently waiting for MTS locates which they anticipate to take place in April. CAO, Larry Driedger, to contact Mr. Steve Topping from Manitoba Infrastructure to inquire on a timeline.

- There are a great number of culverts that have been damaged over the winter season. Further discussion will take place at the next COTW Meeting.

7. Information:

7.1 LUD of Rosenort Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

7.2 La Grande Traversée Cycliste:

The RM of Morris reviewed the information. CAO, Larry Driedger will obtain further details about their brief stop at the Lowe Farm Park.

7.3 Rosenort Community Centre Board Meeting – March 25, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

7.4 Morris District Handi-Van Service Inc. Meeting #75 Minutes – March 29, 2017 & Annual General Meeting March 28, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes. Councillor, Barry Fraese, reported that tenders for the new garage will be reviewed shortly.

7.5 Proposed Subdivision No. 4152-17-7638, L.S. 1,2,3 and 4 in 23-5-1E, RM of Morris – JT Holdings Ltd.:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Conditional Re-Approval.

7.6 Manitoba Sport, Culture & Heritage – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FIPPA) and Personal Health Information Act (PHIA) Reviews:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information provided.

7.7 Valley Regional Library Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

7.8 Manitoba Assessment Services – Tax Impact Date – June 14, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

7.9 Red River Floodway Operation Advisory Board Information:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information presented.

7.10 Lowe Farm/Kane Recreation Commission Meeting – April 3, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes. Councillor, Rick Giesbrecht, requested that the CAO forward pricing of defibrillators once received. Councillor Giesbrecht also advised that a fundraiser will be held on June 10, 2017, for Lowe Farm playground equipment.

7.11 Prairie Rose School Division, Board Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2017 & Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights – April 10, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

8. Other Business:

8.1 Council Event Listing:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

9. By-laws:

9.1 By-law 1723/2017 – Tax Levy By-law:

2017 Capital Budget:

85/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the 2017 Capital Budget as presented.

Carried.

Five Year Capital Expenditure:

86/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Stan Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the Five Year Capital Expenditure Program as presented.

Carried.

Local Urban District of Rosenort Budget:

87/17 Barry Fraese – Denis Robert

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2017 Budget for the Local Urban District of Rosenort be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2017 Financial Plan for the Rural Municipality of Morris:

88/17 Mervin Dueck – Michael Toews

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2017 Financial Plan for the Rural Municipality of Morris be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Tax Levy By-law No.1723/2017 – 1st Reading:

89/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1723/2017, to provide for imposition of taxes for 2017, be now given first reading.

Carried.

Tax Levy By-law No.1723/2017 – 2nd Reading:

90/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1723/2017, to provide for imposition of taxes for 2017, be now given second reading.

Carried.

9.2 By-law No. 1713/2015 – Adopt New Zoning By-law:

Due to further amendments needed to New Zoning By-law No. 1713/2015, RM of Morris Council will work together with the Province to prepare the By-law for second reading at a future Council Meeting.

9.3 Variation No. 01/2017 – JT Holdings Ltd.:

91/17 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Variation No. 01/2017, for JT Holdings Ltd., be approved as applied, to vary an agricultural lot from a minimum site area of 40 acres to 4.61 acres and to vary the minimum site area width of 600 feet to 409.62 feet.

Carried.

9.4 Conditional Use No. 02/2017 – H. Fehr Co. Ltd. & Cleason Bauman:

Due to further information required, the RM of Morris Council has deferred any decision on Conditional Use No. 02/2017.

10. Assistant Public Works Manager Position Tabled Resolution No. 57/17:

92/17 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 57/17 be removed from the table in order to address the matter.

Carried.

57/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

WHEREAS a Position Description and a Salary Grid for the Position of Assistant Public Works Manager were approved by Council on January 11th, 2017;

AND WHEREAS it was the intention of Council to have this new position as one that would be outside of the Public Works Collective Bargaining Unit;

AND WHEREAS the representatives of the Bargaining Unit have formally objected to such an exclusion;

AND WHEREAS negotiations between the Rural Municipality of Morris and The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 987 have resulted in agreement that includes minor modifications to the Position Description and the Salary Grid;

AND WHEREAS The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 987 has also been advised that the creation of this new position may not be a long term permanent position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris approve the modifications to the Position Description and the Salary Grid for the position of “Assistant Public Works Manager”;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council commit to a review of the feasibility of the Assistant Public Works Manager position after a successful leadership transition has taken place in the Public Works Department.

Carried.

11. Employee Manual Update for Non-Unionized Employees:

93/17 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we amend the “Statutory Holidays” section of the Rural Municipality of Morris Employee Manual for the non-unionized employees of the Rural Municipality of Morris to include Easter Monday of each year.

Carried.

12. Valley Agricultural Society – Rumble in the Valley Tractor Pull & Manitoba Stampede Sponsorship Request:

94/17 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris sponsor the Valley Agricultural Society in 2017 as follows:

Manitoba Stampede - \$5,000.00 in cash and up to \$5,000.00 of 'in-kind' work (sponsorship to include chute and announcer booth, if still available).

Rumble in the Valley Tractor Pull - \$1,500.00 in cash.

Carried.

13. RM of Morris New Fire Hall Discussion:

95/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT RM of Morris Council go in-camera to discuss the RM of Morris new fire hall.

Carried.

96/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go back into open meeting.

Carried.

13. Adjournment Resolution:

97/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held May 10, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

REEVE

CAO