



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2021

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Deputy Reeve/Chair Frank Bruce and Councillors Phil Mathews and Vern Coutu, and CAO Hilda Zotter

Regrets: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillor Jerry Combot

Call to Order

Deputy Reeve Frank Bruce called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Res #223/2021 Mathews - Coutu

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

....Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

None at this time.

Committee Reports:

CAO

Work done on a number of files including subdivison, by-laws, tax sale, insurance, personnel, etc.; tax bills will be here soon so working on the envelope inserts; new ACAO in training.

No other staff reports at this time.

Phil Mathews

No report at this time

Jerry Combot

No report at this time

Frank Bruce

Will need to meet with public works committee to discuss the public access at Venice North.

Attended Special Meeting regarding pronouncement of State of Agricultural Disaster.

Vern Coutu

Still getting phone calls and questions regarding the fee structure at Big Tree Park. Refer questions to the RM Office.

Cheryl Smith

No report at this time

Media Report

Frank spoke to CBC about the drought.

Finance & Accounts

Res #224/2021

Coutu - Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for July 2021 and Expenses for June 2021 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Vern Coutu	Jerry Combot
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	650.00	275.00	525.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	75.00	62.00	56.00	0.00	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-399.91	-159.76	-399.91	-399.91	-399.91

BC (paid by RM)	399.91	159.76	399.91	399.91	399.91
CPP Deduction	-74.03	-42.69	-61.77	-27.70	-27.70
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-94.86	-22.07	-150.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	1556.11	1072.24	1269.23	772.30	772.30

..... Carried

Res #225/2021 Mathews - Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to July 13, 2021, written under cheque numbers 30196 to 30301 and totaling \$316,800.14 be hereby approved for payment.

..... Carried

Res #226/2021 Mathews - Coutu

WHEREAS the RM's auditor, Robert Weighell, was appointed by RM Council to provide audit services for the 2021 fiscal year.

AND FURTHER WHEREAS Mr. Weighell is requesting a retainer for both audit and accounting services in the amount of \$10,000.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve services and authorize the disbursement of the said retainer.

..... Carried

Res #227/2021 Coutu - Mathews

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has received a quote for grader repairs.

AND WHEREAS the quote was received and reviewed by council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the quote received by Toromont in the amount of \$6,960.18 plus applicable taxes.

..... Carried

DELEGATIONS

None

Zoning and Sudvisions being next on the agenda to be moved ahead as public hearing under this heading is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #228/2021 Mathews - Coutu

WHEREAS construction companies have contacted the RM about set up and operation of a temporary asphalt plant in the R.M. of St. Laurent, specifically one by the gravel pit at NE6-17-3W.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no objection to the set-up of the plant on the condition that the company setting up the plant uses the most direct route to the highway, being Sheringham road only, and that the company applies and maintains dust control to the route in its entirety prior to and/or during use, and also repairs damages to the road during the course of the hauling activity, such as but not limited to, removal of washboard and ruts, and repairs the direct route upon completion of the project or as soon thereafter as reasonable by grading and application of new skiff of gravel and re-application of dust control by home frontages. R.M. approval will have to be granted regarding restoration of condition.

.....Carried

Res #229/2021 Coutu - Mathews

WHEREAS Rohl Global Networks has advised the RM that it will be carrying out installation of new fibre optic cable within an existing easement indicated on Caveat 87-92316.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no objection to said work being done on the condition that property is restored to its pre-existing condition as much as reasonably possible and to advise the RM office when work is expected to be done and also when work is completed.

.....Carried

Fire Department

None

New and Unfinished Business

Parking By-law First Reading – Tabled

Res #230/2021 Coutu - Mathews

WHEREAS the St. Laurent Seniors Resource Council Inc. is hosting their Annual Seniors Summer Feast on Thursday, August 12, 2021 and are requesting a donation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the contribution in the amount

of \$2,000 to the St. Laurent Seniors Resource Council Inc. for the said event.

....Carried

Res #231/2021 Mathews - Coutu

WHEREAS Munisoft is scheduled on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 to install the new server and perform other software needs.

AND WHEREAS this will affect all software programs including receipting for payment of taxes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the closure of the office on August 4, 2021, and staff to take banked time.

....Carried

Res #232/2021 Coutu - Mathews

WHEREAS there are sufficient provincial Green Team funds provided to the St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre (which is in partnership with the RM on the project) to hire another Green Team member.

AND WHEREAS the Green Team hiring committee recommends the hire of Alyssa Geerts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the hiring of Alyssa Geerts as additional Green Team member under the same conditions as other members hired under Resolutions 171/2021 and 199/2021.

