



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2020

**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, December 16, 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, Vern Coutu (10:05 a.m.), and CAO Hilda Zotter

Regrets: Councillor Phil Mathews

**Call to Order**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

Res #384/2020 Bruce – Combot

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

....Carried

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Res #385/2020 Coutu – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2020  
be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

## **Committee Reports:**

### CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- An electrician looked at the chambers for the scope of electrical work required for laptops, will provide quote for work. Will look for someone to also take a look at the current system regarding the microphones etc.

### MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

### EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

### Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- None

### Waste Transfer Site (Ron Colliou)

- None

### Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

### Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

### Councillor Phil Mathews

- None

### Councillor Jerry Combet

- Met with Fire Chief regarding the Fire Department Budget meeting
- Will follow up with Paul regarding the final generator hookup

### Councillor Frank Bruce

- Suggested that the safety on the vehicles be done earlier, as the truck for the sander is still in for repair. It may cost too much to repair and perhaps we look at another vehicle, suggested perhaps leasing which would provide warranty.

- Attended a zoom meeting with James Bezan which discussed shovel worthy projected vs shovel ready, internet connectivity, and the delay on the channel.
- Will attend interviews on Friday for the WIPD Building Inspector position.
- Reminder of the Public Works budget meeting being held on December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Spoke with concerned ratepayer regarding the icy road conditions

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Met with the MEC regarding preparing for the upcoming December 23<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting in regards to COVID.
- Attended the virtual CDEM broadband meeting
- Met with CAO regarding by-law enforcement file
- Attended the virtual CPAC meeting, discussed:
  - What's working?
  - Budget variance mostly due to travel and COVID.
  - Reviewed what's happening in our community.
  - Discussed possible custom software.
  - Also reviewed the 2-year pilot project due to COVID and possible extension.
- Attended WIPD meeting last night, discussed:
  - Legal issues awaiting a summary judgement.
  - Received three applications for the building inspector, has been shorted list to two.
  - The situation at Shoal Lakes has been sent to the lawyer.
  - The By-law for RV's has been sent to the Selkirk Planning office.
  - Discussed other situations with travel trailers and non-compliance with zoning, storage buildings on lots and trailers on public reserve.
  - Dealing with situation of two old mobiles used for storage on Lio-Del Rd.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

**Finance & Accounts**

Res #386/2020

Bruce – Combat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for December 2020 and Expenses for November 2020 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Vern Coutu	Jerry Combot
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	1280.00	800.00
Hourly	450.00	175.00	375.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	60.00	65.00	53.00	0.00	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-392.06	-156.63	-392.06	-392.06	-392.06
BC (paid by RM)	392.06	156.63	392.06	392.06	392.06
CPP Deduction	-60.80	-35.88	-51.63	-51.89	-26.69
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-88.94	-12.88	-46.16	-47.38	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1360.26</b>	<b>991.24</b>	<b>1230.21</b>	<b>1180.73</b>	<b>773.31</b>

Note: Vern Coutu – November \$480.00 & December \$800.00

.....Carried

Res #387/2020                      Coutu – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to December 15, 2020, written under cheque numbers 29491 to 29536 and totaling \$128,875.46 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #388/2020                      Bruce – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements dated December 15, 2020, be adopted as presented.

.....Carried

Res #389/2020                      Coutu – Bruce

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

- a. From anonymous donor in the amount of \$100 towards the Christmas Hamper Drive for 2020, to be paid out to Loretta Sigurdson.
- b. From anonymous donor in the amount of \$50.00 towards the Christmas

- Hamper Drive for 2020, to be paid out to Loretta Sigurdson.
- c. From anonymous donor in the amount of \$100 towards the Christmas Hamper Drive for 2020, to be paid out to Loretta Sigurdson.
  - d. From Charles Dunham in the amount of \$100 towards the Christmas Hamper Drive for 2020, to be paid out to Loretta Sigurdson.
  - e. From Robert & Judith Gleich in the amount of \$100 towards the Oak Point Community Hall Re-build.
  - f. From Sid & Gwendoline Bloomfield in the amount of \$20.00 towards the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission Laurentia Park Playground Project.
  - g. From Tannis Bohn in the amount of \$40.00 towards the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission Laurentia Park Playground Project.
  - h. From Roy & Lynn Colliou in the amount of \$160.00 towards the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission Laurentia Park Playground Project.
  - i. From Robert & Michele Wickman in the amount of \$200.00 towards the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission Laurentia Park Playground Project.
  - j. From Gilbert Borley in the amount of \$200.00 towards the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission Laurentia Park Playground Project.
  - k. From anonymous donor in the amount of \$50.00 towards the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission Laurentia Park Playground Project.
  - l. From Paul & Debbie Dumont in the amount of \$100.00 towards the St. Laurent Assisted Living Centre.
  - m. From Cheryl & Randy Smith in the amount of \$500.00 towards the St. Laurent Assisted Living Centre.

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

.....Carried

Res #390/2020

Coutu – Combot

WHEREAS due to COVID, there are unused funds in the 2020 budget.

AND WHEREAS the RM's accountant has advised that these funds be granted to the CDC – Economic Development Account for use in ongoing projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the disbursement of the amount of \$44,000 from Fiscal Services to the CDC – Economic Development account, and \$26,000 from remaining funds received from Federal COVID relief funds.

.....Carried

Res #391/2020 Bruce – Combot

Amended Resolution 378/2020

WHEREAS in partnership with St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission, Laurentia Beach Association, and Rural Municipality of St. Laurent a Playground was installed at Laurentia Park;

AND WHEREAS the total Laurentia Beach Playground Project cost was \$33,197.56, which cost was paid out of the account of the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission;

AND WHEREAS contributions made thus far are as follows:

- VLT funds from RM (2019 VLT funding) - \$10,000
- Rec Commission fundraising - \$500
- Laurentia Beach Association contribution - \$1,700
- **Donations from Laurentia Beach Association members - \$820 (as of Dec. 11, 2020)**
- Building Sustainable Communities Grant - \$15,487

AND WHEREAS there is a shortfall of **\$4,690.56**;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the payment of **\$4,690.56** to the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission to cover the shortfall as follows:

- ~~Laurentia Beach Association donation shortfall - \$650~~
- Added swing feature contribution by RM - \$2,223.56
- Original anticipated shortfall contribution by RM (budgeted) - \$2,467

.....Carried

#### DELEGATIONS

- None

#### Zoning and Subdivisions

- Subdivision Application Grymonpre - Tabled

#### Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- 10:45 a.m. January 6, 2021 – 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.

**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS**

- None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Res #392/2020

Coutu - Combout

WHEREAS the current Fleetnet is becoming obsolete and is to be replaced by new equipment.

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has provided the Manitoba Public Safety Communications Serve (MPSCS) – Service Offer to be signed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council complete and sign the attached Participation Release and Indemnity Letter as contained in the attachment “C”.

.....Carried

**New and Unfinished Business**

Res #393/2020

Bruce – Coutu

WHEREAS Municipal Emergency Coordinator, Paul Belair, has reviewed and updated the Municipal Emergency Plan and has circulated the Plan to Council and the CAO for review.

AND WHEREAS the said Plan requires adoption by the RM of St. Laurent and submission to the Province of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the 2021 Emergency Plan as circulated.

.....Carried

Res #394/2020

Combout - Bruce

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse Reeve Smith in serving on the Provincial-Municipal Justice Advisory Committee (PMJAC).

.....Carried

**Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others**

**Correspondence/Information:**

- AMM 2020 Resolutions – Results
- AMM – Reminder PSCS Participation Agreement
- First Notice of Tax Sale Auction
- St. Laurent Assisted Living Centre
- Winnipeg Building – Oak Point Community Centre

**Minutes:**

- Prairie Rose School Division – Meeting Highlights December 7, 2020

**Committee of the Whole in Camera**

Res #395/2020                      Bruce – Coutu

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

.....Carried

Res #396/2020                      Bruce – Combot

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

.....Carried

**Adjourn**

Res #397/2020                      Coutu - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:58 a.m.

.....Carried

  
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Reeve

  
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CAO