



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2020 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on May 13, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Ralph Groening, was present and Chair of the meeting. Councillors Rick Giesbrecht, Mervin Dueck, Stan Siemens, Shane Kroeker and Scott Siemens were present via video conference.

Councillor, Barry Fraese, attended the Council Meeting at 10:05 a.m. via video conference.

Also in attendance in the RM of Morris Council Chambers were CAO, Larry Driedger and Recording Officer, Kimberley Robert.

Staff also attending via video conference include Public Works Manager, Paul Robert and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions: None**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2020-090

Scott Siemens

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 13, 2020, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Minutes**

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

**2.2 Previous Council Minutes - April 8, 2020**

2020-091

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on April 8, 2020, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Previous Special Council Minutes - April 28, 2020**

2020-092

Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on April 28, 2020, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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**2.4 Previous Special Council Minutes - April 30, 2020**

2020-093  
Mervin Dueck  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on April 30, 2020, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2020-094  
Shane Kroeker  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202000475 to 202000710 totalling \$390,473.58.  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - January 2020, February 2020, March 2020 and April 2020**

2020-095  
Mervin Dueck  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the January 2020, February 2020, March 2020 and April 2020, Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2020-096  
Stan Siemens  
Mervin Dueck

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
190100	Transfer From Accounts Receivable Account to Property Tax Account	\$44.18
146440	Transfer From Accounts Receivable Account to Property Tax Account	\$172.90
143300	Transfer From Accounts Receivable Account to Property Tax Account	\$131.49
31600	Transfer From Accounts Receivable Account to Property Tax Account	\$237.03

**CARRIED**

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**4 Public Hearings**

**4.1 Open Public Hearing - 10:00 a.m.**

2020-097

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

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 Application No. 04/2020, Rudy Gross & Kathleen Gross
- Conditional Use Application No. 05/2020, John Waldner & Lillian Waldner

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Conditional Use No. 04/2020, Rudy Gross & Kathleen Gross**

The CAO gave a brief overview of the proposal to allow for a second residence in a "RR" Rural Residential Zone. No written letters were received and no persons attended the hearing to oppose Conditional Use Application No. 04/2020.

**4.3 Conditional Use No. 05/2020, John Waldner & Lillian Waldner**

The CAO gave a brief overview of the proposal to allow for a second residence in an "AG" General Agricultural Zone. No written letters were received and no persons attended the hearing to oppose Conditional Use Application No. 05/2020.

**4.4 Close Public Hearing**

2020-098

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

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

**CARRIED**

**5 Delegations - Landmark Planning & Design, Donovan Toews & Jeff Pratte - 9:30 a.m.**

Mr. Donovan Toews and Mr. Jeff Pratte from Landmark Planning & Design Inc. attended the meeting via video conference to present on the following two separate items.

Item 1:

- Landmark Planning & Design Inc., working on behalf of the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) who would like to explore the possibility of a new water co-op for eastern Manitoba called the Eastern Region Water Co-op (ERWC). Mr. Toews and Mr. Pratte supplied the benefits for creating a co-op for the eastern region of the Province.
- An outline of the potential ERWC includes the eastern section of the Rural Municipality of Morris.
- A three-round process is envisioned which includes initiating dialogue about the concept, follow-up discussion to establish a framework, supply options and field tests and discussion and evaluation of field test results.

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Item 2:

- Landmark Planning & Design Inc. has been drafting the RM of Morris Drought Plan as per the member requirements of Pembina Valley Water Co-op.
- Landmark Planning has been working with the RM of Morris Administration collecting data in order to finalize the plan and will submit to Council for approval once complete.

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 Proposal to Subdivide - File No. 4152-20-7974 - Dee Zed Holdings Ltd.**

2020-099

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for subdivision no. 4152-20-7974, 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**

**6.2 Drain Tile Application - NE 32-6-2E**

2020-100

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application to allow the installation of the drainage for the following location:

- NE 32-6-2E

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the location shall have an appropriate lift station and controlled structure as designed to accommodate the system.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Lagoon Straw Cover - Exemption Request - Penner**

2020-101

Rick Giesbrecht

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Mr. Kenton Penner's request for exemption of straw cover for his lagoon for 2020.

**CARRIED**

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**6.4 Lagoon Straw Cover- Exemption Request - Siemens**  
2020-102  
Shane Kroeker  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Mr. Leighton Siemens' request for exemption of straw cover for his lagoons at Goalline Pork and Topshelf Pork for 2020.

**CARRIED**

**7 Reports**

**7.1 Reeve Report - No Written Report Submitted**

Reeve, Ralph Groening, gave a brief verbal report on his activities this past month.

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

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

**7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report. Mr. Dackow reported members attending one additional motor vehicle accident since his report. Council requested Mr. Dackow inquire about the possibility of expenses being reimbursed for attending hydro pole fires from Manitoba Hydro.

**7.4 Public Works Manager Report**

**Roads:**

- Gravel roads are in good condition. The gravel program will commence the last week of May
- Dirt roads are soft but will shape up nicely
- The flooding south of PTH 23 created some minor damage to Road 3 and to Road 21. Hauled some  $\frac{3}{4}$  down to fill in and do a base. There is a lot of straw debris to clean up. Hoping to have that mostly cleaned up by May 15th
- Hog barns have been putting down dust suppressant. Some without notifying us and some have phoned ahead of time to let us know

**Ditching:**

- One excavator started on May 7th

**Various:**

- Hired Bob Thurston as the Mower Operator. Started work on May 5th
- Have a decent amount of signs and posts to fix or replace
- A couple of culverts have been changed
- Contacted Aubin Nursery to get some prices on trees. Hoping to get prices prior to Council meeting. We may have to wait until fall time to plant any trees as I noticed the Penners have seeded most of the old south dyke property

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**Utilities:**

- There was a water leak south-west of Lowe Farm on April 25th. Fixed on April 27th by D3 Excavating
- Warren, Larry and I had zoom meeting with Paul Barsalou about the water reservoir "Investing in Canada" grant
- Siemens Plumbing completed a water and sewer hookup at Joe and Brooke Friesen's on May 7th

**Additions:**

- Straw cleanup is still continuing south of PTH 23
- South Dyke trees will be planted as soon as possible

**7.4.1 Tree Quotations**

2020-103

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council authorize the Public Works Manager to purchase trees as budgeted in the 2020 LUD budget under the provision that a second quotation be obtained prior to purchase.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Council Action Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Council Action Report.

**8 Information**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

**8.1 Subdivision File No. 4152-19-7853 - Joseph Ashley Friesen & Brooke Allison Friesen - Conditional Approval**

**8.2 Subdivision File No. 4152-20-7950 - NAK Enterprises Inc. - Conditional Approval**

**8.3 Subdivision File No. 4152-20-7953 - Donald Eugene Brown & Geraldine Anne Brown - Conditional Approval**

**8.4 Subdivision File No. 4152-20-7963 - Prairie Rose Finishers Inc. - Conditional Approval**

**8.5 Subdivision File No. 4152-20-7964 - Justin Ray Bartel & Sherilee Nicole Bartel - Conditional Approval**

**8.6 Subdivision File No. 4152-20-7966 - Jacob Benjamin Waldner - Final Approval**

**8.7 Bruce D. Gregory - Sperling Lane Closure**

**8.8 Red River Valley School Division Board Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2020**

**8.9 Prairie Rose School Division Board of Trustee Meeting Highlights - May 4, 2020**

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- 8.10 Morris District Handi-Van Service Meeting Minutes & AGM - April 28, 2020**
- 8.11 Morris Area Senior Services Board Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2020**
- 8.12 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Board Meeting Minutes - February 21, 2020 & 2019 Annual Report**
- 8.13 Rosenort School - Local Urban District of Rosenort Award**
- 8.14 Rural Municipality of De Salaberry - Notice of Public Hearing - May 26, 2020**
- 8.15 Manitoba Agriculture & Resource Development - Crop Residue Burning**

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 Conditional Use No. 04/2020, Rudy Gross & Kathleen Gross**

2020-104

Mervin Dueck

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approves Conditional Use Application No. 04/2020 for Rudy Gross & Kathleen Gross, Roll No. 124200, Lot 1, Plan 48769, 6076 Road 31 NW, be approved as applied for, to allow for a second residence in a "RR" Rural Residential Zone with the following conditions:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that may be required, shall be their responsibility
- Any and all costs related to the installation of a separate water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure that may be required, shall be their responsibility
- If the applicant constructs the second dwelling on a permanent basement then the second residence shall install a separate water connection to service said dwelling
- If the applicant constructs the second dwelling on a permanent basement then the property must be appropriately sub-divided prior to any future re-sale

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Conditional Use No. 05/2020, John Waldner & Lillian Waldner**

2020-105

Rick Giesbrecht

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approves Conditional Use Application No. 05/2020 for John Waldner & Lillian Waldner, Roll No. 117200, NE 23-5-2W, 27150 Road 7W, be approved as applied for, to allow for a second residence in an "AG" General Agriculture Zone with the following conditions:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that may be required, shall be their responsibility
- Any and all costs related to the installation of a separate water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure that may be required, shall be their responsibility

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- If the applicant constructs the second dwelling on a permanent basement then the second residence shall install a separate water connection to service said dwelling
- If the applicant constructs the second dwelling on a permanent basement then the property must be appropriately sub-divided prior to any future re-sale

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Red River Valley Community Development Corporation - Allocation of Funds**

2020-106

Mervin Dueck

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris deems it in the best interest of the municipality to allocate funds currently held, in the General Economic Development Reserve and the Rosenort Economic Development Reserve accounts, to the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 RM of Morris Mower Operator**

2020-107

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris hire Bob Thurston as a mower operator, with wages as outlined in our Collective Agreement.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 RM of Morris Administrative Office Boiler Replacement**

2020-108

Stan Siemens

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the quote for the replacement of the boiler in the RM of Morris Administration office, in the amount of \$25,868.86, plus applicable taxes.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 Valley Agricultural Society - Sponsorship Options**

2020-109

Scott Siemens

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the 2020 donation in the amount of \$7,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council will continue with the annual sponsorship in 2021.

**CARRIED**



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- 10**     **Adjournment**  
2020-110  
Stan Siemens  
Barry Fraese

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:20 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on June 10, 2020.

**CARRIED**

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer