



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting August 15, 2019 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on August 15, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillors Rick Giesbrecht, Mervin Dueck, Barry Fraese, Stan Siemens, Shane Kroeker and Scott Siemens, were present, with Reeve Groening in the Chair. CAO, Larry Driedger, Public Works Manager, Paul Robert, Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, and Recording Officers, Jennifer Reimer and Kimberley Robert, were also present at the meeting.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2019-156

Rick Giesbrecht

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 15, 2019, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Minutes**

**2.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes: None**

**2.2 Previous Council Minutes - July 10, 2019**

2019-157

Shane Kroeker

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on July 10, 2019, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2019-158

Mervin Dueck

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201901040 to 201901344 totalling \$740,492.47.

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

**CARRIED**

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
August 15, 2019**

**3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - July, 2019**

2019-159  
Stan Siemens  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the July 2019, Financial Statements as presented. **CARRIED**

**3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2019-160  
Mervin Dueck  
Stan Siemens

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
142200	AR Transferred to Property Tax Account	\$4,843.12
142200	Tax Sale Costs	\$81.00
142200	Tax Sale Costs	\$60.00
247950	Tax Sale Costs	\$60.00
247950	Tax Sale Costs	\$366.00
142200	Tax Sale Costs	\$733.00
247950	Tax Sale Costs	\$733.66

**CARRIED**

**3.4 Miscellaneous Posting to Utility Accounts**

2019-161  
Rick Giesbrecht  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the adjustment of the following Utility Account:

Utility Account Number	Description	Amount
25199984	Payment Returned NSF	\$95.21
25199984	NSF Fee	\$40.00
25199984	Payment Returned NSF	\$95.21
25199984	NSF Fee	\$40.00

**CARRIED**

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
August 15, 2019**

**4 Public Hearings - 10:00 a.m.**

**4.1 Open Public Hearing**

2019-162

Mervin Dueck  
Shane Kroeker

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 03/2019 - John Gross & Marileen Gross
- By-law 1748/2019, being a by-law to amend the RM of Morris Zoning By-law 1713/2015, to allow for the growing and processing of cannabis in the Rural Municipality of Morris.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Conditional Use 03/2019 - John Gross & Marileen Gross - Second Residence**

The CAO gave a brief overview of Conditional Use 03/2019, to allow for a modular home as a second residence in an "AG" General Agriculture Zone.

No persons attending the Hearing and no written letters to object the Conditional Use were received.

**4.3 By-law 1748/2019, being a by-law to amend the RM of Morris Zoning By-law 1713/2015**

The CAO gave a brief overview of By-law 1748/2019, being a by-law to amend the RM of Morris Zoning By-law 1713/2015, to allow for the growing and processing of cannabis in the RM of Morris.

Ms. Elise Denheyer from Community Planning, Municipal Relations attended the Hearing to be available for any questions or concerns.

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

**4.4 Close Public Hearing**

2019-163

Rick Giesbrecht  
Stan Siemens

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

**CARRIED**

**5 Delegations - 10:00 a.m. Elise Denheyer, Community Planner, Municipal Relations**

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-19-7860 - Pt. RL-349 St. Agathe - SE 9-5-1E; SW 9-5-1E; SW 1/4 10-5-1E RL 349 & 351, Parish of Ste. Agathe R.M. of Morris - Bryon Edel, John Dueck, Shelley Edel - Estate of Kenneth Paschke**

2019-164

Mervin Dueck  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision No.

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes**  
**August 15, 2019**

4152-19-7860 - Pt. RL-349 St. Agathe - SE 9-5-1E; SW 9-5-1E; SW 1/4 10-5-1E RL 349 & 351, Parish of Ste. Agathe R.M. of Morris - Bryon Edel, John Dueck, Shelley Edel - Estate of Kenneth Paschke, 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**

**7 Reports**

**7.1 Reeve Report**

RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

**7.2 Building Permit Value Report & 2019 Building Permit Listing - Administration**

RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Permit Value Report & The Building Permit Listing Report.

**7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Inspector / Fire Chief Report.

Mr. Trevor Dackow, reported there have been a total of 5 collisions on the corner of PR 205 and PTH 75 to date. Mr. Dackow contacted Manitoba Infrastructure suggesting that lowering the speed limit for 1/2 a kilometer on either side of PR 205 may help alleviate the incidences. Mr. Dackow and Sgt. Jason Vrooman, Detachment Commander for the Morris / Emerson RCMP will meet with Manitoba Infrastructure to discuss the various options to ensure public safety. Mr. Dackow will also contact the Safety Officer from the construction company to inquire if shorter traffic cones would reduce the risk of collisions.

Mr. Dackow also reported that the Sperling and Lowe Farm Fire Halls have an issue with mold, and recommended that a manual override of the air handling system should be considered. Mr. Dackow also recommends that a professional company be hired to remove the mold.

**7.4 Public Works Manager Report**

**Ditching:**

- 20 miles have been completed

**Roads:**

- Dirt roads are in good condition
- MI has put gravel on Road 29NE from PR 246 to Road 10E, and on Road 10E from Road 29NE to Road 28NE

**Various:**

- Half a dozen culverts have been changed
- Work continues on the Rosenort storm drain at the old south dyke and will be finished Friday, August 16th. We had a resident call and praise the Public Works for how they have done the work.
- The creek crossing for Ron Dreger & Wes Siemens has been rebuilt so that they have PR 246 north access
- One employee will be attending school to take water courses

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
August 15, 2019**

**Utility:**

- Two sewer lines in Lowe Farm have been fixed:
  - 42 Third St.
  - 71 Centre St.
- Warren Wood & Matthew Friesen have been getting GPS locates on all main valves in the RM and Towns

**Additions**

- The Public Works Manager confirmed that the drainage program will be finished this year
- The Public Work Manager recommends Riverside Road be upgraded and will prepare a plan to present at the RM of Morris Planning Workshop

**8 Information**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

**8.1 Rosenort Recreation Centre Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2019 & August 6, 2019**

**8.2 Morris & District Centennial Museum Meeting Minutes - July 10, 2019**

**8.3 Lowe Farm CCD Meeting Minutes - July 17, 2019**

**8.4 Rosenort Chamber Minutes - August 8, 2019**

**8.5 Morris District Handi-Van Service Meeting Minutes July 30, 2019 & Financial Statements as of July 2019**

**8.6 Rosenort Housing Corp. Inc. Financial Statements - Year Ended March 31, 2019**

**8.7 Western Financial Group - Water Damage July 8, 2019**

The CAO reported that Mr. Doug Friesen, Senior Adjuster from Centra Claims Management Inc. advised that work in the Public Work shops attic will not be finished until repairs to the roof are complete.

**8.8 Board of Revision for 2020 Assessment Roll**

**8.9 Proposal to Subdivide 4152-19-7853 - Lot 1, Plan 17955 NE 1/4 31-5-1E - Joseph Ashley Friesen and Brooke Allison Friesen - Conditional Approval**

The CAO will contact Manitoba Infrastructure to discuss the options of a new crosswalk.

**8.10 Municipality of Rhineland - Notice of Public Hearing**

**8.11 Drought Planning Session - October 22, 2019**

The Reeve encouraged Council to attend.

**8.12 Valley Fiber Ltd. Invoices - Stage 1 & 2**

Payment will be sent after this meeting.

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
August 15, 2019**

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 Conditional Use 03/2019 - John Gross & Marileen Gross - Second Residence**

2019-165

Rick Giesbrecht

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Conditional Use Order No. 03/2019, for John Gross & Marileen Gross, Roll No. 98200, SW 27-4-2W, 8095 Road 22 NW, be approved as applied for, to allow for a modular home as a second residence in an "AG" General Agricultural Zone with the following conditions:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required;
- Installation of a separate water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure shall be required;
- Conditional Use shall cease when the family member it is intended for moves away from the property and thereafter said modular home shall be removed from the property.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 By-law 1746/2019, Being a By-law to Establish the Maximum Speed Limit on a Highway or Portion of a Highway Under the Responsible Traffic Authority's Jurisdiction - Second Reading**

2019-166

Barry Fraese

Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1746/2019, being a by-law to establish the maximum speed limit on a highway or portion of a highway under the responsible traffic authority's jurisdiction, be given second reading as amended.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 By-law 1746/2019, Being a By-law to Establish the Maximum Speed Limit on a Highway or Portion of a Highway Under the Responsible Traffic Authority's Jurisdiction - Third Reading**

2019-167

Shane Kroeker

Mervin Dueck

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1746/2019, being a by-law to establish the maximum speed limit on a highway or portion of a highway under the responsible traffic authority's jurisdiction, be given third and final reading.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Mervin Dueck	✓			
Barry Fraese	✓			
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			
Ralph Groening	✓			
Shane Kroeker	✓			
Stan Siemens	✓			
Scott Siemens	✓			

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
August 15, 2019**

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Breathe Easy Eco Solutions Quote for the Sperling Fire Hall**

2019-168

Mervin Dueck  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the provided quote from Breathe Easy Eco Solutions for the treatment of mould remediation in the Sperling Fire Hall for \$1,998.15.

**CARRIED**

**9.4.1 Breathe Easy Eco Solutions Quote for the Lowe Farm Fire Hall**

The Fire Chief advised that the Lowe Farm Hall will require mould remediation as well. It was agreed to incorporate some changes to the Lowe Farm Fire Hall in the 2020 Budget Year. The Fire Chief will prepare a full report of changes and present it to Council at the annual Planning Workshop for discussion.

**9.5 Endangered Species Act - Support Request**

2019-169

Stan Siemens  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council supports the RM of Stuartburn and their efforts to lobby for change to the *Canada's Species at Risk Act* and *Manitoba's Endangered Species Act* with regard to plants only, to exempt all farming activities on privately owned property to allow farmers relying on best farm practices to make a living and to provide for their families.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 Tax Sale Designated Officer**

2019-170

Stan Siemens  
Scott Siemens

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 20, 2019, tax sale auction.

**CARRIED**

**9.7 Tax Sale Reserve Bid**

2019-171

Rick Giesbrecht  
Scott Siemens

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.

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
August 15, 2019**

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**

**9.8 AECOM Engineering Services Proposal**

2019-172

Shane Kroeker

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council authorize AECOM to provide engineering services for upgrades to the sewer and water services as per the attached proposal.

**CARRIED**

**9.9 NAK Enterprise Inc. Proposal**

2019-173

Barry Fraese

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve NAK's request to remove the caveat on Lot 5, Plan 44686, WLTO in NE ¼ 5-6-1 EPM, to enable the sale of the lot to Mr. Cory Goossen and Mr. Troy Goossen, with no restrictions.

**CARRIED**

**9.10 Investing in Canada Program**

2019-174

Mervin Dueck

Stan Siemens

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has created the 'Investing in Canada' Program to provide municipalities the opportunities to apply for funding;  
AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris submitted an 'Expression of Interest' in 2018 to upgrade and expand our Utility System;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris make application to the Investing in Canada – Green Infrastructure Stream for a project titled "Utility Expansion & Upgrades" with the following components:

- Create additional water supply for Rosenort and possibly Rural Water Area
- Upgrade/enlarge Rosenort Sewage Lagoon to provide additional capacity for both Rosenort & approximately 125 potential rural sewer customers
- Create a Low Pressure Sewer System for the community of Aubigny that will be pumped to the Rosenort Lagoon
- Create a Low Pressure Sewer system that will be available to properties along the Red River, thereby reducing the environmental impact of residential sewer ejectors and septic fields along the Red River

**CARRIED**



**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes  
August 15, 2019**

**9.11 In Camera**

2019-175  
Scott Siemens  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go in-camera for discussion.

**CARRIED**

**9.12 Out of Camera**

2019-176  
Stan Siemens  
Rick Giesbrecht

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

**CARRIED**

**9.13 Offer to Purchase - Rural Municipality of Morris and Elmer Brandt & Anne Brandt**

2019-177  
Shane Kroeker  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approves the Offer to Purchase between the Rural Municipality of Morris and Elmer Brandt and Anne Brandt, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10 Adjournment**

2019-178  
Stan Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:50 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on September 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

---

**Reeve**

---

**Chief Administrative Officer**