



Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
September 13, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.  
RM of Morris Council Chambers

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, September 13, 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.

**1. Adoption of Agenda:**

**173/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the September 13, 2017, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**2. Council Minutes:**

**2.1 Council Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2017:**

**174/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on August 9, 2017, be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**2.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2017:**

**175/17 Denis Robert – Michael Toews**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on August 23, 2017, be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

**3. Finance/Personnel:**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:**

**176/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201701307 to 201701506 totalling \$448,301.39. AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**Carried.**

**3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements – August 2017:**

**177/17 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the August, 2017, Financial Statements as presented.

**Carried.**

**3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Utility Accounts:**

**178/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert**

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
24088001	Transfer Credit to Account No. 24098500	(\$4.49)
24029500	Write-off Credit	(\$2.37)
24094500	Write-off Outstanding Balance	\$1.27
23024003	Reverse Penalty	\$0.55
25199972	Reverse Penalty	\$2.54
26014502	Reverse Penalty	\$2.05
25237500	Reverse Penalty	\$1.11

**Carried.**

**3.4 Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes:**

**179/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht**

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

**Carried.**

**3.5 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Account:**

**180/17 Michael Toews – Stan Siemens**

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
142400	Tax Sale Costs	\$185.00

**Carried.**

**3.6 Supplementary Property Taxes:**

**181/17 Barry Fraese – Denis Robert**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adjust the following supplementary tax accounts as per attached lists.  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all supplementary taxes are due November 30, 2017.

**Carried.**

**4. Public Hearings:**

**10:00 a.m.**

**4.1 By-law 1725/2017 – Municipal Road Closing:**

**Open the Public Hearing:**

**182/17 Michael Toews – Rick Giesbrecht**

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

By-law 1725/2017, as amended, being a By-law to close a municipal road and authorize the sale of land, being Road 1E, north of Road 29 North, RM of Morris

**Carried.**

**4.1 By-law 1725/2017, As Amended, Being a By-law to Close a Municipal Road and Authorize the Sale of Land, Being Road 1E, North of Road 29 North, RM of Morris:**

The CAO gave a brief outline of the By-law and advised that the adjacent property owners, Kim and Pat Siemens asked for the property to be amalgamated with their existing property.

Property owner Mr. Pat Siemens attended the Hearing.

No other persons attended the Hearing and no written letters objecting to the By-law were received.

**4.2 Closing the Public Hearing:**

**183/17 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council close this Public Hearing.

**Carried.**

**4.3 By-law 1725/2017, as Amended, Being a By-law to Close Municipal Road Closing – 1E, North of Road 29 North – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:**

**184/17 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert**

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

**Carried.**

**185/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews**

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

In Favour: 7  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0

**Carried.**

**5. Delegations: None**

**6. Action Correspondence:**

**6.1 Proposed Subdivision (Revised) 4152-13-7122, SE ¼ 6-4-2W, Bernie A. & Sara Bergen:**

**186/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the revised application for subdivision number 4152-13-7122, SE ¼ 6-4-2W, RM of Morris, for Bernie A. & Sara Bergen, 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;
- Enter into a Development Agreement with the RM of Morris.

**Carried.**

**7. Reports:**

**7.1 Reeve Report – August 2017:**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

## **7.2 Public Works Manager Report:**

### **Drainage:**

- 28 ½ miles completed;
- Spreading dirt piles going very well.

### **Roads:**

- Gravel and dirt roads holding up quite well;
- Roadside mowing is approximately ¾ completed on 2<sup>nd</sup> round of gravel and 1<sup>st</sup> round of dirt roads.

### **Various:**

- Bike path asphalt overlay is completed;
- Asphalt street patches are done for this year;
- Started on urban drainage;
- Install park benches by end of September;
- Asphalt overlay on bridge deck on Riverside Road this fall;
- Ordered all culverts and catch basins required for Aubigny storm sewer.

### **Additions:**

- Public Works Manager, Don Harder, reported that Pembina Valley Water Cooperative would be charging a \$500.00 fee when tying new water lines onto their line. The CAO will obtain further information;
- The Ag West intersection is currently being worked on;
- Stantec Inc. attended the Roberts Drain site and advised that an engineer report may be needed prior to work being started. Further information to follow;
- Still waiting for prices on equipment needed for the Lowe Farm lagoon from Earthmax. The elevations have been completed for the water levels and the release will be done in the spring of 2018;
- A stop sign will be replaced on Road 29 NE and small stop signs will be installed on the bike path near Zacharias Drive;
- It was suggested that a speed display sign be placed on PR 205 in Aubigny. The CAO will contact Sgt. Shelley Lepla, Detachment Commander from the Morris/Emerson RCMP, to address the concern.

## **8. Information:**

### **8.1 Lowe Farm/Kane Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2017:**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

### **8.2 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2017, August 28, 2017 & September 5, 2017:**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

**8.3 Prairie Rose School Division Community Consultation Meetings – October 26, 2017 & November 2, 2017:**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

**8.4 RM of Taché – Open House BBQ – September 21, 2017:**

RM of Morris Council were encouraged to attend the Open House.

**8.5 By-law Enforcement Orders & Reports:**

RM of Morris Council reviewed the Orders and Reports. Any properties of concern should be given to the CAO for attention.

**8.6 Animal Control Correspondence:**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Correspondence.

**9. Other Business:**

**9.1 Council Event Listing:**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

**9.2 Speed Increase – PR 330**

**187/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews**

WHEREAS PR 330 between PR 205 and Road 36N was a granular surface up until recently;

AND WHEREAS that portion of PR 330 has now been hard surfaced;

AND WHEREAS most of PR 330 from Road 36N to PTH 101 (Perimeter Highway) has a speed limit of 100 kilometers per hour, except for some urban areas;

AND WHEREAS currently the section of PR 330 between PR 205 and Road 36N has a maximum posted speed limit of 90 kilometers per hour;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request the Manitoba Highway Traffic Board to approve a speed limit increase from 90 kilometers per hour to 100 kilometers per hour on that section of PR 330 from PR 205 running north to Road 36N.

**Carried.**

**9.3 Tax Sale Reserve Bid:**

**188/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht**

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 372 of the Municipal Act, a municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of tax arrears and costs in respect of the property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris place a reserve bid on all properties in the amount of all arrears and costs in respect of each property.

**Carried.**

**9.4 Tax Sale Designated Officer:**

**189/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck**

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 374 of the Municipal Act, a municipality may bid on and purchase property at a public auction and may direct a designated officer to bid on its behalf;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of Morris appoint CAO, Larry Driedger, to bid on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris at the November 6, 2017, tax sale auction.

**Carried.**

**9.5 Fire Chief/Building Inspector – Draft Job Description – Discussion:**

RM of Morris Council reviewed the draft job description for a Fire Chief/Building Inspector. Further discussion will take place at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to make amendments if required.

**9.6 Certificate of Appreciation – RM of Morris Fire Department:**

RM of Morris Council requests that the CAO contact the Hon. Candice Bergen, P.C., to possibly present the certificates. Council is encouraged to attend the event.

**9.7 Small Business Corporate Tax Code:**

**190/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens**

WHEREAS The Rural Municipality of Morris was built on agriculture, small business and entrepreneurship;

WHEREAS according to Statistics Canada, 98% of Canadian businesses are small businesses and 71% of Canadians are employed by small business;

WHEREAS the federal government's proposed tax changes will negatively impact small business owners;

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris council recognizes the integral role of small businesses in the Rural Municipality of Morris;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Morris write a letter to the federal government requesting that it abandon its proposed changes to the small business corporate tax code and come up with a new strategy that does not negatively impact small business.

**Carried.**

**10. Adjournment Resolution:**

**191/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:00 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held October 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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**CAO**