



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2022

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 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.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #63/2022 Mathews - Coutu

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

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #64/2022 Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2022
- CDC Minutes – March 2, 2022

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Regular placement at table for Council- back to normal.
- Working on rollout of Starlink – have numerous applications
- Election material has arrived; will need to go through it.
- Please mark your calendar – March 22, 2022-10:00 a.m. for budget meeting.
- Public Hearing meeting for Budget – May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Applications have been made to DFO for reinstating a Marina and a permit has been granted to the R.M. for excavation to begin prior to April 1st, 2022.
- Councillor Mathews sought and provided quotes for rental of equipment for the rental of a 336 FL Caterpillar for one month.
- Attended the meeting for the Heritage Building and tenders are to be posted.
- Attended the meeting for the new Handivan.
- Attended the meetings for the Marina.
- Phil reported to council he had driven on Wagon Creek Road and it was a matter of time that someone would lose their life should they get stuck on this road. Phil strongly recommended that a closure of Wagon Creek Road (Road 100N) from the Lagoon to Gravel Ridge Road (Road 20W) due to snow accumulation be looked at. That the road is to remained closed until further notice. Barricades to be place.

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Attended meetings for the Marina.
- Attended the public works meeting.
- Repaired the wing cylinder clevis mount that broke off.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Attended the public works meeting.
- Attended a budget meeting to discuss gravel, dust control and asphaltting.

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Attended meetings for the Marina.

DELEGATIONS

10:25 – 10:40 a.m. – Bill Massey & Brett – Hogwatch

Reeve, Cheryl Smith thanked Bill Massey for all his hard work and dedication towards advocating against factory breeding hog barns. The R.M. has no interest in supporting hog factories.

Cheryl Smith

- Attended the IRHA meeting.
- Participated with CAO for the MEC interviews on March 11, 2022.
- Attended the first CDC Handivan committee meeting. The committee is being chaired by Guy Dumont and the committee has been tasked to research, do a jurisdictional scan on similar programs and create policies and a model for this new program/service for the RM.
- Attended a meeting with the CAO, Guy Dumont, and the dentist, Dr, Chadha to discuss the lease at the Welcome Centre.
- Cheryl reported that grants were accessed for the Municipal Heritage Hall Guy Dumont EDO
- Cheryl noted to council and staff that the St. Laurent episode on St. Laurent regarding Still Standing is to air on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

Guy Dumont attended to chambers and reported that three grants which amounted to \$94,750.00 were applied for and approved to restore the Heritage building.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Reeve Smith had an interview with the Tribune Express was done regarding the new handivan committee and way forward for the RM of St. Laurent.

Finance & Accounts

Res #65/2022

Coutu – Combob

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for March 2022 and Expenses for February 2022 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Vern Coutu	Jerry Combob
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	412.00	150.00	225.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	60.00	39.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-417.91	-166.95	-417.91	-417.91	-417.91
BC (paid by RM)	417.91	166.95	417.91	417.91	417.91
CPP Deduction	-63.89	-37.53	-47.50	-28.98	-28.98

Fed/Prov Tax ded	-45.34	-7.24	-25.07	0.00	0.00
Totals	1363.27	944.23	1112.43	771.02	771.02

...Carried

Res #66/2022

Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to March 11, 2022, written under cheque numbers 31179 to 31201 and totaling \$38,241.95 be hereby approved for payment.

....Carried

Res #67/2022

Mathews – Combot

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

- a. From Amgad Gayed in the amount of \$100 towards the roof replacement to be paid out to the St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre.

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

....Carried

Res #68/2022

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre Inc. is hosting a Silent Auction for their Roof Fundraiser Prize Bingo on Sunday, March 27, 2022 and are requesting a donation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the donation in the amount of \$100.00 Petro Gas Card and the historical book, The Land Between the Lakes to the St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre Inc. for the said event.

....Carried

Res #69/2022

Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS the St. Laurent Aboriginal Head Start has requested grant funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 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 funds for the purchase of food for hampers be accepted by the R.M.

AND FUTURE 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 Hearing:

- None

Regular Matters:

Res #70/2022 Mathews – Bruce

WHEREAS application of proposed subdivision (#4178-21-8111) has been received from Thomas Aliwalas and Leonora Aliwalas to subdivide a 10.57-acre property to create five rural residential properties. The area affected is currently under CT No. 3115670, Roll 11250, part of River Lot 10 and 11, Parish of St. Laurent, in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the Community Planning Branch and commenting agencies have provided their responses.

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

1. Taxes on the land to be subdivided have been paid for the current year plus any arrears;
2. The applicants enter into a development agreement with the R.M. of St. Laurent to include matters such as, but not limited to:
 - a. All permanent structures are provided with flood protection and are built to the proper Flood Protection Level as given by Manitoba Infrastructure.
 - b. The Owner/Applicant provides payment to the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) being the capital levy required under By-law 7/04, representing \$1,000.00 for each parcel created under this application, which payment to be made prior to the signing of the Development Agreement by the R.M.
 - c. As the "planned road" is not completed to the RM's standards by previous developer, the RM assumes no liability or requirement to complete the roadway or service it. The issue of the roadway may be addressed at a later date should the need arise.
3. The Owner/Applicant to pay the legal cost of drafting the Development Agreement along with the costs of filing appropriate documents with Land Titles Office.

...Carried

Res #71/2022 Combot - Bruce

WHEREAS application of proposed subdivision (#4178-21-8079) has been received from 5559473 Manitoba Ltd. to subdivide two properties into a total of three lots in Oak Point. The area affected is Part of Lot 13 Settlement of Oak Point, in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the Community Planning Branch and commenting agencies have provided their responses.

AND WHEREAS a small piece of land owned by the RM, being Roll 36910 is landlocked adjacent to a part of the lands to be subdivided.

