



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
November 22, 2023

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday November 22, 2023 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Richard Chartrand, Councillors Tom Johnson, Maurice Leclair, Yves Combot, Perry Gaudry and CAO, Billie Jean Oliver

Call to Order

Reeve Rick Chartrand called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Res #520/2023 Johnson - Gaudry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

...Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #521/2023 Combot - Gaudry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

Council Meeting – November 7, 2023
CDC Meeting- November 7, 2023
Special Meeting- November 9, 2023
BOR Meeting- November 16, 2023

Be hereby APPROVED BY Council as circulated.

...Carried

Finance & Accounts

Res #522/2023 Johnson – Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for **November** 2023 and Expenses for **October** 2023 be approved as follows:

	Richard Chartrand	Tom Johnson	Moe Leclair	Yves Combet	Perry Gaudry
Indemnity	1000.00	900.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	750.00	175.00	350.00	250.00	606.25
Conference	0.00	(phone)50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	225.50	36.30	105.05	200.20	248.21
Blue Cross (BC)	-437.55	-437.55	-437.55	-437.55	-437.55
BC (paid by RM)	437.55	437.55	437.55	437.55	437.55
CPP Deduction	86.77	46.61	51.07	45.12	66.32
Fed/Prov Tax ded	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	1768.85	1114.69	1203.98	1205.08	1588.14

...Carried

Res # 523/2023

Gaudry – Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to November 17, 2023 written under cheque numbers 33775 to 33832 and totaling \$92,670.45 hereby approved for payment

...Carried

Res #524/2023

Johnson – Combet

WHEREAS charitable donations have been received by the R.M. of St. Laurent to be paid out as follows towards the St. Laurent Fire Department towards a new fire truck.

- a. From Kerry Chartrand & Theresa Figurski in the amount of \$500.00
- b. From Oak Point Community Club in the amount of \$500.00.

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

...Carried

Res #525/2023

Gaudry – Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements be adopted as presented.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve payment of \$7,850.00 to Robert Weighell for services rendered.

...Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Billie Jean Oliver)

- Prepared draft Agenda and necessary paperwork for the Board of Revision.
- Discussions with J. Hanson finalizing personal agreement;
- Nov 8- attended the MEC regional meeting in Stonewall
- Discussions with F. Williams re: upcoming Union negotiations
- Nov 9th attended By-law enforcement committee meeting
- Nov 9th attended the Special meeting to discuss drainage tenders
- Nov 10th prepared for attended the FD budget meeting
- Nov 15th reviewed existing policies
- Nov 16th attended the Board of Revision and prepared the minutes and orders
- Nov 16th attended the AMBM AGM in Grande-Pointe with Reeve and Councillor Combot
- Nov 20th attended a zoom meeting with Lana at Community Futures and with Denise
- Nov 20th had meeting with PW Foreman regarding potential road agreement with Coldwell
- Nov 20th attended the Interlake CAO meeting in the RM of Rosser
- Nov 21st away at dentist/doctor appointments with family
- Emailed w/Issac & Denchuk re: elevation study

Councillor Maurice Leclair

- Banners are all down and put away; and Christmas lights are going up.
- Found the trailer, but still no skid steer.
- Snow clearing is going very smoothly.
- Still working on the tanker truck; tank was removed.

Councillor Yves Combot

- Attended Community Futures meeting; discussed youth retreat for February 2024, location to be determined.
- Future strategic Planning- resources to keep up with tends; upcoming entrepreneurship, three-day session to be announced.
- Discussed Capital Campaign presentation Oak Point. Fundraising/Projects applying for grants.
- By-law meeting and RCMP discussion on Nov.9th
- Attended a Fire department meeting, restructuring of some personal
- CDEM meeting by Zoom; general discussions; Strategic planning for St. Laurent-future projects.
- Upcoming Christmas Dinner -Community Futures -December 8th in Lundar.

Public Works/WTS (Foreman Report)

- Not currently

Fire Department & Standard Operating Guidelines (by Melissa Buors)

- See Attached

By-law Enforcement – Sophie Skierszkan

- See Attached

MEC (Roger Gillis)

- Roger Gillis has been working on the Emergency Plan and preparing it for the provincial Deadline December 31, 2023.

EDO – Report by Denise Allard

- See Attached

Rec Commission – Report by Tammy Hiebert

- See Attached

Councillor Tom Johnson

- Attended by-law committee meeting
- Attended the Planning meeting-forward temporary agreement with Coldwell
- Attended the Board of revision meeting.
- Attended the Special meeting.

Councillor Perry Gaudry

- Nov. 14th- Senior Resource meeting- some issues brought up about certain things; power needs to be hooked up to the yurt, porta potties emptied, transportation for seniors, some people against the Stonewall PCH, apparently some of the residents are offended by the Metis rooms. Requesting a 55 plus within the RM of St. Laurent.
- Attended the WIWD meeting – AGM in Eriksdale. Appointed Vice -Chair of Shoal Lake, Earl Zotter but he declined. Was asked to attend Watershed Conference in Brandon December 4th -6th and agreed.
- Attended the WIPD Planning meeting; spoke with Councillors from Coldwell regarding if they would be in favor of a road agreement. Perry stated that rate payers are calling him to have grading done; the Councillor from Coldwell stated that an agreement would work and it would state which roads that the RM's are responsible for and if there should be any discrepancies, the agreement would need to be followed.
- Attended the Age Friendly meeting; Jessica McKay has resigned as Vice Chair, due to time restraints, but mentioned would still help. Voted in a new Vice chair. Age Friendly is applying for the Petro-Canada grant of \$7500.00.

Reeve Richard Chartrand

- Nov. 8th – Attended Indigenous Veterans Day at the St. Laurent Legion.
- Nov 9th – Attended By-law committee meeting & Special meeting at the Rec Centre
- Nov 10th– Attended Fire Department meeting
- Nov 11th- Attended Remembrance Day Event at the St. Laurent Legion.
- Nov 14th- Attended Zoom meeting with CDEM
- Nov 16th- Attended the Board of Revision meeting
- Nov 16th- Attended AMBM Annual/General meeting in Grande-Pointe.

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearing:

- None

Tabled until Road Issue is Completed:

- Application for Conditional Use-CUSTL -21-23- Filipe & Darlen Cruz-Travel trailers/recreational vehicles on a vacant site as a temporary use.
- Application for Conditional Use-CUSTL-19-23-Richard & Jeanette Cueto-Travel trailers/recreational vehicles on a vacant site.

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- Dec. 6th at 10:15 a.m. – Application for Conditional Use -CUSTL-21-23-Ronni & Lilian Wiens-62 Leost Drive S, Lot 4, Plan 42976-Travel trailers/recreational vehicles on a vacant site as a temporary use.
- Dec. 6th at 10:20 a.m. – Application Variation Order-VSTL-05-23-Craig & Laurie Ann Nichol-796 Venice Road S, Lot 29, Plan 7408 for front yard variation, from 125 feet to 27 feet to allow the construction of a cottage to comply with zoning by-law.

Delegation:

- 11:00 a.m.-Denisse Allard talked about the Strategic plan of 2022 and Interlake Tourism.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

To Be Tabled for December 20, 2023

WHEREAS the lease for the Public Works 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD one-ton garbage pick-up truck will mature on January 26, 2024.

AND WHERE AS Council has two decisions to decide from. The first decision would be if Council decides to keep the 2021 Silverado Truck, the cost for the buyout to date is \$40,424.78 taxes included and if Council decides to wait till January 2024 the buyout is \$34,424.78 plus tax. The second decision would be to return the 2021 Silverado truck back to Vickar Chevrolet.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-None

OTHER DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEE BOARDS

-None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Res #526/2023 Combot – Gaudry

WHEREAS the RM is redesigning their website and emails to create a more professional structure and eliminate the use of personal emails.

AND WHEREAS two quotes have been provided to the RM from Catalis and Vincent Designs.

AND FURTHER WHEREAS Catalis has a flat fee of \$150.00 to secure domain name, they also have a \$250.00 flat fee for each email configuration which is an annual fee per year, Catalis recommends that the RM register ourselves with Office 365 based on the number of emails that we would require. Office 365 is a \$17.00/user/month which equals to \$204.00/user/year for 10 emails. Catalis also has the option of paperless meetings for \$7500.00. The cost for the Website design is \$10,500.00. The Website design costs will be broken down over the next four (4) years.

AND FURTHER WHEREAS Vincent designs has a \$550.00 set up fee. The RM would register with Google Workspace which would cost \$15.60/user/month which equals to \$187.20/user/year equals to \$187200/year for 10 emails (minimum cost \$2,422.00) The cost for the Website design is \$20,000.00. The Website design costs will be broken down over the next four (4) years.

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT Council approve the implementation of services from

...Carried

Res #527/2023 Johnson – Leclair

WHEREAS Laurentia Beach Association is hosting the silent auction at the Merry Makers Craft and Bake sale on Sunday, December 3, 2023. The money raised from the silent auction will be donated towards the Laurentia Beach Sun Shelter.

AND WHEREAS the Laurentian Beach Association is contacting the RM to request a donation towards the silent auction at the Merry Makers Craft and Bake Sale.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the donation of The Land Between the Lakes History book.

...Carried

Res #528/2023 Gaudry – Combot

WHEREAS the Oak Point Community Club is hosting their 18th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, November 25, 2023

AND WHEREAS in the past we are asking the community and businesses to donate a silent

auction prize or a monetary donation to assist with the costs of hosting this exciting day for our families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a donation or monetary donation of \$100.00 to the Oak Point Community Club.

...Carried

Res #529/2023 Johnson – Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 21/2023 being a By-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent to create a Mitigation and Preparedness Reserve as required under the 2022 Mitigation and Preparedness Program be hereby given the third reading.

...Carried

Res #530/2023 Leclair – Combote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 22/2023 being a by-law to amend the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent Fees, Fines and Charges By-Law 16/2021, be hereby given the first reading.

...Carried

Res #531/2023 Leclair – Combote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 22/2023 being a by-law to amend the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent Fees, Fines and Charges By-Law 16/2021, be hereby given the second reading.

...Carried

Res #532/2023 Johnson- Gaudry

WHEREAS resolution #384/2022 was passed for an application of proposed subdivision (#4178-22-8189) from Interlake Metis Association Inc. to subdivide a 0.72-acre property from an approximately 20-acre property for the development of a childcare facility. The area affected is currently under CT No. 189465, Roll 24400, Part of RL 17, 18 and 19, Parish of St. Laurent, in Manitoba.

WHEREAS an amendment application to the proposed subdivision (#4178-22-8189) has been received from where in the Interlake Metis Association to subdivide a 2.81-acre property from two properties (CT 189465 and CT 1894656, Roll 24400) for the development of a childcare facility.

AND WHEREAS the proposed subdivision appears to generally conform with the policies in the West Interlake Planning District Development Plan. The proposal meets the site area width requirements of the GD zone, however existing buildings do not meet setback requirements, a variance is required or the Buildings need to be moved.

AND FURTHER WHEREAS if Council is satisfied that the proposed subdivision is in compliance with the intent of the Development Plan policies, the approving resolution should reflect the following condition, which is of municipal responsibility:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the proposed subdivision with the following conditions:

1. Submit written confirmation from the Municipality that taxes on the land to be subdivided, for the current year plus any arrears, have been paid or that an arrangement satisfactory to Council has been made.
2. The applicant/owner has entered into a Development Agreement with the Municipality to cover matters including, but not limited to:
 - (a) New structures be built to a Flood Protection Level of 250.03 meters (820.30 feet) CGVD28.
3. The applicant/owner has obtained front yard variances for the greenhouses OR moved the greenhouses back to a minimum of 25 feet from the front lot line.

...Carried

CDC MATTERS

Res #533/2023 Johnson- Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

...Carried

Res #534/2023 Johnson-Leclair

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

...Carried

Res #535/2023 Johnson – Gaudry

WHEREAS the Oak Point Community Billboard is in need of an upgrade/maintenance to make it more efficient for the community members. A lot of information is posted on the billboard, such as Service Canada schedules, vaccine clinic schedules, and many other important information that the community depends on.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the replacement of the Oak Point Community Billboard.

...Carried

Res #536/2023 Leclair -Combot

WHEREAS the Director of the Assisted Living Centre, Cheryl Bruce contacted Reeve Chartrand to inform Richard that the TV at the Assisted Living Centre is no longer working.

AND WHEREAS Reeve Chartrand authorized Cheryl Bruce to purchase a new TV for the Assisted Living Centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the purchase of a new 65 inch Smart TV for \$567.83 for the Assisted Living Centre.

...Carried

To Be Tabled Until Prices Are Submitted

WHEREAS the furniture in the Common Room at the Assisted Living Centre needs to be replaced.

AND WHEREAS Reeve Chartrand authorized Cheryl Bruce, Administrator of the Assisted Living Centre to purchase new furniture for the Common Room.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the purchase of new furniture for the Common Room at the Assisted Living Centre in the near future.

Res #537/2023 Leclair – Gaudry

WHEREAS Councillor Yves Combato has been invited to attend the Christmas Dinner for the Community Futures Organization.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the attendance of Yves Combato at the above indicated dinner.

...Carried

Res #538/2023 Johnson – Combato

WHEREAS Councillor Perry Gaudry has been invited to attend the Watershed District Conference in Brandon on December 4 – 6th, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the attendance of Perry Gaudry to the above indicated conference.

...Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- None

Minutes from Others:

- Prairie Rose School Division -School of Trustees-Meeting Highlights

Committee of the Whole in Camera

- None

Res #539/2023

Gaudry - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 2:45 p.m.



Reeve



CAO

Administration –

- Prepared draft Agenda and necessary paperwork for the upcoming Board of Revision;
- Discussions with J. Hanson finalizing personnel agreement;
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Fire Department Report to Council for November 23, 2023

Dispatched Calls

As of November 21, 2023, the FD is at call # 47 of this year.

Incident # 47-23, False Alarm 95176 Hwy 6 (Esso Gas Station). 2 members attended

Incident # 46-23, MVC Hwy 6 & 95176. 5 members attended

Incident #45-23, Structure Fire 91156 Lake Francis Rd. 4 members attended. Stand down was issued once equipment and members where in route, it was a controlled burn. 4 members attended

95176 & Hwy 6 (ESSO)

On November 16, 2023 the department was called to another call at this location. 2 members attended

Real spoke with the owner of this location and notified that a letter was being mailed.

A letter was drafted for this location and handed in to Billie-Jean on November 15, 2023.

MPI Claims

I, Melissa have 6 claims to recover from MPI. The estimated amount is \$6786.00 as MPI may make changes or deny some claims.

There was an issue with their claim forms online, not allowing information to be entered and no dollar value would calculate. MPI was on strike at the time but are recently back to work and I will be contacting them for assistance. I have attempted to call and speak with the correct person, no luck so far.

Operating Guidelines

An amendment to 4.05 Response to Fire Alarms. The amend part was adding False Alarms.

Please see attached copy.

Dry Hydrant located at Sandpiper

Was serviced by Real and Roger Leclerc.

"Real reported it leaks and doesn't hold air". This will result in a weekly monitoring and top up of air pressure weekly, however, he will be submitting his hours for this.

A hydrant shut off valve should be installed below grade to prevent it from freezing, maybe an item for the 2024 budget year.

Perhaps keeping it charged with air is a public works task that should be discussed by council.

A resident spoke with Fire Chief Roger Leclerc. Roger Gillis was approached by the same resident on Nov 20, 2023, and advised that ROYKO has taken it upon themselves to use the dry hydrant without permission. After removing the cap and loosing any air pressure remaining, they have been seen climbing over the fence as well into the area around the pond and chose to draft/pump water into the large horizontal boring truck. Roger Gillis spoke with Roger Leclerc if he had given permission to use the

dry hydrant, no permission was given. Roger Gillis met with a senior member of Royko and told him if they wanted water from the pond there was no issue, they could push a hose under the fence, however never to touch the dry hydrant again.

Drill Night

No drill nights have occurred since last council meeting.

Next drill night is scheduled for Nov 27, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Level 1

Chad and Melissa attended Manitoba Emergency Services College in Brandon on November 4, 2023 and have successfully passed Level 1 practical evaluation.

November 18, 2023

Phoenix attended Winnipeg to do written test for Level 1 firefighting.

Chad and Greg attended Warren Fire Hall for traffic control course held by mutual aid and paid by mutual aid.

Mutual Aid Meeting

Yves, Roger Leclerc and Roger Gillis will be attending mutual aid meeting on Nov 23, 2023 in Selkirk.

Mutual Aid/Training District Financial Incentive Invoice and forms and documentation has been prepared by myself, Melissa.

Inspections

Nov 21, 2023 fire safety plan for the golf course restaurant was reviewed by Roger Gillis and Chad

Matt and Roger Gillis will be reviewing and inspecting the fire safety plan at Li Pchi Pwayson on Dec 6, 2023.

Emergency lighting will be reviewed at the St. Laurent Lodge on Nov 22, 2023 by Roger Gillis and Laureen Carriere.

Public Workers

A mutual agreement has been reached by the public workers forming and Roger Gillis that the door between both buildings will not be locked any longer.

By-Law Report

November 22, 2023

By-Law	Number of active files
Zoning By-Law	26
Unnecessary and Harmful Noise By-Law	1
Domestic Animal By-law	1
Parks and Beaches	0
Unsightly Property By-Law	7
Derelict Building By-Law	2

- 1) Zoning By-law: There are currently 19 active files with Notices of Violation, which relate to RV/Travel Trailer or Park Model violations. There are 4 active files with have been/will be issued Inspection Notices, which relate to RV/Travel Trailer or Park Model violations. Another active file has been provided a December 4, 2023 deadline to comply. Another active file has been issued a Penalty Notice. The final active file has been issued a Penalty Notice.
- 2) Unnecessary and Harmful Noise By-Law: The active file has been issued a Penalty Notice.
- 3) Domestic Animal By-law: The active file has been issued two Penalty Notices, which are due on November 21, 2023.
- 4) Unsightly Property By-law: The first file has a compliance deadline of June 19, 2024. The following file has a compliance deadline of June 19, 2024. The following file has compliance deadline of November 23, 2023. The following file has a compliance deadline of December 19, 2023. The following file has a Municipal Enforcement Order due January 11, 2024. The following file has an outstanding Municipal Enforcement Order that will have to be remedied in the spring.
- 5) Derelict Building By-law: The first has a secondary preliminary derelict building order, compliance is due on November 30, 2023. The second file's property owner has been working on rectifying the infractions and has been provided July 17, 2024 deadline to comply.

Current by-laws we are working on reviewing and revising are the following:

1. Zoning By-Law: amendments to the structure of the by-law, removal of term "vacant site", amending officer title- in the process of being drafted by WIPD.
2. Building By-Law: Working on amendments to structure of by-law and inclusion of Stop Work Order.
3. Policies: The Municipality is in the process of updating certain policies and creating new policies to better guide employees to expectations as it relates to matters such as licence refunds, the use of Municipal resources to bring properties into compliance, the tendering and procurement process, working alone, errors on Penalty Notices, some of which may be presented.

EDO Report November 22, 2023

- Contacted Tammy at the Interlake Tourism Association to find out if we are members. She said that the RM withdrew 2 years ago. She said she would reinstate us now for March 2024-2025 at no extra cost. Being a member also enables us to co-op market with Tourism Manitoba and gives us access to some grants. I wanted to apply for Interlake Tourism grant but we couldn't because we are not a member of the I.T.A yet and because our event would not take place until after the report due date of October 1, 2024, we would not qualify. Did not apply for the grant but will proceed with planning a Veteran's memorial tour for the community to include a stop at Big Tree Park and the Welcome centre for hot chocolate or coffee. The cost of membership is .42 cents per capita for a total of \$650.90. Requesting to council to reinstate the RM as a member again.
- *Gathered Statistics Canada 2021 Census results to produce a report based on all the St. Laurent statistics. Much gathering of information and coming to conclusions based on the numbers in the report.*
- Tried contacting Donna Austfjord of MMF who is the economic development officer for the MMF Interlake region to discuss the possibility of collaboration and discussions of future projects. She comes to the St. Laurent office Wednesdays but we have not yet been able to talk to set something up.
- *Zoom meeting with CAO and Reeve with Marie-Cécile of CDEM to go over the **priorities of the RM for 2024-2027** and to update on the 2019-2022 projects. Lengthy report that helps to establish the priorities of the RM and in what ways the AMBM/ECO WEST and CDEM can help us. They recommend to keep up to date with the Strategic Plan and the Development Plan. At the training the CAO and I did in Gunton last month, there was talk about the importance of these 2 reports in determining which direction the Municipality should go in. All the RMs use this. Bernice found for me a receipt to Way to Go Consulting for 2022 Strategic Plan and Ernie Epp sent the report to me. It is now included in the shared documents and a copy here for council. Spoke with Cherie regarding a Development Plan and she informed me that the province has a provincial land use policy and every municipality or planning district must have a development plan. It is recommended that the report be updated every 5 years. Ours was last done in 2004. However, it has been updated to include our new district of West Interlake, Coldwell and St. Laurent RMs and just needs to be reviewed by Cherie in the new year before the 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings and the Minister review. The updates will include new mapping, government department policies, climate change initiatives, new statistics and new flood protection levels. It should be approved in early to mid 2024.*
- Zoom webinar with CDEM with information on how to complete certain applications on their website.
- *Met with Bernice to complete Report #2 for Starlink reimbursement and sent information to the contact person, James Finch.*
- Have been in continued contact with Genaro Guevarra of Morning Breeze regarding his proposal for funding of "Special Behaviour Program" and "Palliative Care services" through Shared Health. The deadline for the application has been pushed back and he would still like a letter of support from council when the time comes, likely mid December. He has updates on the project and hopes to arrange a written report or delegation for the next council meeting. This project entails expanding the Assisted Living Centre as per plans previously made in 2010.
- *Applied for a \$5000 grant through Western Financial Group Communities Foundations. They are giving away 5 - \$5,000 grants towards community renovations, improvements, or construction of a publicly owned asset aimed at improving your community. I applied for a ramp and stairwell combination to access the St. Laurent Municipal Museum. The draw will be made as a raffle on December 15th.*
- Prepared a PowerPoint presentation to present to council for what they need to know about the Strategic Plan, the demographics of our municipality and the benefits of being a member of the Interlake Tourism Association. To be on the same page, informed and heading in the same direction and with priorities noted.
- Zoom meeting with CAO and Lana of Community Futures to discuss options for the CDC

Terms of Reference

The St. Laurent Michif French Committee

Res #391/2023 (RM of St. Laurent MB) Johnson – Gaudry ...Carried

WHEREAS the RM has been asked by 'Just Because' party for family and friends to put a committee together that will develop a working plan to ensure the continuity of the language in their dictionary and to accept the language as written in their dictionary as the official Michif language of this community. There is a lot of demand for these Elders to teach this language across the province.

AND WHEREAS the Michif dictionary is the only one in existence and the Elders put this together with no funding and out of the goodness of their heart.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following to be part of this committee – Richard Chartrand

This Committee will be an ad-hoc committee of the RM of St. Laurent and be known as The St. Laurent Michif French Committee.

1. Role/Purpose

- The Michif/French language as written in the dictionary by the five St. Laurent Grandmothers is the traditional Michif language spoken by the majority of Michif people in St. Laurent
 - In 2013/14 five grandmothers from St. Laurent began working on a plan to preserve the language of their ancestors – June Bruce, Lorraine Coutu (nee Lavallee), Agathe Chartrand (aka Desjarlais), Doris Mikolayenko (nee Leclerc) and Patsy Millar (nee Chartrand).
 - In 2016 they self-published the Michif French dictionary as spoken by most Michif people in St. Laurent.
 - All costs incurred in their work to make this dictionary a reality were covered by them personally – no grants were received and no organization stepped forward to help them.
- Today, two of the original Grandmothers have journeyed to the land of their ancestors and so has another one who had joined them later on, Joyce Dumont.
- Also today, two of the remaining Grandmothers are 80 years old or more and the youngest one is over 75.
- Those who still speak this language from the community are all over 50/60 years of age.
- This language has not been passed down to our children and young adults therefore unless there is a significant effort to teach it to our younger generation, it will not continue.
- At the moment this language is not promoted by any group or organization.
- The purpose of this committee is to identify ways to promote and preserve this language.

2. This committee is effective as of January 15th, 2024 and will continue for three years. At that time the RM of St. Laurent will meet with the Committee and review the Terms of Reference to determine its continuity and / or changes.

3. Membership

- This Committee will have a minimum of three members to a maximum of seven.
- Members will include the following
 - One RM member (to be determined by RM)
 - 2-3 members from the Grandmothers aka Dictionary Ladies
 - They can decide who this will be
 - Members at large
 - One member for the 'just Because' group – Louise McKay
 - The Chairperson / Vice-chairperson from the Fr. Guy Lavallee MMF Local
 - Two youth students, one from each school (to be determined by the schools)
- Each member will serve for the three year period unless their group determines otherwise. The youth students will serve for the school year period unless determined otherwise by the school and / or the group.
- Members of this committee will cease to be a member in good standing and therefore be asked to leave the group, if they have acted inappropriately as determined by the group.
- Members will serve without remuneration, but will be recognized as an outstanding volunteer at a yearly appreciation event by the RM.

5. Meetings

- The Chair will be Louise McKay as she was the one who approached Council to do this.
- Quorum at each meeting will be three members.
- A minute taker will be appointed early in the process
- Decisions will be made according to a consensus model
- The occurrence and length of meetings will be discussed and determined by the group when they initially meet.
- Minutes of decisions will be kept and forwarded to the RM as needed.
- A yearly report will be prepared and submitted as determined by the group at their initial meeting.

6. These Terms of Reference may be amended, varied or modified in writing after consultation and agreement by the group and RM.