



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, June 3, 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 #164/2020 Mathews - Combot

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

....Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Res #165/2020 Bruce - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2020
be hereby adopted.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Noted special meeting will take place on Thursday, June 11th at 3:00 p.m.

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- Lagoon gate is up
- Placed limestone at the dry hydrant
- Waiting on a price on the safety vests for Green Team
- Getting quotes on cold mix
- WTS door fixed
- Work will begin at the Welcome Centre (Post Office) driveway, will also look at placing a fence up where the barrier is on the other entrance.
- Old tanker has no brakes will get repaired
- No dust control yet until gravel is spread

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- Researched the 6" pump, cost has gone up
- Fire Ban will remain in effect
- WTS has a lot of carboard material, will not burn unless the fire truck is present and there is no wind.
- Jerry fixing the kuboto, should be done today – Council thanked him for his time and effort in repairing this machine. Moving forward Cheryl asked that the fire department members should be made aware of why it happened and provide training on all equipment.
- Phil asked due to the dry conditions if the fire department could drive around town on the weekends to ensure no one is having open fires.

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Attended the High-Speed Crow and Oak Point Community Hall meetings.
- Just received information from Handivan, will review.

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Ordered parts and repairing the Kubota.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Raised concerns regarding the number of cement trucks on Twin and Venice Road, the weight restriction of 75% will remain.
- Cheryl suggested to better prepare for the sealing work to be done on Venice Road South, if public works could go out and highlight to identify those areas ahead of time.
- Request from ratepayer to lobby for dust control on 415, it was noted that this is a provincial highway and residents would be responsible for lobbying.

Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- Attending the senior's meeting today

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Had staff look at what the provincial parks are doing in regards to COVID-19 and their washroom facilities, to better understand and prepare for the return of our washroom facilities at the public parks. Will place signage to assist people using the facilities regarding the Manitoba health directives.
- Had a meeting with the post mistress in regards to more post office boxes, and how we can assist. She will place a request with Canada Post and will provide us with an update.
- Attended the Oak Point Community Club Hall building plan meeting. It was noted how engaged the committee is and what good collaboration is taking place. I'm so impressed at their committee and their commitment to this project.
- Followed up with Guy regarding the recent premier's announcement to financial assist front-line workers and whether our ALC workers could qualify.
- Participated in the AMBM virtual meeting held on May 28th.
- Had an office staff meeting, items reviewed:
 - o Advised what was discussed at the AMBM meeting and in regards to the Metis Heritage grant, which is yet to be recommended. Asked that the CAO organize a meeting with the MLA to discuss. Also, if we could look into the Assist Management planning funds.
 - o I can confirm the application for the Laurentia Beach park project for \$15,000. The Rec Commission has received the VLT funding from last year, and Laurentia Beach Association will provide funds as well.
 - o The other grant for the non-profit origination for \$75,000 was also confirmed.

- Community Connector sent the agreement and reviewed with Guy and Hilda; a resolution will be put forward to Council at this meeting.
- Discussed the Green Team projects overall and the good collaboration with Twin Lakes Beach Association.
- Reviewed the audit process, due to COVID-19 it will be processed a bit later.
- Discussed the financial statements now that the budget is complete and the process.
- Brought forward quarterly potluck birthday celebration lunches which would include an all H.R. staff meeting, will begin in September.
- Noted on our newsletter what a good job Sandpiper Association volunteers had done cleaning up.
- The new waste transfer system will be further discussed at the public works meeting.
- Thank you to Dean for putting up the gate at the lagoon
- Dealing with issues as they arise with Guy in regards to the ALC residents wishing to have a hairdresser come in. It was noted that we are following the directives through Manitoba health.
- Requesting Guy to contact MMF to get some dates in regards to the Golf Course and 55+ opening dates. We can assist with this information on our newsletter.
- Discussed Christmas lights phase 2, will look at more in next year's budget.
- Once the new Community Connector has been identified that person would move into Guy's office at the RM Office, and Guy would move to the Welcome Centre for the interim.
- Working with Guy and Paul for the CRTC mapping, they will create a map and proposal on the internet/cell for service. This will assist in collaboration with CDEM/MFF to lobby for better internet/cell service in our area.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

Finance & Accounts

Res #166/2020

Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to June 2, 2020, written under cheque numbers 28843 to 28864 and totaling \$74,972.86 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #167/2020 Mathews - Combot

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

- a. From Community Food Centres Canada in the amount of \$5,000 to the St. Laurent Aboriginal Head Start.

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

.....Carried

Res #168/2020 Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS the St. Laurent School have requested consideration in offering an award to their graduates;

AND WHEREAS the RM has established a scholarship entitled "The Honourable Yvon Dumont Community Engagement Scholarship" in the amount of \$500. This scholarship is to promote a grade 12 who has submitted an essay on their vision of community engagement and is enrolled in post-secondary education;

AND WHEREAS details of the scholarship are attached herewith and form part of this resolution and be forwarded to the school;

AND FURTHER WHEREAS the RM also offers the annual Craig Boudreau/Ernie Berens bursary in the amount of \$100 to a student who is graduating.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the disbursement to St. Laurent School as noted above.

.....Carried

Res #169/2020 Combot – Bruce

WHEREAS the RM requires security cameras at the Public Works Site.

AND WHEREAS two quotes have been received, and the quote from Robert Kuboth which is \$6,324.00 plus applicable taxes, and includes installation is the most favorable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the purchase and installation of security cameras by Robert Kuboth as quoted.

.....Carried

Res #170/2020

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has advertised for supply and haul of approximately 3000 cubic metres of 19 mm-down crushed traffic gravel to various locations within the R.M. of St. Laurent.

AND WHEREAS tenders have been received and reviewed by Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the tender received by Camster for the supply and haul of approximately 3000 cubic metres of crushed traffic gravel in the amount of \$14.50 per cubic metres, plus applicable taxes.

.....Carried

Res #171/2020

Kerbrat – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has advertised for supply and haul approximately 2340 cubic metres of quality white/grey/tan 19-mm-down limestone for coverage on Governor Road South.

AND WHEREAS tenders have been received and reviewed by Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has rejected all tenders as they are too high.

.....Carried

Res #172/2020

Mathews – Bruce

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has invited quotes for the cleanup and hauling of debris piles from the St. Laurent Waste Transfer Site.

AND WHEREAS quotes have been received and reviewed by Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the quote received by Empire Excavating & Hauling in the amount of \$13,800, plus applicable taxes.

....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

- None

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

DELEGATIONS

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Res #173/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat

WHEREAS Phoenix Abraham, a resident of the R.M. of St. Laurent, wishes to join the St. Laurent Fire Department as a volunteer member.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve Phoenix Abraham as a volunteer member of the St. Laurent Fire Department as of June 4, 2020.

.....Carried

New and Unfinished Business

Res #174/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS High Speed Crow (HSC) has provided a proposed agreement to use the RM tower located at the Fire Hall;

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed the agreement with regards to Schedule A that they will pay the RM \$700 annually, plus 50% off any internet package, and Council has identified a non-profit organization in the community in regards to HSC providing free Wi-Fi Service at The Royal Canadian Legion of St. Laurent Metis Branch #250 as a good candidate;

AND WHEREAS Council also reviewed Schedule B with the following additional terms of agreement; Power consumption of 200 W per year will be approximately \$122.72, paid by the RM of St. Laurent; Space needed for the equipment would be about the same as a small microwave; HSC would provide a UPS back-up for the site; HSC's equipment will be realigned at the tower for a better signal to its users where possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council sign the said agreement as noted above.

.....Carried

Res #175/2020 Bruce - Mathews

WHEREAS due to COVID-19 precautions, it was decided not to open public parks and public washrooms.

AND WHEREAS the Province has implemented Phase Two of restoration of services and the RM follows closely what is recommended by the Province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM's public parks and public washrooms are re-opened and cautionary signage is installed as recommended by the Province.

.....Carried

Res #176/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the 2020 AMM Interlake District Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 virtual meeting held in Council Chambers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of all Council and CAO at the said meeting.

.....Carried

Res #177/2020 Bruce – Kerbrat

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the CPAC Community Connector funding agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council sign the said agreement as noted above.

.....Carried

Res #178/2020 Kerbrat – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM will administer payroll and supervision of the CPAC Community Connector employee.

AND WHEREAS the RM will be required to interview for the position.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the CPAC Community Connector Hiring Committee to be Cheryl Smith, Reeve (Personnel Committee Chair), Hilda Zotter, CAO, and Guy Dumont, EDO.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- COVID-19 Municipal Relations Bulletin #2020-16
- Province of MB – Restoring Safe Services Phase 2

Minutes:

- Meeting with families of St. Laurent ALC Residents – May 7, 2020
- Western Interlake Planning District – May 19, 2020

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #179/2020

Bruce - Mathews

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

.....Carried

Res #180/2020

Mathews - Kerbrat

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

....Carried

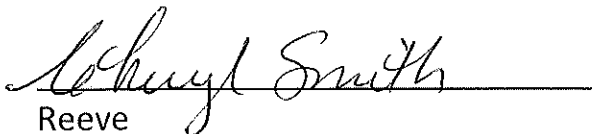
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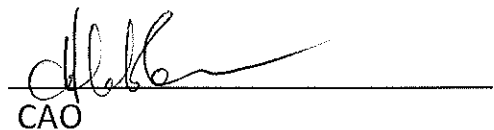
Res #181/2020

Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:09 p.m.

.....Carried


Reeve


CAO