



Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes
June 14, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.
RM of Morris Council Chambers

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Deputy Reeve, Stan Siemens, and Councillors Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese and Michael Toews were present, with Deputy Reeve, Stan Siemens in the chair. CAO, Larry Driedger, Public Works Manager, Don Harder and Recording Officer, Kim Robert, were also present at the meeting. Reeve, Ralph Groening, sent his regrets.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

122/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 14, 2017, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Council Minutes:

2.1 Council Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2017:

123/17 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on May 10, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2017:

124/17 Barry Fraese – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on May 24, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3. Finance/Personnel:

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

125/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201700683 to 201700920 totalling \$1,254,245.01.

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

Carried.

3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements – January 2017, February 2017, March 2017, April 2017, and May 2017:

126/17 Mervin Dueck – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the January 2017, February 2017, March 2017, April 2017, and May 2017, Financial Statements as presented.

Carried.

3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts:

127/17 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the adjustment of the following Property Tax Accounts.

Account Number	Description	Amount
22925	Transfer from AR Account	\$3,480.08
26000	Transfer from AR Account	\$111.55
26300	Transfer from AR Account	\$111.55
128400	Transfer from AR Account	\$1,242.09
139450	Transfer from AR Account	\$205.27
26500	Tax Sale Costs	\$495.00
27500	Tax Sale Costs	\$545.00
94600	Tax Sale Costs	\$515.00
142400	Tax Sale Costs	\$515.00
144900	Tax Sale Costs	\$515.00
147350	Tax Sale Costs	\$495.00
281900	Tax Sale Costs	\$495.00
287145	Tax Sale Costs	\$510.00
147350	Tax Sale Costs	\$115.00
281900	Tax Sale Costs	\$115.00
287145	Tax Sale Costs	\$115.00
203212	Transfer Credit to Property Tax Account No. 203245	\$30.30
141400	Payment Returned NSF	\$90.00
28300	EPTCA Received in Error	\$700.00
199790	EPTCA	(\$700.00)
203460	EPTCA	(\$700.00)

Carried.

3.4 Miscellaneous Posting to Utility Accounts:

128/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

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

Account Number	Description	Amount
25237500	Penalty Applied	(\$0.71)
26020000	Penalty Reversed	(\$1.50)
24095603	Penalty Reversed	(\$4.17)
25199939	Penalty Reversed	(\$1.14)
25199959	Penalty Reversed	(\$1.58)
25220000	Penalty Reversed	(\$1.10)
25245502	Penalty Reversed	(\$0.79)
24076000	Penalty Reversed	(\$1.16)
24094400	Penalty Reversed	(\$1.13)

Carried.

3.5 Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes:

129/17 Barry Fraese – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council transfer the following outstanding Utility Accounts to Property Taxes as per the attached listing.

Carried.

4. Public Hearings:

9:30 a.m.

4.1 Conditional Use No. 04/2017, Siemens Farms Ltd., Kurt Siemens, Roll No. 182000, 28047, Road 3E, Legally Known As SW 28-5-1E, RM of Morris

4.2 Variation Order No. 03/2017, Crop Production Services (Canada) Inc., Roll No. 102050, Lot 1, 23161 Road 11W, RM of Morris:

130/17 Mervin Dueck – Michael Toews

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

Conditional Use No. 04/2017 – Siemens Farms Ltd., Kurt Siemens
Variation Order No. 03/2017 – Crop Production Services (Canada) Inc.

Carried.

- 4.1 Conditional Use No. 04/2017, Siemens Farms Ltd., Kurt Siemens, Roll No. 182000, 28047, Road 3E, Legally Known As SW 28-5-1E, RM of Morris:**
Proposal to allow for the replacement of existing 'layer barn' with 2 smaller 'layer barns' and a new 'pullet barn' to meet with new standards in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural Zone.

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Conditional Use and clarified that the replacement barns would still house under 300 animal units so the operation does not have to be considered by the Municipal Government Livestock Technical Review.

The Applicant, Kurt and Harley Siemens from Siemens Farms Ltd., attended the Hearing and gave a brief presentation regarding the proposal, and to respond to any questions or concerns.

Mr. Siemens advised that his new barns would meet the National Standards for the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council that will be coming into place in the near future.

Council questioned how the manure would be handled, and if there would be any straw involved. Mr. Siemens advised that he would be using an Aviary System which would remove manure every two days. It then would be stored in the manure area that is being currently used. The system holds 400 days of manure and Mr. Siemens has an agreement with a neighbour that cleans it out and works it into their field once a year.

Council also questioned if he had given thoughts to flood proofing the barns and Mr. Siemens indicated that he will be speaking to Mr. Brad Allum from the Province to obtain the requirements.

Mr. Denis Friesen attended the Conditional Use Hearing to voice concerns regarding the number of birds that will be housed on such a small site and being in the flood zone. Mr. Friesen expressed he would like the operation moved to Dufrost or near the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border. Mr. Friesen also advised that he has witnessed straw and manure thrown in the ditches in previous years and feels that is not good practice. Mr. Friesen lives 1 mile west of the Siemens' existing barn.

Mr. Kurt Siemens advised that they will not be housing as many birds as Mr. Friesen indicated and made assurances that the manure and food storage buildings are all currently above flood level. Mr. Siemens also advised that he does not use straw for his operation.

No other persons attended the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the Conditional Use were received.

4.2 Variation Order No. 03/2017, Crop Production Services (Canada) Inc., Roll No. 102050, Lot 1, 23161 Road 11W, RM of Morris:

Proposal to vary the northerly side yard in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural Zone from a minimum required 25 feet to 10 feet.

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Variation Order Application.

Mr. Jason Peters from Crop Production Services (Canada) Inc., attended the Hearing to respond to any questions or concerns.

No persons attended the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the Variation Order were received.

4.3 Closing the Public Hearing

131/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

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

Carried.

5. Delegations:

5.1 10.00 a.m.

Ms. Debbi Fortier, Chief Executive Officer, Community Futures Triple R Update on Community Futures Program:

Ms. Debbi Fortier, Chief Executive Officer, from Community Futures Triple R attended the Council Meeting to provide an update.

Ms. Fortier advised that Community Futures gave 9 loans this past year and took on a new program called "Elevate" which is for entrepreneurs with disabilities or health conditions. Other projects that they take care of are, Jr. Achievement and Biz Camps. They are also expanding their Community Development. Ms. Fortier reported that they are working on a pilot project to have a business competition.

Ms. Fortier reported that more strategic planning will be taking place in the future and the Board of Directors will be meeting on a regular basis. There are currently 5 Board Members that have to leave their position as the mandated term is not to exceed nine consecutive years. Board Member training will occur in October, 2017.

Ms. Fortier advised that they are hosting a National Conference in June, 2018, and tours are currently being set up. There is a plan to tour Silverwinds Colony and provide a “Faspa” with the Rosenort business community.

5.2 11:30 a.m.

**Mr. Oliver Prusina, District Supervisor, Manitoba Assessment Department
2018 Re-Assessment Impact:**

Mr. Oliver Prusina, District Supervisor, from the Manitoba Assessment Department, attended the Council Meeting to discuss the 2018 Re-Assessment Impact on the RM of Morris.

Mr. Prusina reported that Assessment Notices have been sent out June 14, 2017, to ratepayers. Reassessments are done every 2 years, which helps to mitigate any big changes. Final numbers may change due to new construction or demolition.

The RM of Morris taxable assessment increased by \$37 million (11%) to \$365 million (from \$329 million).

Assessment increases resulting from reassessment do not necessarily mean tax increases. Property assessment simply provides the basis for distributing taxes among property owners.

Council questioned Mr. Prusina if railways use the same kind of land as farmers, why is the assessment different? Mr. Prusina advised that the province regulates the railways and railway tracks do not sell so there is no market.

Council asked how many acres of each type of class are there. Mr. Prusina will make inquires and respond with the information shortly.

Council inquired if School Divisions receive an information presentation and they were advised that they did.

Mr. Prusina reported that open houses for ratepayers to attend and ask questions about their assessments have been poorly attended so they have been suspended in the area for the time being. There are various other options to obtain information such as the Provincial website and a toll free customer service line.

6. Action Correspondence:

6.1 By-law 1719/2016 – 3rd Reading for Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015:

132/17 Denis Robert – Michael Toews

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 third and final reading.

In Favour: 6
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Carried.

6.2 By-law 1720/2016 – 3rd Reading for Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015:

133/17 Rick Giesbrecht – 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 third and final reading.

In Favour: 6
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Carried.

7. Reports:

7.1 Reeve Report – May 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

7.2 Public Works Manager Report:

Drainage:

- 12 miles have been completed.

Roads:

- Graveling completed;
- Graders are now on dirt roads and are shaping up quite nicely;
- roadside mowing started June 9th on gravel roads – first round;
- Gravel roads need moisture to maintain properly;
- Dust control sites are all completed.

Various:

- Brandt Street sewer and water project has started;
- Lowe Farm Lagoon project is in the final stages. Test drilling to take place on June 19th;
- Lowe Farm landfill in hiring stages of a new operator;
- Currently cleaning up dirt from old south dyke ditch.

Additions:

- Crown Utilities are planning to start installing a fibre line across the municipality to link up all the schools in the Red River Valley School Division. Currently the plans are being reviewed;
- There has been significant damage to Riverside Road South due to earth moving equipment owned by K-Tec, hauling dirt. Council would like to discuss options at a future meeting and will ask Mr. Ken Rempel from K-Tec to attend. The CAO requested that the Public Works Manager, Don Harder, provide an estimated cost in order to fix the road;
- The Public Works Manager reported that he would like to purchase a container for the Lowe Farm Landfill for e-waste and recycling.

8. Information:

8.1 Aubigny Recreation Committee, General Annual Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2017, Community Centre Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2017, Recreation Committee Members 2017/2018:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

8.2 Lowe Farm/Kane Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

8.3 Rosenort Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

8.4 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2017 & June 5, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

8.5 Morris District Handi-Van Service Financial Statements:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Financial Statements. Councillor, Barry Fraese, reported that tenders are closing for the new garage on June 16th.

8.6 Animal Control Correspondence – Reply to RM of Morris By-law Compliance Request:

RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence and will not be accepting the request.

8.7 By-law Enforcement Update:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the By-law Enforcement Update.

8.8 Manitoba Ombudsman 2016 Annual Report:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Annual Report.

8.9 Notice of Public Hearing – RM of Macdonald:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Notice.

8.10 Notice of Public Hearing – Red River Valley School Division & Hanover School Division:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Notice.

8.11 Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Dropped Resolution No. 30/12:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information presented.

8.12 2017 Rosenort Summer Festival - August 25-27th:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence and will be donating \$1,000.00 each on behalf of the RM of Morris and the LUD of Rosenort, as per policy.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Council Event Listing:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

9.2 2017 RM of Morris Emergency Plan:

134/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council, adopt the 2017 Emergency Plan as presented.

Carried.

9.3 Road Opening – By-law No. 1724/2017 – Road 27N E of Road 2E:

135/17 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1724/2017, a by-law to open a municipal road, being Road 27N, east of Road 2E, be now given first reading.

Carried.

9.4 Road Closing - By-law No. 1725/2017 – Road 1E, North of Road 29 North:

136/17 Barry Fraese – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1725/2017, to close a municipal road and authorize the sale of land, being Road 1E, north of Road 29 North, be now given first reading.

Carried.

10. RE: 4.1

Conditional Use No. 04/2017, Siemens Farms Ltd., Kurt Siemens:

137/17 Mervin Dueck – Michael Toews

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Carried.

11. RE: 4.2

Variation Order No. 03/2017, Crop Production Services (Canada) Inc.:

138/17 Michael Toews – Denis Robert

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Carried.

12. Adjournment Resolution:

139/17 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert

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

Carried.

DEPUTY REEVE

CAO