



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Laurent Kerbrat, Frank Bruce, Phil Mathews, 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 #89/2020

Mathews - Kebrat

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

....Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Res #90/2020

Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2020

be hereby adopted.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Our office remains closed to the public in contributing to the efforts of limiting the spread of COVID-19.
- The Public Hearing on the 2020 Financial Plan will take place on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rec Centre. Ratepayers who wish to attend must pre-register by 4:30 p.m. that day, only 10 people at any time during the meeting will be allowed including Council and Staff. Those that have just returned from travel or have flu like systems will be requested to provide their questions and their phone number so that Council can answer their questions that evening by teleconference.
- Currently working on the Dog By-Law, and will be specific to our area.

MEC and A CAO (Paul Belair)

- It was suggested to Council to consider the closure of public parks and key public access way. It would be wise to be proactive and close the parks now so that people can spread the word outside the community, to prevent large gatherings that would occur come May long weekend and beyond in the busy summer months. This is also to deter non cottage owners who want to come out for the day drive and spend their time at the park because it is such a close drive from the city. Unfortunately, the gatherings can become quite large and that's what we want to avoid during this pandemic.
- I will order signs if a resolution is passed and we will need to fix the gate at Meindl park which is damaged.
- I'm working on ordering spring flood equipment, our proposal submitted to the province was approved and we will be able to spend \$120,424.48. Due date to spend the money is the end of June. Working on budgeting the spending so we have enough to pay for the ALC transfer switch for our generator, estimated cost would be approx. \$15,000.

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- Has great concerns regarding the residents and staff at the Assisted Living Centre (ALC). In the event of someone contracting COVID-19 we will not be able to contain the virus, which would place a greater risk to the health of aging residents. With the current status of residents still able to leave and attend doctors' appointments with family members it is of concern that there is good potential for the virus to enter the building.
- Our facility has to consult with the current Board (CDC) and is requesting effective immediately to shelter in place until further notice, and that screened ALC and IERHA employees, essential services are only allowed to enter an exit ALC.

- I am going to be asking the family members for the safety of our residents, if possible, to please consider to care for their loved ones in their home. It is noted that home care will be available to assist them.

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- Councillor Frank Bruce reported that the Public Works department has been busy clearing out culverts, and assisting community concerns regarding rising water to culvert blockages.
- They will keep on top of the rain/snow heading our way this week.

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- It was noted that Tammy is doing a good job of keeping families and children active while at home with on-line activities.

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Suggested due to the health directives regarding the limit to public gathering to less than 10 people that the Oak Point ATV Club should cancel their event and that they should send a letter to WIPD to defer their application fee until next year.
- He will speak to the Oak Point Community Club regarding the cancellation of the Music Festival.
- Will revisit Emotions Festival and status as it gets closer to the event.

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Spoke with ratepayer concerned of continued flooding issues near his home and possible solutions, will continue to look at solutions.
- Receiving concerns of heavy loads on Twin Beach Rd and Venice Road South, as well as a missing permit on a building in that area. Frank will check on the permit and Hilda will contact the trucking company regarding the loads being hauled.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Possible flooding out east around Church Road, will take a look and contact Public Works if an issue.
- With schools being closed indefinitely suggesting possible speed limit change.

Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- None

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Been very busy with the provincial state of emergency in regards to the pandemic.
- Community Connector is coming along well.
- Teleconference with Minister, EMO, Flood Program. Reviewed the DFA guidelines with Minister Squires and Premier. There will be a deductible of approx. \$4,000 however, the province will pay that amount which can be placed in a reserve account. These monies will assist to prevent future scenarios for mitigation only.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

Res #91/2020

Combot - Mathews

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

.....Carried

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

10:54 a.m. – Application for Variation VSTL-01-20

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

Eugene Rioux and Danielle Rioux applied for a Variation in regards to the property located on PL 22-LA-381, #19237 & #19284 PR 415, St. Laurent, MB. The variation application to allow for a front yard variation from minimum 45 ft to +-28.5 ft and from minimum 125 ft to +-44.5 ft.

Via telephone conference Mr. Eugene Rioux advised that variation is for the location of a vinyl Quonset and a gazebo to comply with the zoning by law.

Hilda advised that there were no objections, just one individual that asked if they were planning a trailer park. Frank advised the person no.

No questions were raised.

Res #92/2020

Mathews - Kerbrat

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

.....Carried

Res #93/2020

Bruce - Mathews

WHEREAS Variation Application No. VSTL-01-20 was received from owners and applicants Eugene Rioux and Danielle Rioux in regards to property located at PL 22-LA-381 in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the said variation application is to vary the front yard variation from 45 ft to +-28.5 ft and from 125 ft to +-44.5 ft to allow the location of a vinyl Quonset and a gazebo to comply with the zoning by-law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said variation.

.....Carried

DELEGATIONS

11:12 a.m. RCMP – James Munro, Sgt. Area Commander

Reviewed the report that was just provided for the third quarter from January 2020 to March 2020.

- Reviewed the objective, priorities and goals for 2019/2020; Communication (Police Visibility), Crime Reduction (Reeducation of property crime), Safe Roads (Traffic Enforcement). These goals will continue.
- It was noted on the report that the mental health act escorts and the number of people hours are now included in the report.

Reeve Smith asked what protocols are in place with the RCMP in regards to the COVID-19.

- Sgt. Munro indicated that they will enforce any returning travelers, as they are legally obligated to self-isolate for 14 days to prevent the spread of the virus to others. Self-isolate means no leaving your home to walk, drive, visit or attend a public place such as gas stations, grocery stores etc. Individuals in the community that are aware of anyone that have returned recently from travel and are leaving their home should contact the RCMP directly, and they will visit the person at their home. Sgt. Munro indicated that if

someone is caught out and about within the 14-day self-isolation that this could result up to a \$50,000 fine.

Reeve Smith thanked Sgt. Munro and Council appreciates the good work they are doing.

Finance & Accounts

Res #94/2020 Mathews - Bruce
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to March 31, 2020, written under cheque numbers 28669 to 28693 and totaling \$41,558.41 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #95/2020 Mathews - Combot
WHEREAS the RM applied for the 2020 Flood Preparedness Program for funding, and has been successfully approved for \$120,424.48 of funding.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize expenditures for flood fighting equipment as required up to the said amount.

.....Carried

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #96/2020 Mathews - Bruce
WHEREAS the school zone speed limit is currently at 30 km/hr.
WHEREAS due to the COVID-19 crisis, and the indefinite closure of the schools, it is recommended that the speed limit in the zone be temporarily lifted.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the speed limit in the "school zone" be changed from 30 km/hr to 50 km/hr until further notice or re-opening of the schools.

.....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions - Continued

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- April 22, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. – Subdivision Application #4178-18-7735 - Eugene Rioux and Danielle Rioux

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

TABLED

First Reading – Amendment to By-Law 9/07 (Dog)

Res #97/2020

Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the revised Oak Point Community Club proposed building plan.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oak Point Community Club building plan be approved as presented.

.....Carried

Res #98/2020

Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS ensuring that the recommended social distancing be achieved at all times due to COVID-19.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all public parks in the municipality close effective April 6, 2020 until further notice.

...Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Highlights – March 2, 2020
- 2020 International Indigenous Tourism Conference
- Ice Fishing Trip and Sustainability

Minutes:

- WIWCD – November 21, 2019

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #99/2020 Kerbrat - Mathews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in Camera.

.....Carried

Res #100/2020 Mathews - Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee rise and that Council reconvene once again.

.....Carried

Res #101/2020 Mathews - Bruce
WHEREAS Council has reviewed the list of properties in arrears of 2018 property tax and is satisfied that RM staff has made reasonable and extensive efforts to send notice of arrears and/or contact property owners, and that reasonable extension of payment by way of agreement was available as noted in the original notices sent to property owners in January 2020.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of noon, April 3, 2020 all properties in arrears of 2018 property tax (with the exception of those that have entered into agreements before noon of April 3, 2020 with the R.M. for payment by September 30, 2020) be submitted to Taxervice for tax sale processing.

.....Carried

Res #102/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

.....Carried

CDC Matters

Agenda Items:

- Short Notice approval
- Signing Authority
- ALC – Shelter in place

Res #103/2020 Bruce - Mathews

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

.....Carried

Res #104/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat

WHEREAS due to the COVID-19 crisis, it is prudent to control and restrict entry to and exit from the Assisted Living Centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT no one except ALC and IERHA employees and screened essential services are allowed to enter and exit the Assisted Living Centre (ALC) until further notice.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tenants of the ALC be required to shelter in place until further notice with the exception of emergency requirements.

.....Carried

Adjourn

Res #105/2020 Combot - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 1:25 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO