



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, May 20, 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 #149/2020

Mathews - Bruce

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

....Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Res #150/2020

Combot - Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2020

be hereby adopted.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Advised the next council meetings will be held June 3 and 17, 2020.

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- Seeking funding to purchase a dog waste system for the beach area as there is funding available for such a project through Interlake Tourism for a maximum of \$1,000. Council would have to approve the matching plus overage of funding for 3 units which is approx. \$1,250. It was noted that Councillor Jerry Combot is looking to make more for a less cost in the future.
- Received good news yesterday regarding the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) which is moving forward. Provided and reviewed with council the proposed budget which shows the distribution of cost, very small impact to the municipality. The proposal was submitted to them and hopefully will hear back from them soon. The Community Connector would be responsible to assist RM residents who have cancer or for families going through the experience of someone in their family with cancer. This individual would provide very beneficial resources to assist with this illness. As this is a pilot project a big component of this process is the evaluation process, which will determine the future of the program. Agreement should be finalized soon.
- New resident at ALC moving in on June 1st and working on all the safety measures for a safe move. Will continue to enforce safety procedures to protect the residents and staff.
- Working with Community Futures for business loans, announcement soon.
- Will begin work to determine the dead zones for Wi-Fi and will submit to CRTC to update their maps. Cheryl stressed how important it is that the province recognize all the dead zones in our community, which will assist in better service.

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- Roads are healing.
- The new packer installed on the grader is working very well.
- 9-1/2 loads of scrap removed from the WTS.
- In the process of coordinating the sealing of the asphalt.
- Removed the painted tires.
- Meeting a contractor regarding the debris tender.
- Cleared with Manitoba Hydro/MTS in regards to the parking lot repair at the Welcome Centre and Recreation Centre.
- The dead spruce trees at the Welcome Centre will be removed.
- Will clean up around the ALC.

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Went and reviewed the concern regarding the beaver problem.
- Discussed the concern with the one of the municipality public accesses on Venice Road South, Frank will follow up.

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Worked on the fire truck except for the brake line.
- Finished the work on the grapple.
- Ran the 3 new pumps, 1 faulty and will be replaced by company.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Went and looked at the lagoon.
- Drove to see the fire at Eagle Drive.
- Received a number of calls waiting for the coffee shop to open, not yet.
- Starting to review the poles in regards to the additional Christmas lights.

Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- None

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Attended the pre-meeting and ALC meeting with family members of residents on May 7th. The meeting went very well with good outcomes.
- Spoke with staff on a number of issues regarding CRTC, Connectivity, Community Connector, and other issues as they were raised.
- Waiting to hear about our Green Team applications; If grant is awarded to the Rec Centre, we applied for 4, it was noted that Dean would supervise. If grant awarded for 2 for Recreation Director, Tammy would supervise.
- Organized a meeting with High Speed Crow and council regarding the use of our tower located at the Fire Hall that may assist in faster Wi-Fi for some in the community. Currently in the process of reviewing the agreement, and as part of the agreement they would provide free service to one facility. I discussed that we

should identify a non-profit organization in the community that is not getting service.

- Had a virtual meeting with Western Interlake Planning Board, preparing for the first reading from the municipality on a couple of by-law amendments. They discussed re-opening to the public and what measures that are required prior to doing so. They will re-open when the municipal office opens.
- Brought forth the idea of the dog waste system that would enhance our beach areas in the municipality, and possible grant that we could receive. Thank you to Tammy for looking into grant eligibility, and thank you to Guy Dumont, EDO for the development of the proposal and budget for said grant.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None
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Finance & Accounts

Res #151/2020

Kerbrat - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for May 2020 and Expenses for April 2020 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Laurent Kerbrat	Jerry Combot
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	725.00	225.00	225.00	112.50	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Mileage	37.50	52.00	38.00	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	-75.25	-38.50	-43.75	-	-26.69
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-410.07	-18.00	-28.23	-219.86	0.00
Totals	1277.18	1020.50	1091.02	692.64	773.31

.....Carried

Res #152/2020

Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to May 19, 2020, written under cheque numbers 28803 to 28842 and totaling \$117,397.60 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #153/2020

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM is seeking funding to assist with the purchase of Dog Waste System for the beach areas.

AND WHEREAS the RM'S EDO, Guy Dumont, has confirmed that there may be funding available for such a project through Interlake Tourism for a maximum of \$1,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirms that the RM'S financial plan has sufficient provision for the expenditure and that EDO, Guy Dumont is authorized to make application for funding for the project.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the matching plus overage of funding in the approx. amount of \$1,250.

.....Carried

Res #154/2020

Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS the École Communautaire Auréle-Lemoine have requested consideration in offering a scholarship to their graduates;

AND WHEREAS the RM has established a scholarship entitled "The Honourable Yvon Dumont Community Engagement Scholarship" in the amount of \$500.

AND WHEREAS 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the disbursement to École Communautaire Auréle-Lemoine in the amount of \$500 for The Honourable Yvon Dumont Community Engagement Scholarship.

.....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

- None

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

DELEGATIONS

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #155/2020

Bruce - Mathews

WHEREAS the RM's Public Works has requested the acquisition of a profile packer for the grader to be installed behind grader.

AND WHEREAS a quote for the profile packer assembly with a 90" plate received from Dionco Sales and Service Ltd., in the amount of \$24,000.00 plus applicable taxes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the purchase of the said packer.

.....Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

TABLED

Wi-Fi at the St. Laurent Legion

Res #156/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM administers the Green Team Program applied for by community organizations, namely, the St. Laurent and District Recreation Commission and the St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre.

AND WHEREAS the recent provincial government has announced that funding will be approved very soon, and not to delay the hiring/interview process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT once funds are approved that the Council approve the Green Team Hiring Committee for the St. Laurent and District Recreation Commission to be Tammy Hiebert and ACAO, Bernice Kitsch, and Foreman, Dean Appleyard.

.....Carried

Res #157/2020 Bruce - Mathews

WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication (CRTC) maps do not correctly identify the RM's internet "dead zones".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Paul Belair, MEC, and Guy Dumont, EDO to review and advise "dead zones" in the RM and request CRTC to correct their maps.

.....Carried

Res #158/2020 Mathews - Kerbrat

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the RM of St. Laurent and Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) Peacetime Disaster/Emergency Memorandum of Understanding.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the signatures of the Reeve, Cheryl Smith, CAO, Hilda Zotter and EMO, Paul Belair on the above document.

.....Carried

Res #159/2020 Combot - Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of St. Laurent has placed a burning ban effective immediately.

.....Carried

Res #160/2020 Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS the RM MEC, Paul Belair did an inventory of safety equipment at all of our buildings and vehicles.

AND WHEREAS critical safety equipment such as fire extinguishers, and first aid kits are required immediately to prepare properly with an estimated cost of \$4,940.00, plus applicable taxes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the purchases of the above items.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- The Oak Point Community Club Building Committee

Minutes:

- None

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #161/2020 Bruce - Kerbrat

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

.....Carried

Res #162/2020 Mathews - Combot

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

....Carried

Adjourn

Res #163/2020 Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO