



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
November 17, 2021

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**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Phil Mathews, Jerry Combot, Vern Coutu, and CAO Hilda Zotter

**Call to Order**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

Res #360/2021 Mathews - Bruce

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

....Carried

**Confirmation of Minutes**

- None

**Finance And Accounts**

Res #361/2021 Coutu - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council indemnities for November 2021 and Expenses for October 2021 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Vern Coutu	Jerry Combot
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	375.00	125.00	275.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	151.50	26.00	124.00	0.00	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-399.91	-159.76	-399.91	-399.91	-399.91
BC (paid by RM)	399.91	159.76	399.91	399.91	399.91
CPP Deduction	-57.00	-34.52	-48.14	-27.70	-27.70
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-39.87	-6.75	-150.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1392.13</b>	<b>909.73</b>	<b>1100.86</b>	<b>772.30</b>	<b>772.30</b>

....Carried

Res # 362/2021 Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to November 12, 2021, written under cheque numbers 30737 to 30764 and totaling \$40,369.25 be hereby approved for payment.

....Carried

Res #363/2021 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS several NSF cheques have been received, and the R.M. is to adopt an NSF cheque policy to outline the procedure and fee for these occurrences. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council adopt an NSF Cheque Policy as follows:

- a. The fee charged for NSF cheque processing is now \$50.00;
- b. Posted receipt is reversed and interest added if applicable;
- c. The person that provided NSF cheque cannot provide cheques to the RM for a period of one-year, and can only provide payment in guaranteed form such as money order, bank draft, certified cheque, internet payment, debit, or cash.

.....Carried

Res #364/2021 Mathews – Coutu

WHEREAS the RM must appoint an Auditor for producing financial statements for the 2021 fiscal year.

AND WHEREAS Robert Weighell has provided a quote of \$15,500 plus GST to provide such service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the quote and appoints Robert Weighell as the RM's Auditor for the fiscal year 2021.

....Carried

Res #365/2021 Coutu – Combob

WHEREAS quotes have been received by two contractors for the building of another 20x30 burn cell at the Waste Transfer Site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the quote received from Dumont Bros. Contracting Ltd. In the amount of \$2,625.00 (includes GST).

....Carried

Res #366/2021 Bruce – Combob

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the distribution of one gift card for each employee in the amount of \$50.00 in lieu of Christmas Dinner.

....Carried

**Committee Reports:**

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Community Meeting – great success. Suggestion was brought up that perhaps RM holds community meeting 2-3 times a year.

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Great community meeting – very positive. Phil mentioned that he liked the idea of the employees sharing information about their job.
- Phil suggested that the next community meeting be held at the Oak Point hall.

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Power outage- tested the generator and it was running for six hours.
- Jerry suggested to council that the new PW employee, should be shown how to operate the generator.
- Discussed also that the parish hall is running on low heat, and the hot water tank has been drained.

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Post a tender to sell the tandem truck with the blade.
- Branches and trees need to be trimmed on Allard Road.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Community meeting – great success.
- Discussed the generator and some of the issues with the frozen lock.
- Grading the most important, clear paths for the ambulance, fire trucks, ALC, make a path, one pass and then go back to finish.
- Get list of people who own bombardiers that can pick up people when there is a storm.
- Discussed having a table - top exercise to discuss emergency measures.

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Committee review applications for Public Hearing, on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to discuss conditional use applications.
- Cheryl attended the IERHA community meeting – zoom meeting
- Community Connector – Cancer Care involved to serve first Nations and Metis.
- Cheryl reported in meeting with West Interlake Handivan and Coldwell Reeves; everyone agreed to wind down Interlake Handivan
- Cheryl stated the Community meeting was a great success and wanted to thank Hilda and all her staff for a job well done.

**DELEGATIONS**

- None

**ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS**

Public Hearing: ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTPONED

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS**

- None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- None

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Res # 367/ 2021      Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the Council of the R.M. of St. Laurent has reviewed the RM's involvement with the West Interlake Handivan and finds that it is no longer feasible to remain active with the West Interlake Handivan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the R.M. of St. Laurent hereby gives formal notice of its intention to withdraw its interests from the West Interlake Handivan organization.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the R.M. of St. Laurent requests that the West Interlake Handivan board have a formal audit conducted, as of October 31, 2021, to fairly determine the financial standing of the organization as of said date, and to determine the share of the assets that the R.M. of St. Laurent would be entitled to.

....Carried

Res # 368/2021      Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS the Seniors Resource Council would like to invite Cheryl Smith to the Regular Board meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Laurent Recreation Centre. Furthermore, that Vern Coutu is appointed as

Committee member.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the attendance of Reeve Smith and Councilor Vern Coutu.

....Carried

Res #369/2021

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint the RM's Economic Development Officer, Guy Dumont as representative of the R.M. of St. Laurent on the Board of CDEM (Conseil de developpement economique des municipalites bilingues du Manitoba)

....Carried

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA**

Res #370/2021      Bruce - Combot

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

.....Carried

Res # 371/2021      Bruce - Coutu

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

Res #372/2021      Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM has advertised for and interviewed applicants for the position of second Public Works Operator.

AND WHEREAS the hiring committee recommends the hiring of David Hiebert for the position.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of David Hiebert as Public Works Operator at the rate of \$23.30 per hour (rate set by the Union, and paid at a rate of \$1.00 an hour less for the first six months which is the probation period) with a start date of November 28, 2021 with a probationary period of six months and eligibility to enroll in municipal employee benefits after that time pending a performance evaluation.

.....Carried

### **CDC MATTERS**

- None

**RM (CDC MATTERS)**

- None

**ADJOURN**

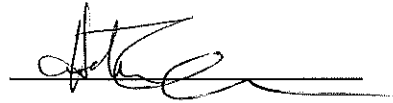
Res # 373/2021          Mathews - Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:01 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO