



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, May 6, 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 #131/2020

Mathews - Bruce

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

....Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Res #132/2020

Kerbrat - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2020
be hereby adopted.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- None

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- The Province of Manitoba announced restoring services safely in regards to parks, it is suggested that we re-open the public parks. As the porta potty facilities can not be monitored or cleaned on a regular basis, it is suggested that they do not be placed at the sites at this time. We will have to order signs and I have contacted our by-law officer company and they are available to assist where needed. The parks will be closely monitored.
- Have completed the 2020 RM Accessibility plan, this document requires a resolution from Council.
- The Fire Department provided their plans for a parade in the community to lift the spirits of people and thank all our essential services and frontline workers.
- Working on getting camera quotes for the Public Works building and surrounding area.

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- The scrap metal at the WTS is getting very large and needs to be removed, it is not likely that the price will go up anytime soon.
- Placing a spray bar on the older tanker, newer tanker is waiting for a fitting (4-6 weeks), will then place a spray bar on new tanker.
- Jerry working on the grabble, the teeth are all bent. Dean explained that the damage was done as the teeth were not strong enough when there is a large pile with various items. Jerry confirmed that the teeth are not strong enough and modifying it with thicker teeth, which will much better.
- Looked into a joint sealer for the holes on the asphalt roads, we need double digit weather and it requires 4 people to operate it, this could be problematic with our current staff level. Asked Council if he could obtain a few quotes from asphalt companies to do the work, which would take approx. 2 weeks of good weather hopefully end of May or June prior to graveling. Dean was instructed to obtain quotes.
- Barricades ordered for the areas with bad frost boils and will be placed in the areas that are bad, they are really bad in the east areas.
- Mason road was discussed.
- Spoke with the septic tank service and advised our intentions of locking the gate at the lagoon.
- Discussed the re-opening of the parks and the signage required. Also "no parking" signs to be placed around the Mackenzie Bay curve. A number of vehicles have been parking around the bend which is dangerous.

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- Tammy is organizing the Spring Yard Clean up contest.

Councillor Phil Mathews

- None

Councillor Jerry Combet

- Fixing the fire truck and grapple.
- Zoom meeting with Tourism, mostly about electing a board.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Received a complaint of an unsightly property, RM office instructed to issue a letter to the ratepayer to clean up.
- Discussed the parking lot at the Rec Centre and Welcome Centre, need pictures, a plan, quotes. Feels it should be an inexpensive fix this year, will lead the project.
- Drove around the lake areas on the weekend regarding the ice buildup, no concerns at the time. If a large-scale ice damage was to occur to buildings along the lake, the provincial emergency measures office would step in.
- Suggested that Council should monitor the trucks once they start graveling, the Transportation Committee will discuss and come up with a plan.

Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- None

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Flags will be placed at half-mast in respect to the helicopter crash victim funerals today.
- The parking lot at the Rec Centre and Welcome Centre are in need of repair, discussed various options with Council and Dean. It was asked that the Transportation Committee look into this further to see if it feasible to fix the issue with little cost involved this year.
- Expressed that we need information from the septic service provider in order to move forward with grant proposals regarding the lagoon. RM will monitor and will request a meeting with the Flo's Septic service.

- Received a call from a contractor concerned with the tender regarding Governor Road South and its application. The contractor was advised that the proceeds are from the provincial gas tax fund and there is a process with strict guidelines that we have to adhere to use funding. RM asking for the suggested proposal and the RM will see if this type of work would meet the gas tax guidelines.
- Working on the Community Connector file, we have three possible candidates to interview.
- Working on Connectivity file, moving towards better cell/internet services.
- Worked with Tammy to organize a Spring Yard Clean up contest for the community.
- Attended the AMM meeting via zoom. It was noted that the June AMM meeting will be done virtually and no resolutions until the fall.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

Finance & Accounts

Res #133/2020

Bruce - Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to May 5, 2020, written under cheque numbers 28756 to 28802 and totaling \$29,188.98 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #134/2020

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the St. Laurent Recreation Commission is hosting a Spring Yard Clean Up Contest and is requesting a contribution towards the prizes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the CAO to provide a donation to the St. Laurent Recreation Commission for the said event.

.....Carried

Res #135/2020

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the St. Laurent Aboriginal Head Start has requested funds be accepted by the RM from the Community Food Centres Canada (CFCC's) Good Food Access Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve that the monetary donation for the purchase of food for hampers be accepted by the R.M. with a charitable donation receipt issued to the donor.

AND FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the payment of these funds to the St. Laurent Aboriginal Head Start for the purchase of hampers.

.....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

- None

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

DELEGATIONS

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Res #136/2020 Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS the Council has discussed and reviewed a plan to lift the spirits of the community, and to thank our essential services and frontline workers.

AND WHERAS the RM Fire Department would like to cruise from the hall to the four corners, along the beaches, streets and go into Oak Point and do the same, then back to the hall.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approve the RM Fire Department to cruise our community on Saturday, May 16, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

.....Carried

New and Unfinished Business

Res #137/2020 Bruce - Mathews

WHEREAS a Notice of Motion was received to rescind Resolution #96/2020 which states:

“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.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby rescind Resolution #96/2020.

.....Carried

Res #138/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the RM’s 2020 Accessibility Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council adopt the Accessibility Plan for 2020.

.....Carried

Res #139/2020 Bruce - Kerbrat

WHEREAS Prairie By-Law Enforcement Ltd. has provided the 2020-2021 list of by-law enforcement officers and badge numbers.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint the by-law enforcement officers as provided as the RM’s designated officers for 2020-2021.

.....Carried

Res #140/2020 Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS the Association of Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) provides funding to the RM towards bilingual initiatives in the amount of \$7,500.00 from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 per annum.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of St. Laurent can confirm that it has designated one of the Assistant CAO positions as bilingual, and has also designated and a full-time Economic Development position. The RM can further confirm that the monthly newsletter and website is issued in both English and French.

.....Carried

Res #141/2020

Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS Bill 48 amends *The Planning Act* and *The City of Winnipeg Charter Act* to provide for planning regions and to make local land use decisions subject to appeal to the Municipal Board;

AND WHEREAS it is the Council's opinion that Bill 48 will affect municipalities in a profound manner;

AND WHEREAS meaningful dialogue has not been afforded to the R.M. of St. Laurent and Manitoba municipalities;

AND WHEREAS in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, Municipalities are focused on keeping their communities and employees safe at this time;

BE IT RESOLVED that the R.M. of St. Laurent requests that any further discussions related to Bill 48 be postponed until the COVID-19 crisis has passed and/or becomes more manageable to allow discussion and input from the R.M. of St. Laurent;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that correspondence be forwarded to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities requesting their input in the matter.

.....Carried

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IERHA – Peacetime Disaster/Emergency Memorandum of Understanding

Res #142/2020

Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS strict restrictions regarding social distances for Day Camps, and no green team funds have been received, it would not be feasible for Tammy Hiebert, Recreation Commission Director to start a summer camp at this time.

AND WHEREAS the RM requires assistance with the archiving, as outlined in the Municipal Act which provides procedures under the Archives and Recordkeeping Act. Where municipal records designated as archival may be transferred to the Archives of Manitoba following the end of the required retention period.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tammy Hiebert be awarded a full-time position (80 hours per pay period) from May 24, 2020 until further notice to assist with archiving municipal records.

.....Carried

Res #143/2020

Bruce - Kerbrat

WHEREAS the public parks in the municipality were closed effective April 6, 2020.
AND WHEREAS the province is restoring safe services beginning on May 4, 2020 to allow parks, campgrounds, yurts and vacation cabins may open if people maintain a distance of at least two metres (6 ft), except for brief exchange. This requirement will be enforceable under the public health order.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council re-open all public parks in the municipality effective May 16, 2020 with the exception of portable washroom facilities.

.....Carried

Res #144/2020

Mathews - Kerbrat

WHEREAS the R.M. of St. Laurent has significantly populated pocket areas with little to no cellular and internet services.

AND WHEREAS the RM fears for the safety of its affected residents due to inadequate communication services in these "dead zones" in case of an emergency.

AND WHEREAS this continues to cause the RM economic development barriers.

AND WHEREAS this situation is further exacerbated and likely to be prolonged by the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests in writing to Denys Volkov, Executive Director of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), to lobby BellMTS on behalf of the RM. To assist in the fast track of any existing plans BellMTS may have to enhance said services. The RM is prepared and willing to support applications made by BellMTS for federal funds that would ensure the most expedient, up to date internet, and cellular service for the area.

.....Carried

Res #145/2020

Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the BellMTS Municipal Rights-of-Way Application forms for the following work:

1. Cable will be plowed and pipe pushed across Municipal Roads for placing fiber facilities to enhance service to the Cell Tower on PTH#6.

2. Bell will be directional push from an existing hydro pole west to an existing hydro pole at the east hydro pole that will place a new pedestal, this work is required so Hydro can remove a pole.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Municipal Rights-of-Way Application forms as noted above.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Highlights – April 20, 2020
- AMM 2020 June District Meetings (att.)

Minutes:

- Western Interlake Planning District – April 21, 2020

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #146/2020 Mathews - Combot

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

.....Carried

Res #147/2020 Kerbrat - Mathews

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


....Carried


Adjourn

Res #148/2020 Bruce - Combot

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

.....Carried


Reeve


CAO