



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2024

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 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 Richard Chartrand called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Res # 75/2024 Johnson – Gaudry

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

...Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #76/2024 Gaudry - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

Council Meeting – February 21, 2024

Be hereby APPROVED BY Council as circulated.

...Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Billie Jean Oliver)

- See Attached

Public Works/WTS (provided by Councillor Leclair)

- Both graders were down; 1 is out on the roads and 1 is in the shop; will get out as quickly as possible;
- Want to discuss with CAO how to work with Ryko and the fees for utilizing the WTS;

Fire Department (provided by Deputy Chief of Administration, Melissa Buors and discussed by Councillor Combot)

- See Attached
- Held a couple of recruiting interviews; one still waiting for checks to be completed;
- Requested a list from the Fire Chief of all of the expired equipment;
- Would like to establish a plan as to when to contact contractors during the course of a fire;

- Noticed in the paper other RM's advertise for a list of pricing from local contractors; maybe we should look into doing this as well;
- Mike Futros is installing a well on his property and has already expressed that the St. Laurent Fire Department will be able to use it for emergency purposes.

By-law Enforcement (Sophie Skierszkan)

- See Attached

EDO (Denise Allard)

- See Attached

MEC (Roger Gillis)

- See Attached

Res #77/2024 Johnson – Leclair

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent Municipal Emergency Co-ordinator has received information regarding the benefits of belonging to the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Co-ordinators.

AND WHEREAS the membership to this association is \$300.00 annually.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve joining the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Co-ordinators.

...Carried

Councillor Tom Johnson

- Attended the zoning meeting and the budget meeting;
- Attended Vet Board Meeting; spent all the money just waiting to get is reimbursed;
- Want to discuss drainage for the Oak Point area with Perry, when it warms up;
- Will be away on holidays next week;

Councillor Maurice Leclair

- The intersection of Twin Lakes Beach Road/Venice North/Venice South needs a stop sign at Venice North; check to see if there is a yield sign at Venice South turning onto Twin Lakes Beach Road;

Councillor Yves Combot

- Attended the EMO meeting in Arborg on the 23rd;
- Attended the zoning meeting and the budget meeting;
- Attended FD interviews; meetings with the Fire Chief;

Councillor Perry Gaudry

- Attended the zoning meeting and the budget meeting;
- Attended the Vet Board meeting;
- Attended a meeting with Denise regarding the grant application for the Community Transportation project;

Reeve Richard Chartrand

- Attended meeting with CBC folks;
- Attended meeting with CAO;
- Attended the zoning meeting and the budget meeting;
- Kudos to Paul for the work done on the RM Newsletter; it was well done and very informative;
- CBC news group will be here next week; live broadcast will be held at MTT followed by a community breakfast on March 13th;

Delegations:

11:00 am – Food Cycle Science (presented by Brigitte Kirady) – This is a project that has been piloted in other municipalities throughout Canada and even in Manitoba to assist municipalities to minimize costs associated with hauling food waste to the landfills with much success. More discussions will take place among Council to determine if this is an initiative that would be successful in our municipality;

Finance and Accounts

Res #78/2024

Leclair – Gaudry

WHEREAS the review of the 2022 Audited Financial Statements indicates a municipal net deficit for the fiscal years 2021 in the amount of \$98,832.00 and 2022 in the amount of \$74,966 for a total deficit of \$173,798.00; and

WHEREAS it has been determined that the deficits were incurred due to over spending in 2021 and the grader purchase in 2022; and

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent would like to recover this deficit by transferring \$4,000.00 from the General Reserve and the balance from the Accumulated Surplus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recover the deficit by utilizing \$4,000.00 from the General Reserve Fund and the balance from the Accumulated Surplus;

...Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Res #79/2024

Johnson - Gaudry

WHEREAS a request has been made to Council to amend Zoning By-law 5/05 Table 7-1 Residential Use Table by adding camping and tenting grounds as a conditional use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council give 1st reading to By-law No. 2/2024 to amend the Zoning By-law 5/05 Residential Use Table.

...Carried

Public Hearing

None

Survey has been Completed. Progress is slowly being made towards this development- Until then this is Tabled.

- 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.
- Application for Conditional Use-CUSTL-25-23-Solidad Villarin, Gilda Cruz & Serigo Sarceno-Travel trailers/recreational vehicles on a vacant site.

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #80/2024 Gaudry - Combob

WHEREAS Manitoba Good Roads Association is holding a two-day seminar on Managing and Maintaining Gravel Roads in Woodlands on March 20th and 21st, 2024; and

WHEREAS this seminar will cover various topics such as road embankment structure, design elements (crown, slope, ditch and culvert), soil classification, materials specifications, draining and erosion control, dust control as well as many other topics; and

WHEREAS the cost of this seminar is \$430.00/person.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the attended of Ryan Gaudry to the Managing and Maintaining Gravel Roads seminar in Woodlands on March 20th and 21st.

...Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

None

OTHER DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEE BOARDS

None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Res #81/2024 Johnson - Combob

WHEREAS the AMBM, of which the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent is a member, is holding a Manitoba Bilingual Leadership Meeting Series on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Inn at the Forks; and

WHEREAS this leadership meeting is a training and consensus-building session focusing on the strategy to support economic immigration in Manitoba's bilingual municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approve the attendance of Yves Combob and Richard Chartrand to the AMBM Leadership Meeting on March 20, 2024.

...Carried

Res #82/2024 Leclair - Gaudry

WHEREAS a scheduling conflict has arose and multiple meetings are scheduled on March 20th, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approve a change of date of the next Council meeting from March 20th, 2024 to March 21st, 2024.

...Carried

Res #83/2024 Johnson - Leclair

WHEREAS a cul-de-sac on Allard Road existed at lots 431 and 437 Allard Road, prior to Allard Road being extended to where it is currently; and

WHEREAS portions of this cul-de-sac has grown over and are no longer used as road allowance; and

WHEREAS property owners of 431 and 437 Allard Road have approached Council to purchase the over-grown portion of the cul-de-sac so that each portion can be amalgamated with the existing properties, respectively; and

WHEREAS there are multiple steps and processes required to accomplish this;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the sale of these portions of the cul-de-sac with the following conditions:

1. The CAO and Reeve enter into negotiations as it relates to a fair and equitable purchase price;
2. The purchasers cover all costs related to the sale of this portion of road allowance, including the land survey, any and all legal costs related to the preparation of the Purchase Agreement, preparation of the Road Closure By-law including registration of same in the Land Titles Office and all expenses incurred therein;

...Carried

Res #84/2024 Gaudry - Combot

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent, being a member in good standing of the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMABM), will receive a member contribution from the AMBM in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the period of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024, to allow for gradual implementation of bilingual services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirm the acceptance of the contribution of \$7,500.00 to support the gradual improvement of our organizational infrastructure for the delivery of services in both official languages; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirms participation in the adoption of the modernized municipal regulatory framework (currently underway) for the provision of municipal services in both official languages and for the implementation of the 3M.

...Carried

Res #85/2024 Johnson - Leclair

WHEREAS it has been determined that there is a need to upgrade our email services as it relates to a more professional standard using an updated domain name; and

WHEREAS the RM currently has minimal on-line security protection; and

WHEREAS quotes have been received from various companies outlining the work required to set up Microsoft 365 suite, migrate our current email system to the Microsoft 365, providing antivirus software, provide email monitoring, as well as hardware and software support, all on a contractual basis;

WHEREAS the companies and pricing are as follows:

1. MicroAge: one-time set up fees of \$2,600.00 plus migration costs; and monthly subscription costs of \$1,325 (plus taxes) and a Firewall costs which is still to be determined;
2. Encore Business Solutions: one-time set up fees of \$5,400.00 and monthly subscriptions costs of \$893.00 (includes unlimited desktop support of \$595.00 and 365 Premium);
3. Rockwood IT: one-time set up costs of \$1,584.80 (based on 11.5 hours) and monthly subscription costs of \$298.00 (365 Premium), backup service recommended add \$50/mnth (desktop support open on "as-needed" basis \$120/hr billable in 15min increments, no contract);
4. HUB Technologies: one-time set up costs of \$3,600.00 and monthly subscription costs of \$177.00 (note 365 basic) plus Block-time Support at \$135.00/hour based on 4 hours per month (540 per month);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the IT Support Services be provided by Rockwood IT.

...Carried

Res #86/2024 Leclair – Gaudry

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has been reviewing the tourism benefits of belonging to The Northern Woods & Water Highway Association. This Association was formed within the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and would like to extend into British Columbia.

AND WHEREAS this Association would like to enhances tourism in many towns long this route which was initially founded in 1970 as a holiday route and as a transportation passage for northern goods.

AND WHEREAS the membership to this association is \$550.00 annually.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve joining The Northern Woods & Water Highway Association to enhance the tourism in the RM of St. Laurent;

...Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- January 2024 – RCMP Statistics Report

Minutes from Others:

Committee of the Whole in Camera

- None

CDC MATTERS

- None

RM CDC MATTERS

- None

ADJOURN

Res #87/2024

Johnson - Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:45 p.m.



Reeve



CAO