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

1. Taxes on the land to be subdivided have been paid for the current year plus any arrears;
2. The Owner/Applicant obtains a minor variance to vary the site area for proposed Lot 3 from the minimum 80 acres to +/- 10.722 acres;
3. The applicants enter into a development agreement with the R.M. of St. Laurent to include matters such as, but not limited to:
 - a. Prior to any construction activities, the proponent must contact Water Management Planning and Standards to obtain flood protection elevations based on the location of permanent structures. Structures must be constructed such that the underside of the main supporting beams are at a minimum flood protection level as determined by MI;
 - b. Existing tree and vegetation cover should be preserved to reduce erosion and maintain bank stability.
 - c. The Owner/Applicant provides payment to the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) being the capital levy required under By-law 7/04, representing \$1,000.00 for each parcel created under this application, which payment to be made prior to the signing of the Development Agreement by the R.M.
 - d. The Owner/Applicant to pay the legal cost of drafting the Development Agreement along with the costs of filing appropriate documents with Land Titles Office.
4. The Owner/Applicant is to enter into a Right of Way Agreement with the RM to allow access by the RM to its landlocked parcel of land with the RM to pay the cost of such drafting and filing.

....Carried

Notices:

- None

DELEGATIONS

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. – Honorable James Bezan – Ukraine Crises

James Bezan communicated to Council about the Ukraine crises and some opportunities for rural municipalities to be involved with potential billeting and housing Ukrainian immigrants. He also touched on any fundraising that can be raised throughout our municipality. Reeve Cheryl Smith thanked James Bezan for taking the time to come to our municipality and share this information to Council.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #72/2022

Coutu – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM wishes to reinstate the use of a small marina located on RM property, being Roll 69600.

AND WHEREAS applications have been made to DFO and the Province of Manitoba, and permit has been granted for excavation to be done prior to April 1, 2022.

AND WHEREAS it would be most cost effective to rent equipment to complete the work.

AND FURTHER WHEREAS quotes have been received for rental of equipment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the quote given by

Camster for the rental of a Caterpillar 336 FL in the amount of \$25,000 plus GST for one month rental.

....Carried

Res # 73/2022

Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS for the health and safety of the employees using the public works and fire hall building an exhaust fan system must be installed.

AND WHEREAS quotes have been received with Prairie HVAC submitting the most favorable quote.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the quote given by Prairie HVAC in the amount of \$8714.56 for the Fire Hall and \$8758.54 for the Public Works Shop (cost does not include taxes).

....Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

Res #74/2022

Mathews - Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 01/2022 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent to establish rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources during the 42-day period before a general election or by-election be hereby given, third reading.

...Carried

RECORDED VOTE: Cheryl Smith, Phil Mathews, Frank Bruce, Jerry Combot, Vern Coutu

Res #75/2022 Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 02/2022 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent to create the position of Designated Officer be hereby given, first reading.

...Carried

Res #76/2022 Coutu - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 02/2022 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent to create the position of Designated Officer be hereby given, second reading.

...Carried

Res #77/2022 Mathews – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 03/2022 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent to regulate Derelict buildings in the Municipality, be given the first reading.

...Carried

Res #78/2022 Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 04/2022 BEING A BY-LAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT to provide for general enforcement by the Municipality of its by-laws, provisions of The Municipal Act, The Planning Act, and any other Act the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent is authorized to enforce, and any permits, authorizations or agreements issued by or entered into by the Municipality under the authority of such Act, by-laws or provision be hereby given, first reading.

...Carried

Res #79/2022 Mathews – Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 04/2022 BEING A BY-LAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT to provide for general enforcement by the Municipality

of its by-laws, provisions of The Municipal Act, The Planning Act, and any other Act the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent is authorized to enforce, and any permits, authorizations or agreements issued by or entered into by the Municipality under the authority of such Act, by-laws or provision be hereby given, second reading.

....Carried

Res # 80/2022 Mathews – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meeting dates of April 20th, 2022 and June 1, 2022, be cancelled due to conflict with AMM and FCM conference dates.

....Carried

Res #81/2022 Mathews – Combot

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has made successful application to the Universal Broadband Fund and to carry out the purpose of the project, must appoint an administrator to coordinate the necessary paperwork, and inspectors that will verify the installation and validity of Starlink installations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following:

Bernice Kitsch – Administrator

Dave Hiebert – Inspector #1

Paul Belair – Inspector #2

....Carried

Res #82/2022 Bruce - Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council order the temporary closure of Wagon Creek Road (Road 100N) from the Lagoon to Gravel Ridge Road (Road 20W) due to snow accumulations. The road is to remained closed until further notice.

....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- RCMP Monthly Statistics Report – February 2022

Minutes:

- None

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #83/2022 Bruce – Coutu

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

.....Carried

Res #84/2022 Combot – Bruce

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

.....Carried

Res #85/2022 Bruce - Coutu

WHEREAS due to the high accumulations of snow and resulting windrows along several municipal roads, a dozer is required to widen out the roadway and push back the snowbanks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Camster Construction be hired for an amount up to \$7500.00 not including tax.

.....Carried

Res #86/2022 Mathews – Combot

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has advertised for the position of Municipal Emergency Coordinator (MEC).

AND WHEREAS applications have been received, and interviews conducted by the Hiring Committee.

AND WHEREAS the Hiring Committee recommends the hire of Thomas Dorge. The hire will also require the purchase of a laptop, appropriate software, and a cell phone.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the hiring of Thomas Dorge as the RM's MEC, at the rate of \$22.00 per hour for one day per week average, with a probationary period of 6 months. The commencement date of the position will as of March 16, 2022.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the purchase of the items listed

above.

....Carried

Adjourn

Res #87/2022

Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:13 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO