



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
August 19, 2020

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**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Phil Mathews, and CAO Hilda Zotter

Regrets: Councillor Jerry Combot

**Call to Order**

Reeve Cheryl Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Res #259/2020 Mathews – Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Res #260/2020 Bruce – Mathews  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Special Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2020
- Regular Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2020
- Special Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2020
- Special Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2020

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

## **Committee Reports:**

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- None

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- Received the six Dog Waste Systems, will install as discussed
- Governor Road South Gravel done, balance to be distributed to other locations as required
- Confirmed that gravel crushed by Strilkiwski belongs to the RM of St. Laurent.
- Picking up the sealer on Monday, continuing to look for the asphalt
- Green Team is on for one more week

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Attended the special meetings
- Met with contractors in regards to the tender for the geotubes

Councillor Jerry Combet

- None

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Met with a few rate payers and reviewed their concerns, which have been dealt with accordingly
- Attended special meetings
- Met with contractors in regards to the tender for the geotubes

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Met with CAO on office files
- Attended special meetings
- Attended a meeting with Laurentia Association President in regards to the play structure
- Had a meeting regarding the CPAC evaluation component
- Attended and spoke at the grand opening of the MMF senior complex

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Interviewed with CBC French Radio
- Invited by MMF to take part on the documentary for the senior's complex

**Finance & Accounts**

Res #261/2020 Mathews – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements dated July 31, 2020, be adopted as presented.

.....Carried

Res #262/2020 Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for August 2020 and Expenses for July 2020 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Jerry Combot
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	800.00
Hourly	800.00	375.00	325.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	89.00	114.00	97.00	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-392.06	-156.63	-392.06	-392.06
BC (paid by RM)	392.06	156.63	392.06	392.06
CPP Deduction	-79.19	-46.38	-49.00	-26.69
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-428.41	-33.35	-38.47	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1381.40</b>	<b>1209.27</b>	<b>1234.53</b>	<b>773.31</b>

.....Carried

Res #263/2020

Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to August 18, 2020, written under cheque numbers 28997 to 29116 and totaling \$297,239.22 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #264/2020

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the Manitoba Hydro Electrical Service Agreement to install five street lights at the following locations on Ludovic Road; #0-898-585, #0-898-556, #0-898-548, #0-898-553, and #0-246-274. The Electric Service Agreement is for installation at a cost of \$2,849.70.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said Manitoba Hydro Service Agreement and the amount of \$2,849.70.

.....Carried

Res #265/2020

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Relations provided the R.M. of St. Laurent with a Municipal Operating Grant.

AND WHEREAS the grant in the amount of \$5,197.50 to the Recreation Commission was included in this payment to the R.M. of St. Laurent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approved the transfer of the amount of \$5,197.50 to the Recreation Commission.

.....Carried

Res #266/2020

Mathews – Bruce

WHEREAS the RM's Federal Gas Tax Annual Expenditure Report for the year ended December 31, 2019, have been completed by the RM's auditor, Robert Weighell, and have been received and reviewed by Council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Federal Gas Tax Annual Expenditure Report for the year ended December 31, 2019 as prepared by the Municipal Auditor.

.....Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

10:30 a.m. – Valley Fiber

In attendance: Conley Kehler, Senior Vice President

Mr. Kehler presented their innovate approach to deploy fiber optic and wireless infrastructure.

They are currently looking for a letter of support from a number of municipalities, including ours for the Valley Fiber's application to the Canadian Infrastructure Bank (CIB) to bring high-speed internet infrastructure to our community.

Access to high-speed internet is a priority to our community, which would assist in obtaining a tower for better cell phone coverage in our community.

It was discussed that St. Laurent is the largest Métis community in Canada and they should consider this in their application.

Mr. Kehler advised that they will be meeting with some top federal members tomorrow along with municipality letters of support.

Council thanked Mr. Kehler for his presentation and will provide Valley Fiber with a letter of support.

### **Finance & Accounts – Continued**

Res #267/2020                      Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS charitable donations have been received by the R.M. of St. Laurent to be paid out as follows:

- a. From Ken and Sylvia Mason in the amount of \$1000 towards the Oak Point Community Club Hall Rebuild.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the above payments be made.

.....Carried

Res #268/2020                      Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has advertised for the Geotube removal and cleanup at the south end of Venice Road South (R.M. of St. Laurent);

- Geotube materal/debris to be disposed of at a registered landfill (not the RM's Waste Transfer Site);
- Rock, if any, to be transported to the RM's Waste Transfer Site in designated location;
- Project to be completed by end of day Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

AND WHEREAS tenders have been received and reviewed by Council.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the tender received by J-Dek for \$7,822.50 including taxes.

.....Carried

### Zoning and Subdivisions

#### Public Hearings:

Res #269/2020                      Mathews – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into the scheduled public hearing.

....Carried

The Chair (Reeve) read out the greetings and procedures.

#### 11:15 a.m. – Conditional Use Application No. CUSTL-03-20

Cherie provided proof of notice and described the intent of the application.

John Wickberg, Robert Halliday, Joanne Waytt and Jim Waytt applied for a conditional use application in regards to property located at 614A Venice Road S, Lot 69, Plan 5625 in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba. The conditional use application proposal is for guest houses on their property to comply with the zoning by-law.

Mr. Jim Waytt attended via teleconference and advised that the purpose is that they now have a larger family with the second generation. The guest house would allow for additional sleeping accommodations.

Cherie read one written submission with concerns regarding the number of vehicles parking and that the three cars on one occasion parked on the Venice road south overnight.

Mr. Waytt explained that this was on one occasion only, and usually happens once a year. Council advised that if they require additional parking that they speak with their neighbors to see if they can assist with overnight parking, no overnight parking should take place Venice Road South.

There were no other objections and no other questions were raised.

Res #270/2020 Mathews – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

....Carried

Res #271/2020 Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS Application for Conditional Use No. CUSTL-03-20 was received from owners John Wickberg, Robert Halliday, Joanne Waytt and Jim Waytt in regards to property located at 614A Venice Road S, Lot 69, Plan 5625 in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the said conditional use application proposal for guest houses to comply with the zoning by-law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said conditional use.

....Carried

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS**

Res #272/2020 Mathews – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1/2020, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent to repeal of the RM's By-Law No. 5/99, be hereby given first reading.

....Carried

Res #273/2020 Mathews – Bruce

WHEREAS the Water Rights Regulation under The Water Rights Act has shifted towards streamlined drainage authorizations and no net loss of wetlands benefits came into effect on October 1, 2019.

AND WHEREAS the R.M. of St. Laurent is given authority to issue certain licenses such as Registrable Works for Private Approach/Access Crossing (& Culvert Placement).

AND WHEREAS the RM staff has drafted proper policy process procedure and application documents, and is now in a position to screen, and monitor applications and manage in an efficient manner.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Private Approach/Access Crossing (& Culvert Placement) documentation as well as RM staff have full discretion on who receives approval and what information is required.

....Carried

No Parking Signs Allard Road

No "reserved parking" signs to be allowed however, will look at other alternatives.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- None

**New and Unfinished Business**

Res #274/2020 Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS in accordance with *The Municipal Act* and *The Municipal Council and School Boards Election Act* a Senior Election Officer (SEO) is to be appointed for the 2020 municipal by-election.

AND WHEREAS a quote has been received from Ernie Epp of Way To Go Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$2,400.00 for retainer fee to serve in the capacity of SEO for the R.M., plus any additional costs (as set out in Section 2 of Schedule A of the Agreement to be signed) at the rate of \$110.00 per hour, and travel expenses.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the quote from Way To Go Consulting and that the Reeve and CAO are authorized to sign the Agreement which outlines the establishment of duties and setting of remuneration as presented to Council.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Ernie Epp as Senior Election Officer for the R.M. of St. Laurent for the 2020 municipal by-election.

....Carried

Meet & Greet Community Connector (Information Only)

September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. located at the Post Office



## Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

### Correspondence/Information:

- Honourable Ron R. Schuler, Minister of Manitoba Infrastructure
- Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
- Alison O'Leary, Assistant Deputy Minister, Program Operations Branch, Infrastructure Canada
- Honourable Rochelle Squires, Minister of Municipal Relations
- City of Cold Lake
- Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Highlights – July 20, 2020

### Minutes:

- West Interlake Watershed District – June 18, 2020

## Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #275/2020                      Mathews – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in Camera.

.....Carried

Res #276/2020                      Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee rise and that Council reconvene once again.

....Carried

Res #277/2020                      Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM has advertised for and interviewed applicants for the new position of Waste Transfer Site Supervisor.

AND WHEREAS the hiring committee recommends the hiring of Ron Colliou for the position.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of Ron Colliou as Waste Transfer Site Supervisor at the rate of \$22.50 per hour (reduced to \$21.50 for the first six months probationary period) with a start date of September 8, 2020 (September 6 pay period) and a probationary period of six months and eligibility to enroll in municipal employee benefits after that time pending a

performance evaluation. The foregoing is pending a favourable criminal record check and reference check.

....Carried

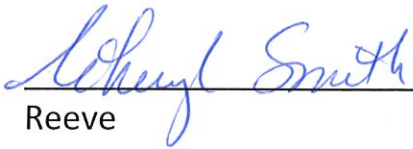
**Adjourn**

Res #278/2020

Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

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Reeve

  
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CAO