....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Manitoba Education – Notice of Public Hearing
- Manitoba's Education Property Tax Rebate
- Campaign Finance Statement
- AMBM – Municipal Economic Recovery Strategy 2021-2024
- Manitoba Deputy Minister of Central Services
- Essays-Yvon Dumont Scholarship
- Rural Municipality of Grahamdale – Bill 64
- Lake Manitoba -Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project
- Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage

Minutes:

- None

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #233/2021 Mathews - Coutu

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

...Carried

Res #234/2021 Coutu - Mathews

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

...Carried

ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS

Public hearing 10:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Res #235/2021 Mathews - Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into the scheduled public hearing.

...Carried

The Chair read out the procedures.

10:45 – Maurice Leclair – Subdivision Application and public road hearing.
Cherie provided proof of notice and read the proposal: To subdivide a +/- 20 acre property into 8 rural residential lots and open an existing private road into public road in affected area Block 4, Plan 49108, RLs 9 & 10, Parish of St. Laurent.

Comments of note from other government agencies:

- MI – no objections – permit required for proposed public road
- Sport Culture Heritage – developer to contract a qualified archaeological consultant to conduct a Heritage Resource Impact Assessment (HRIA) of the proposed development location, in order to identify and assess any heritage resources that may be negatively impacted by development.
- MI – Water management – Flood Protection Level requirements.

No objections received.

Maurice had nothing to add.

No questions from Council

11:00 a.m. – Bhoag Singh – Variation Application

Cherie provided proof of notice and read the proposal: Rear yard variation to allow the construction of a deck and stairs.

No objections received.

No questions from council.

Regular Matters - None

Notices - None

Res #236/2021 Coutu - Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

....Carried

Res #237/2021 Mathews - Coutu

WHEREAS application of proposed subdivision (#4178-21-8048) has been received from Maurice Leclair and Jacqueline Leclair to subdivide a +/- 20-acre property into 8 rural residential lots and open an existing private road into a public road. The area affected is Block 4, Plan 49108, RLs 9 & 10, Parish of St. Laurent, in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba, and currently under Certificate of Title No. 2393662.

AND WHEREAS the Community Planning Branch and commenting agencies have the following concerns of note:

- a. Drainage and Water Rights Licencing Branch – proper application and permitting expected.
- b. Sport, Culture and Heritage – in order to identify and assess any heritage resources that may be negatively impacted by development of this particular area, the developer must contract a qualified archaeological consultant to conduct a Heritage Resource Impact assessment of the proposed development site.
- c. Highway Planning & Design – the developer is required to obtain a permit for the proposed public road (access to St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road).
- d. Water Management, Planning and Structures – all buildings be built so that the main floor elevation meets or exceeds the flood protection level of 820.4 feet.

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing for the existing private road to become a public road was held on this day, July 14, 2021 as per Section 125(2) of *The Planning Act*. 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 flood protection levels, road specifications, drainage, and design and use guidelines, with all costs to be paid by the applicant/developer.

....Carried

Res #238/2021 Coutu - Mathews

WHEREAS Variation Application No. VSTL-04-21 was received from owner and applicant Bhoag Singh in regards to property located at Lot 3 Plan 7716, #193 Laurentia Beach Rd North, in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the said variation application is to vary the rear yard variation from: 21 ft (stairs), 19 ft (deck), 25 ft (porch) to:

1 ft (stairs), 1ft (deck), 10 ft (porch) to allow the construction of a deck and stairs to comply with the zoning by-law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said variation.

....Carried

CDC Matters

Res #239/2021 Coutu - Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

....Carried

Minutes of CDC Meeting are kept under separate cover

Agenda Items:

- Short Notice
- Hire of Visitor Shelter Attendant under Canada Summer Jobs

Res #240/2021 Coutu - Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CDC meeting close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

....Carried

RM (CDC Matters)

Res #241/2021 Mathews - Coutu

WHEREAS the Director, Guy Dumont of the Assisted Living Centre has advertised for the position of Visitor Shelter Attendant.

AND WHEREAS applications have been received, and interviews have been conducted by the Director who recommends the hire of Janine Coutu.

AND WHEREAS this position is covered by Summer Canadian Job Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the hiring of Janine Coutu as Visitor Shelter Attendant, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour with a start date effective July 19, 2021.

....Carried

Adjourn

Res #242/2021 Coutu - Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

.....Carried



Deputy Reeve (Chair)



CAO