



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Laurent Kerbrat, Phil Mathews (10:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.), Jerry Combot, and CAO Hilda Zotter.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #27/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Res #28/2020 Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2020
be hereby adopted.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Starting to work on the budget, draft council budget meeting on February 25th.

MEC and ACO (Paul Belair).

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

Manitoba Housing Lagoon

Received the MMF engineer's report in late December, which indicates the lagoon is more than capable of handling the extra loads imposed by the new developments, both current and planned.

Cold storage Building, Goodon Industries:

Still no response from Goodon as to when they will be coming to address deficiencies, although they continue to send us monthly statements.

Strategic Priority Plan

This was completed in December and we will be meeting to finalize and approve the associated report.

Assisted Living Centre

Formulated the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and met with committee. Did one more new move-in, c/w minor touch ups, patch and paint.

Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant application

Still no news on this one from the Program but I recently provided CDEM officials with some more information so that they can try to help it along.

Manitoba 150

Les Productions Rivard have selected St. Laurent for "La Caravane Passe"'s June 21 musical events in conjunction with our Manitoba 150th Celebrations, which we continue to plan for within the June 19 and June 21 component for which we had originally applied to Manitoba 150 for funding.

Celebrate Canada Grant

Still no news for this grant, \$5,000.00. This is a Federal gov't grant that we hope will help us out with our Manitoba 150 Celebrations mentioned above.

Sewage Lagoon Sludge removal and UV filtration system.

We will be meeting with Dillon engineering towards the end of this month or early next to discuss the requirements of this project. This will be a large project and we plan to submit an application to the Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for funding.

Heritage Conservation Grants

I have applied for a matching grant to restore the Old Town Hall. The program funds up to \$25,000.00 in matching grants and my estimates are at \$59,000.00. The application is not complete as we require more documentation. We should confirm by resolution that the RM continues to treat the Old Town Hall as a heritage site and that we are prepared to fund up to the balance of \$34,000.00 towards the project.

Green Team

Applied for 4 positions for Green Team 2020. We might be able to work the Twin Lakes Beach Association and their Green Team members if they are approved.

Age-Friendly Manitoba

Was asked recently if the RM would support this endeavor as presented to council.

EDAM training

I have participated in 2 more training modules of EDAM's Economic Development Training through CDEM. This has resulted in considerable savings as the fees are lower and the groups smaller, therefore more beneficial.

Other

I have been doing preliminary research with regards to tasks arising from and assigned to me in the Strategic Planning Sessions.

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- Cutting brush at beaches/snow removal where required
- Obtaining quotes for solar gates for the WTS and possible Lagoon
- Received a visitor from the RM Cartier inquiring about our recycling program, they were very impressed
- Scheduling the unused bank time
- Will continue to try and contact the environment officer regarding some burning that is required at the WTS
- Keeping a pile of steel at the Waste Transfer Site, and will haul out once the price goes up, should be soon

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Met with the Heritage Committee

Councillor Jerry Combet

- Couldn't attend the Tourism meeting due to freezing rain
- Assisted Guy with the new lighting at the ALC, everything working well
- Did some modifications to the WTS trailer

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Attended the AMM Insurance Conference, approx. 5% to 10% increase
- Attended the Planning District Board Meeting; discussed tiny homes and reviewed by-laws
- Went with Laurent to the Western Interlake Watershed Conservation District meeting, reviewed proposals
- Met with IEHRA regarding the new lease

- Had a short meeting with Public Works in regards to new hours of operation at the Waste Transfer Site

Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- Will attend tonight's Handivan meeting along with Phil, they will advise that our RM is not interested in regionalization

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- January 31st attended the IEHRA meeting for review of the lease and they were pleased with the new generator, and security cameras to be installed.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

DELEGATIONS

James Bezan, MP at 10:55 a.m.

- Mr. Bezan introduced himself to Council and advised that he was here to review Federal projects and issues.
- As this is currently a minority government it has been a task to move forward with the Building Canada Fund share program with regards to municipality infrastructure. That was the direct result of the gas tax funding which was doubled for 2019. They are currently looking as to why there is a delay in this process, which if delayed once again could result in municipalities with a possible double payment of gas tax this year.
- Reeve Smith advised the RM's priority in regards to infrastructure with the Métis Heritage Centre, and a discussion took place of the possibilities.
- Discussed that the RM was denied any Provincial funding for the Manitoba 150 grant, advised that we have also applied for the Celebrate Canada Grant for \$5,000. CDEM will provide a caravan of musicians, dinner and an educational workshop.
- Reviewed the current gun control law
- Reeve Smith advised the recent good working partnership with MMF in regards to the golf course and housing development, these are priorities to our rate payers and services.
- Councillor Bruce asked if there was any assistance for our lagoon, it was recommended that we continue to raise our concerns
- Councillor Combot asked what we could do in regards to a marina, and advised that carp is now another component to our commercial fisherman. Mr. Bezan indicated that this may be of assistance in making an application.

Finance & Accounts

Res #29/2020 Mathews - Combob
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for February 2020 and Expenses for January 2020 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Laurent Kerbrat	Jerry Combob
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	462.50	237.50	265.00	345.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
Mileage	46.50	88.00	98.74	73.10	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-392.06	-156.63	-392.06	-392.06	-392.06
BC (paid by RM)	392.06	156.63	392.06	392.06	392.06
CPP Deduction	-61.47	-39.16	-45.85	-	-26.69
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-345.90	-19.28	-32.33	-279.85	0.00
Totals	1101.63	1067.06	1185.56	938.25	773.31

.....Carried

Res #30/2020 Mathews - Bruce
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to February 6, 2020, written under cheque numbers 28528 to 28558 and totaling \$39,471.69 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #31/2020 Bruce - Combob
 WHEREAS 2019/2020 funding is available from CDEM in the amount of \$1,000.00 and can be applied towards the costs of the strategic plan.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the funding be applied towards the costs of the strategic plan.

.....Carried

Res #32/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat

WHEREAS, in order to streamline the accounting process, the RM office requires general accounts receivable software to keep track of and properly record invoices and accounts receivables.

WHEREAS the quote for Accounts Receivable software from Munisoft is quoted at \$1,540, plus taxes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the purchase of the said software.

.....Carried

Res #33/2020 Mathews - Combob

WHEREAS the historic municipal building located at 143 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road is in need of repairs to preserve its historic value to the community.

AND WHEREAS application for a 50/50 grant funding under the Heritage Resources Conservation Grant program is currently available and the RM's portion toward the project will need to be committed in the upcoming budget for 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirm that the old building located at 143 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial is considered a heritage site and approves the commitment of up to \$34,000.00 towards the grant opportunity to help preserve the building.

.....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

- None

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #34/2020 Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS the rental agreement with Leo's Sales and Service for a Case Tractor expires at the end of February 2020.

AND WHEREAS quotes have been received from Leo's Sales & Service (Case), Mazergrout Arbog (New Holland), Enns Brothers (John Deere) for the rental of a comparable tractor.

AND WHEREAS the quotes have been reviewed by Council with the result that it is determined that Leo's has given the most desirable proposal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the rental of a 2019 Case IH Rental Fleet Maxxum 135 Tractor with L755 Loader in the amount of \$12,000.00 per year plus applicable taxes for a two-year rental period that includes 1000 hours and \$22.00 per hour for any hours over 1000 hours from Leo's Sales & Service of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

.....Carried

Res #35/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat

WHEREAS, in an effort to streamline staffing needs at the Waste Transfer Site, the hours of operation must be reduced slightly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Waste Transfer Site hours of operation be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, throughout the whole year, effective Thursday, February 13, 2020, with the usual provision for the site being closed while the staff collects garbage on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the usual provision for changes required due to civic holidays and/or staff training.

.....Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

Res #36/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities is holding the following meetings/events in Brandon, Manitoba:

- 2020 Reeves Mayors CAOs Meeting on April 14, 2020 – attendance of Reeve and CAO only.

- 2020 Municipal Officials Seminar (MOS) on April 15 and 16, 2020 – attendance of Reeve, Council and CAO
- 2020 Municipal Trade Show, on April 15, 2020 – attendance of Public Works Foreman

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Council, CAO and Public Works Foreman at the said events as outlined above.

.....Carried

Res #37/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has received a form for the designation of a FIPPA Officer and/or Coordinator.

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to have this position filled and records for same be updated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council assigns the duties, powers and responsibilities as specified in The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to the Chief Administrative Officer, Hilda Zotter.

.....Carried

Res #38/2020 Combot - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council meeting dates for March and April will be as follows:

- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – 10 a.m. – this is the regular date and is unchanged.
- Thursday, March 19, 2020 – 10 a.m. – this meeting is changed from March 18 date due to conflict with two important seminars.
- Wednesday, April 1, 2020 – 10 a.m. – this is the regular date and is unchanged.
- Wednesday, April 22, 2020 – 10 a.m. – this meeting is moved from April 15 due to conflict with AMM Municipal Officials Conference.

.....Carried

Res #39/2020 Bruce - Kerbrat

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion St. Laurent Metis Branch #250 invites the Reeve and Council to attend their AGM on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Legion Club Room.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Cheryl Smith, Jerry Combot, Frank Bruce, Phil Mathews, and Laurent Kerbrat.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Highlights – January 13, 2020

Minutes:

- Prairie Rose School Division Minutes – December 16, 2019

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #40/2020 Kerbrat - Bruce

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

.....Carried

Res #41/2020 Combot - Kerbrat

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

.....Carried

Res #42/2020 Bruce - Kerbrat

WHEREAS a Statement of Claim (CI18-01-16306) was filed against the R.M. by Mickey McKnight/Scrap & Steel in regards to an alleged breach of a 2013 contract. AND WHEREAS after lengthy document disclosure and communication between legal counsel, and in the interest of not incurring any more costs, a settlement offer has been accepted by the Plaintiffs in the amount of \$8,000.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursement of \$8,000.00 in favour of the Plaintiff in full and final settlement of the claim.

.....Carried

Adjourn

Res #43/2020

Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:23 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO