



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2021

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, March 3, 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 #57/2021 Mathews – Bruce

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

....Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #58/2021 Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2021
- Special Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2021
- Special Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2021

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Attended Special Meeting on February 18th and February 25th to revise the RV by-law
- Dealt with HR matters, which will be discussed in-camera
- Attended By-law meetings
- Reviewed resumes and did interviews with Personnel Chair. We will be finalizing interviews next week and bringing recommendations to council at next meeting.
- Attended the CPAC meeting to review and discuss activities and going forward
- Working on rollout of Waste Transfer Site tags
- Did the Waste Transfer Site Supervisor performance evaluation yesterday, I am putting together his written review – will be discussed at next council meeting.
- Please mark your calendar – April 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for Financial Plan Public Hearing

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- None

Waste Transfer Site (Ron Colliou)

- Main gate has been replaced
- Garage door has been installed for the inner building within the Quonset
- Insulation and studs have been picked up for the inner building within the Quonset project and ready for install, work to be completed by WTS staff

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- Received letter from ratepayer regarding the burning of his abandoned house which is in really bad shape. This is a practice that is done by Fire Departments which are beneficial in assisting in training. A signed agreement will be required by the owner, which the CAO will create.
- It was noted that the Provincial announcement regarding the Fire Protection grant was announced on October 13, 2020 and was forwarded to the Fire Department. -Fire Chief responded by stating he had not seen the email. CAO confirmed that the Reeve had sent it to her and the fire chief.

-Fire department provides a list of wants every year during the budgeting process. This grant would have helped with that particular list. The fire chief agreed and apologized for missing the email.

-In future it was recommended that the councillor responsible for the portfolio ensure that these opportunities not be missed. That the council member work closely with the fire department chief and deputies.

-Should the fire department need assistance to complete the applications for grant funding that they are encouraged to work with the EDO as well if needed.

- One volunteer Fire Fighter recruitment is pending his resume, and criminal record checks.
- Emergency calls have been quiet recently.
- Roger was asked to make sure there is an up-to-date inventory list, he is in the process of updating.

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Attended the By-Law Committee and Special meetings

Councillor Jerry Combet

- Attended the By-Law Committee and Special meetings
- Made lock for Generator; will be testing generator weekly up until summer

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Attended the By-Law Committee and Special meetings
- Please note Public Works Committee meeting on March 4th at 10:00 a.m.
- Attended the WIPD meeting, focus was on hiring an inspector and the budget.

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Has been receiving calls regarding the by-law for RVs, it was noted we are just waiting on a public hearing date from WIPD

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Sandpiper Beach Association had written a letter to meet with the council beach representative and CAO, which took place on February 12th. It was a good meeting which covered topics such as; RVs, parks, and applying for a co-op grant. Due to the period of time, they will not be submitting an application this year but will have plans for the following year.

- Reviewed the By-Law Officer applications, those selected were interviewed on February 19th. Will be finalizing interviews next week and will bring recommendations to the next council meeting.
- Attended the WIPD meeting
- Virtual meeting with the Still Standing TV show, they are diligently researching our municipality for the possible filming in St. Laurent.
- Met on a number of occasions with CPAC regarding the software development, reviewed and discussed activities going forward. In the process of setting up a meeting regarding a 1-year extension to the program.
- Met with CAO regarding HR issues and legal

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Reporter Evan Mathews from the Stonewall Teulon Tribune contacted me and interviewed Fire Chief, Roger Leclerc regarding the recent bin fire at the Waste Transfer Site. The article highlighted the importance of properly disposing of ashes.

Finance & Accounts

Res #59/2021

Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to February 10, 2021, written under cheque numbers 29778 to 29866 and totaling \$261,502.51 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

DELEGATIONS

- None

ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS

Public Hearings:

Res #60/2021

Bruce – Coutu

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

.....Carried

10:45 a.m. – Conditional Use Application CUSTL-05-20

Application for Conditional Use CUSTL-05-20 from Darrell Grymonpre and Ruby Grymonpre for a proposed “Tourist Campsite” located at PL22/23-LA-381, St. Laurent, MB.

Darrell Grymonpre and Rudy Grymonpre joined the public hearing via teleconference.

The Chair (Reeve) thanked them for the additional information received regarding councillor questions.

Ruby Grymonpre further advised that they have looked into any drainage issues and there are none noted.

No other questions were raised.

Res #61/2021 Mathews - Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

Regular Matters:

Res #62/2021 Mathews – Coutu
WHEREAS a Conditional Use application, CUSTL-05-20, was received from Darrell Grymonpre and Ruby Grymonpre.
AND WHEREAS the said conditional use application is to allow a “tourist campsite” on PL 22/23-LA381, in the R.M. of St. Laurent.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said conditional use on the condition that:

1. Sufficient space is included in the Plan to accommodate Emergency vehicles.
2. Open fires are contained and controlled in specially designed grated receptacles or pits, with a means of extinguishing a fire near each unit, and with policy in place to not allow any fires whatsoever if certain environmental conditions exist that makes fires of any kind an extreme hazard.

3. All refuse/garbage be properly disposed of in animal-proof bins and that no foul odor emanates from the site.
4. Sewage management be consistent with Provincial environmental regulations for sewage disposal and if any products are added to sewage for a "breakdown" process, they must be compliant with what is permitted under the RM's lagoon licence/permit.
5. Only units such as tents, travel trailers, recreational vehicles and equipment manufactured specifically for camping purposes may be used on the sites.
6. There shall be no storage of campers or RVs on the site.
7. It is ensured that users of the site adhere to RM by-laws.
8. Dogs/pets be on a leash or are kenneled.
9. Further planning be done for safe access to the site.

.....Carried

Notices:

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

Res #63/2021

Mathews – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Council Members, CAO to attend the AMM Education Program Interactive Webinar, CIVILITIAS! Respectful Leadership being held virtually on Friday, April 9, 2021.

AND WHEREAS the cost is \$100.00 plus GST each.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of all Council and CAO.

.....Carried

Res #64/2021

Bruce – Coutu

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities is holding its 2021 Mayors, Reeves and CAOs virtual meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Reeve Cheryl Smith and CAO Hilda Zotter at the said event.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Municipal General Insurance Programs Report (will be passed around)
- Article – Five Terrible Reasons to Run for Municipal Office
- Lake Manitoba/Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project

Minutes:

- None

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #65/2021

Bruce – Combot

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

.....Carried

Res #66/2021

Mathews - Combot

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

.....Carried


Adjourn

Res #67/2021

Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO