



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

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

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #302/2020 Bruce – Mathews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Res #303/2020 Combot - Bruce
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:
- Regular Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2020
- Regular Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2020
be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)
- Nominations close today
- Paul working on finishing the voters list, must be finalized by 4:30 p.m. today

- Supplementary taxes totaled \$45,986, budgeted for \$40,000

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- Road patching, hauling gravel for road patching
- Signs being installed, a few still waiting on order
- Widening ditches, mowing
- Went over some pre-trips on the tanker with Donovan, needs to have battery maintained
- White truck, head gasket being looked at by mechanic
- Welcome Centre – frost boils being removed/fixed
- Getting quotes for paving for budgeting purposes

Waste Transfer Site (Ron Colliou)

- None

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Attended Fire department meeting and with EMR last week
- Looking at the battery with the Fire Department and starting all equipment. Making sure it is ready to start.
- Noted that the Fire Department should be cleaning their equipment and space; they are to schedule a day for cleaning. Will email Roger with directive.

Councillor Jerry Combet

- Helping Dean with grader attachment – V plow, doing some welding on it.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- FCM election – Hill and Pierce came in; Manitoba’s came in by acclamation.
- By-law committee meeting, reviewed RV by-law and updating the building by-law
- Allard fixed trench by borrow pit, not as deep now.

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Finished evaluation framework, send to CPAC
- Spent quite a lot of hours with RCMP
- Spoke with RM lawyer on a few issues
- Meeting with staff
- Phone calls with Auditor

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- CBC French Radio
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Finance & Accounts

Res #304/2020 Combot – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to October 6, 2020, written under cheque numbers 29196 to 29272 and totaling \$110,625.78 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #305/2020 Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM must appoint an auditor for financial statements for the 2020 fiscal year.

AND WHERE AS Robert Weighell has provided a quote of \$15,000, plus GST to provide such service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the quote and appoints Robert Weighell as RM’s auditor for the fiscal year 2020.

.....Carried

Res #306/2020 Mathew - Combot

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

- a. From Joanne Colliou in the amount of \$100 towards the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission – Playground Project.
- b. From Blake & Dayna Cyrenne in the amount of \$50 towards the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission – Playground Project.
- c. From South Interlake Mutual Aid District in the amount of \$750 towards the St. Laurent Fire Department – towards a leaf blower.

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

Zoning and Subdivisions

Res #307/2020 Combot – Mathews

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

....Carried

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

10:45 a.m. – Variation Application No. VSTL-06-20

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

Application for Variation VSTL-06-20 from Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. – Separation Variation from 10 ft to 2.67 ft to allow the construction of storage sheds to comply with the zoning by-law

There were no objections and no questions were raised.

11:00 a.m. – Application for Conditional Use No. CUST-04-20

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

Conditional Use Application No. CUSTL-04-20 was received from owners Medo Developments Limited (Marcel Pelletier) in regards to property located at NW ¼ 2-16-4W, Lake Francis Road in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the said conditional use application proposal for a camping and tenting grounds.

Brendan Butler and Shanlee Scott attended the public hearing via teleconference for both Application for Variation and Conditional Use. They advised that they are looking at for approval of 200 units serviced campground.

There were no objections and no other questions were raised.

Res #308/2020 Mathews – Bruce
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

....Carried

Regular Matters:

Res #309/2020 Combot – Mathews
WHEREAS Variation Application No. VSTL-06-20 was received from owners Manitoba Metis Federation in regards to property located at Lot 16, Plan 11790 in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the said variation application proposal for a separation variation from 10 ft to 2.67 ft to allow the construction of storage sheds to comply with the zoning by-law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said variation with the recommendation that fire-rated cladding be installed on the shed wall facing the home.

....Carried

Regular Matters:

Res #310/2020 Bruce - Combot
WHEREAS Conditional Use Application No. CUSTL-04-20 was received from owners Medo Developments Limited (Marcel Pelletier) in regards to property located at NW ¼ 2-16-4W, Lake Francis Road in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the said conditional use application proposal for a camping and tenting grounds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said conditional use.

....Carried

Notices:

- October 21, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. Application for Variation VSTL-07-20 from Michael Siwicki and Danielle Siwicki to vary the provisions of subsection “3.20 Rules for Home Occupation .3 not more than 300 sq ft may be devoted to the business”. From 300 sq ft to 900 sq ft to allow the use of a 900 sq ft garage to be used as a “Home occupation” to comply with the zoning by-law.

DELEGATIONS

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #311/2020

Bruce - Mathews

WHEREAS the RM’s public works grader is in need of substantial repair.

AND WHEREAS a quote has been received from Toromont Cat, Winnipeg, MB, in the amount of \$27,691.79 (includes applicable taxes).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the repair.

....Carried

COVID Debrief – Discussion Only, looking into public washroom facilities for 2021 budget

No Parking Signs – Discussion

Governor – Discussion only, ongoing issue with road for years, hurting business and supply delivery. Possibly look at paving portion affected for 2021 budget.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

Res #312/2020 Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3/2020, being a new by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent for the Code of Conduct for Council Members, be hereby given first reading.

....Carried

St. Laurent Seniors Resource Council Inc. – Discussion and request for meeting.

Res #313/2020 Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the Community Connector Pilot Project Evaluation Framework: Tier 1.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve as noted above.

....Carried

Res #314/2020 Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Council Members, CAO to attend the 22nd Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Annual Convention being held virtual on November 23, 2020.

AND WHEREAS the cost is \$75.00 plus GST each.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of the following council members Frank Bruce, Phil Mathews, Cheryl Smith, CAO, Hilda Zotter, and newly elected council member.

....Carried

Note: Councillor Combot declined attending.

Res #315/2020 Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular Council Meeting date scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 be rescheduled to be held at 9:00 a.m.

....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- None

Minutes:

- West Interlake Watershed District – August 20, 2020
- Western Interlake Planning District – September 15, 2020

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #316/2020 Mathews - Combot

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

.....Carried

Res #317/2020 Mathews – Bruce

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

....Carried

Res #318/2020 Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has advertised for the Casual Office Assistant position.

AND WHEREAS interviews had been conducted of prospective applicants and the position has been offered to Darlene Close at the rate of \$19.50 per hour, which offer has been accepted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of Darlene Close as Casual Office Assistant at the rate of \$19.50 per hour with a start date October 20, 2020, pending favourable reference check.

....Carried

Res #319/2020 Combot – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

.....Carried

CDC Matters

Agenda Items:

- Short Notice approval
- Hire Casual Cook/Housekeeper at the ALC

Res #320/2020

Bruce – Combot

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

.....Carried

RM (CDC Matters)

Res #321/2020

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent was advised that due to an employee family emergency, additional positions for Casual Cook/Housekeeping are needed to be hired.

AND WHEREAS due to the short notice, positions have been offered to Marcia Bruce, Jean Bruce and Kathryn Koskewich at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, which they have accepted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approve the hiring of Marcia Bruce, Jean Bruce and Kathryn Koskewich as Casual Cook/Housekeeping at the rate of \$12.00 per hour with the start date effective immediately, and a probation of six months from this date.

.....Carried

Adjourn

Res #322/2020

Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:25 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO