

Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
January 22, 2020

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**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, January 22, 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 and 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 #11/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

...Carried

**Adoption of Minutes**

Res #12/2020 Mathews - Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:  
- Regular Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2020  
be hereby adopted.

...Carried

**Committee Reports:**

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Attended the Public Works, Fire Department, and Welcome Centre budget held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Will meet next week with the Assisted Living Centre to over the budget and meet with the EDO regarding grants.

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair).

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

**Manitoba Housing Lagoon**

Received 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**

Ordered and will be installing security cameras and new LED outdoor lighting towards the end of this week. Looking for new casual cook/housekeeper. Working on 2020/2021 budget.

**Grants for Road Repairs**

Completed

**TDA deliveries**

Tire aggregate issue was resolved.

**Metis Heritage Centre Policy Committee**

The text of the Metis Heritage policy is essentially completed. We just need to meet one more time with the committee to finalize for presentation to council.

**Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant application**

I have finalized and submitted our application for a grant from Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program for the Metis Heritage Centre. The total grant applied for is \$1,783,000.00. Still no news on this one.

**Manitoba 150**

Application for 60,000 grant was denied.

**Celebrate Canada Grant**

Applied for a \$5,000.00 Celebrate Canada Grant to cover part of the expenses of one event still doable in our Manitoba 150 Plan. This is the speaker's session and traditional music event.

**Sewage Lagoon Sludge removal and UV filtration system.**

We have received the engineer's report and hope to meet with them soon so we can apply for an ICIP grant.

**Heritage Conservation Grants**

Working on Grants for 2 Heritage projects in St. Laurent. The first is the Old Town Hall and have been in contact with Program officials, sounds encouraging. The other is the

Tatonkaoyate Burial Site. Have met with archeologist and land owner and contacted program officials regarding a grant for making more definitive digs at both the burial sites and the nearby Metis fishing camp.

#### **Green Team**

Applied for Green Team 2020.

#### **Community Connector**

Put together a proposed budget for a planned Community Connector in conjunction with IERHA and Cancer Care Manitoba.

#### **Indigenous sub-committee of the IERHA**

I have attended two committee meetings to date. We are working on recommendations for the IERHA Board of Directors on diverse issues, key ones being anti-discrimination and more indigenous representation on their workforce.

#### **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)**

- Attended Public Works budget meeting
- Snow cleared after the storm
- Christmas Lights will go down tomorrow and stored
- Preparing a list of new signs and repairs required
- Will be in contact with the Environment Officer regarding the burning of brush at the Waste Transfer Site
- Will arrange for the wood pile at the Waste Transfer Site to be hauled out soon
- Keeping a pile of steel at the Waste Transfer Site, and will haul out once the price goes up

#### **Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)**

- None

#### **Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)**

- None

#### **Councillor Phil Mathews**

- Attended the Public Works and Fire Department Budget meetings
- Attended the Oak Point Community Club meeting – everything is good

#### **Councillor Jerry Combot**

- Attended the Public Works Budget meeting

- Received a Tourism Manitoba survey which was completed by the CAO
- Will attend the Tourism Manitoba meeting taking place on January 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Councillor Frank Bruce

- Attended the Public Works Budget meeting
- Attended the Planning District Board Meeting; discussed tiny homes and reviewed by-laws

#### Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- Attended the Regional Hanivan meeting in Eriksdale which was held on January 8<sup>th</sup>. They provided information regarding changes and improvements to handivan and transportation as a result of the Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) "Vehicle for Hire" insurance rates. Looking at the Rural Municipalities to work together to improve handivan services for the Regional area.
- Attended the Western Interlake Hanivan meeting in St. Laurent on January 20<sup>th</sup> which held a discussion regarding the Regional meeting.
  - Reeve Smith noted that the provincial government is in favor of small businesses, and Community Futures would like to look into vehicles for hire which would be a good business opportunity. However, our RM invests in the current program which is partially funded by a grant and could potentially reduce our grant which currently supports the current Handivan service.
- Attended the Seniors Resource meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>;
  - January 6<sup>th</sup> was the Footcare Clinic – 9 people attended
  - Volunteer Tax Program will begin on February 4<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.) It is noted that anyone needing this service must drop by only during the hours specified. Any questions can be directed to Darlene McKay at 204-646-2504 ext. 4
- Attended the Watershed AGM on January 16<sup>th</sup>, was noted that they will hold their budget meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Attended the Western Interlake Hanivan meeting
- Attended the Western Planning Board meeting; a review of the by-law regarding 5<sup>th</sup> wheel campers and possible revisions to include a building on the property which would have a septic tank.
- Was involved with the budget meetings for Public Works, Fire Department, and the Welcome Centre. There was a lot of good forward thinking.

- It was a good meeting with the Fire Department, they are getting quotes, and organized on their needs, discussed Deputies.
- Just a note that any meetings other than Council meetings should be taking place on the oversized table in the Council Chambers.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

**Finance & Accounts**

Res #13/2020

Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for January 2020 and Expenses for December 2019 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Laurent Kerbrat	Jerry Combot
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	250.00	587.50	250.00	250.00	0.00
Conference	460.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
Mileage	36.26	127.00	30.00	-	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	-74.46	-57.53	-45.06	-	-26.69
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-406.41	-73.67	-30.79	-255.34	0.00
Totals	<b>1265.39</b>	<b>1383.30</b>	<b>1104.15</b>	<b>794.66</b>	<b>773.31</b>

....Carried

Res #14/2020

Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to January 21, 2020, written under cheque numbers 28448 to 28527 and totaling \$120,467.57 be hereby approved for payment, with the exception of cheque #28488.

....Carried

Res #15/2020

Kerbrat - Bruce

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

- a. From an anonymous donor in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards the Oak Point Community Club for the hall rebuild;
- b. From Donald Adamko in the amount of \$100.00 towards the Oak Point Community Club for the hall rebuild.

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

Res #16/2020                      Mathews - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements dated December 31, 2019, be adopted as presented.

.....Carried

### **Zoning and Subdivisions**

#### **Public Hearings:**

- None

#### **Regular Matters:**

- None

#### **Notices:**

- None

### **DELEGATIONS**

- None

### **TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS & FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Fleetnet Replacement – For Information Only**

As BellMTS is making changes to the Fleetnet equipment to all Fire Department users, Matt Riding will pursue replacement costs for 4-5 hand held and for the vehicles. The cost will be substantial and will be placed in the 2020 budget.

Res #17/2020

Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS Jean Louis Carriere has submitted his resignation as Deputy Fire Chief and member of the St. Laurent Fire Department effective December 31, 2019.

WHEREAS the R.M. thanks Mr. Carriere for his many years of service.

WHEREAS a new deputy is to be appointed by Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jennifer Steinbeisser (a member of the St. Laurent Fire Department) is appointed as Deputy Fire Chief responsible for Emergency Medical Response (EMR) services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Matt Riding continue in his capacity of Deputy Fire Chief and is responsible for Fire Protection Services.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT both deputies report to the Fire Chief Roger Leclerc.

.....Carried

### **New and Unfinished Business**

Res #18/2020

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the AMM Member Meeting regarding 2020 Insurance Renewal is being held on the February 7, 2020 in Winnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Councilor, Frank Bruce, and CAO, Hilda Zotter.

.....Carried

Res #19/2020

Kerbrat - Bruce

WHEREAS the Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association is holding a one-day seminar on municipal weed control issues on the March 18, 2020 in Carberry, Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Councilor, Jerry Combot, and Foreman, Dean Appleyard.

.....Carried

Res #20/2020

Combot - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular Council Meeting date scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 be rescheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., due to a conflict with the AMM meetings in Brandon which are on April 14 to 16, 2020.

.....Carried

AMM Municipal Visits – For Information Only

The Reeve reported that the AMM Municipal visits will take place on March 25-27, 2020 and St. Laurent will be one of the visits. The exact date will be advised shortly.

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

CDC Matters (CDC Minutes/Resolutions kept in separate documents)

Res #21/2020                      Kerbrat - Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

.....Carried

Agenda Items:

- Short Notice approval
- Resignation of employee at ALC and appointment of hire committee

Res #22/2020                      Mathews - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CDC meeting close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

.....Carried

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #23/2020                      Mathews - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in Camera.

.....Carried



Res #24/2020 Mathews - Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee rise and that Council reconvene once again.

.....Carried

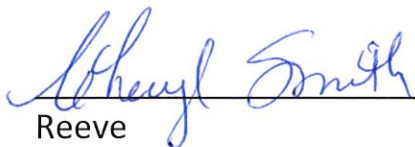
Res #25/2020 Bruce - Combot  
WHEREAS the annual performance evaluation has been completed by the CAO for Assistant CAO/MEC, Paul Belair.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a wage increase for Paul Belair of \$2.00 per hour effective January 26, 2020.

.....Carried

**Adjourn**

Res #26/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:49 a.m.

.....Carried

  
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Reeve

  
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CAO