



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
November 2, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 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, Hilda Zotter

Call to Order

Reeve Richard Chartrand called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Res #365/2022 Leclair - Johnson

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

...Carried

Addition to agenda:

Under #9 - Fire Department – fire ban signs (discussion)

Under #10 – Other - Big Tree Park, Cross Walk (discussion)

Confirmation of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting – June 15, 2022
- Regular Meeting - September 7, 2022
- Regular Meeting – September 21, 2022
- Regular Meeting – October 5, 2022
- Regular Meeting – October 19, 2022

Be tabled by Council to next regular council meeting to allow for more time to review.

...Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Thank you to office staff for smooth handling of a very busy month with election and tax payments.
- Hope to get on track with minutes, agendas, and regular committee meetings – next council meeting is November 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Councillor Tom Johnson

- Attended the meeting about rejuvenating agriculture and good lunch.

Councillor Perry Gaudry

- None

Councillor Yves Combot

- None

Councillor Maurice Leclair

- None

Reeve Richard Chartrand

- Attended invitation by Joel Combot, a local ag producer, to attend a meeting about rejuvenating agriculture and new ways of sustaining agriculture in farming communities. It reduces the amount of fertilizer and pesticides that go into the ground that eventually reaches the lake. There is money available through the Watershed program which offers many good programs to the community.

Council had brief discussion on benefits of some of the programming offered by WIWD.

- Reeve and CAO met with a member of Age Friendly and submitted a letter of support for the New Horizons Grant (deadline of November 1). We agreed there would be conditions placed on our provision of the letter of support and would work with them for compliance.

Finance & Accounts

Res #367/2022

Leclair - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to October 31, 2022 written under cheque numbers 32243 to 32260 and totaling \$21,910.84 be hereby approved for payment.

....Carried

Res #368/2022

Johnson – Leclair

WHEREAS Loretta Sigurdson, Fire Department member, is organizing the 2022 Christmas Hamper collection and distribution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve that monetary donations for the purchase of food for the Christmas Hampers be accepted by the R. M. with charitable donation receipts issued to the donor.

AND FURTHER BE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the payment of these funds to Loretta Sigurdson for purchases towards the Christmas Hampers.

....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

Res #369/2022

Leclair - Gaudry

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

....Carried

Res #370/2022

Leclair – Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearings (CUSTL-50-22, and the Zoning By-law amendment) be adjourned to December 7, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. respectively, and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

....Carried

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

DELEGATIONS:

10:45 a.m. – Eugene Rioux – Development Update

Eugene has a 12-lot sub-division behind the Home Hardware store. The first road off PR415 has 8 lots on a cul-de-sac. The second road has 4 lots – west side of existing residence. The lots are 2-acre parcels.

Previous Council had signed off on the sub-division development agreement a few weeks back. Here to request Council to approve the electric service installation to Manitoba Hydro and all parties related to my sub-division. Schedule for finishing the roads is hopefully spring of 2023. Another subdivision further east will be applied for at a later date and will require the RM's assistance for road access permission from the Province.

Res #371/2022

Johnson - Leclair

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro requires permission for electric service installation related to the Rioux subdivision.

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed Hydro's request along with receiving an update from the developer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council grants permission to Manitoba Hydro and all parties working on Manitoba Hydro's behalf to complete the work as needed.

.....Carried

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Fire ban sign – covered with unsightly black plastic bag - should be removed. Is there something like a fold-down sign? The current signs should be removed if no longer required.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEE, BOARDS.

- Big Tree Park – to discuss seating area and access. Questions posed include: code concerns; permits; disability access; does it require inspection
 - o CAO – to get a report from WIPD as to these questions and Rec Director. As far as RM is concerned, all efforts were made to address concerns/shortfalls. Accessibility concerns being addressed in another grant application by Recreation Commission. Recommended meeting with Recreation Director for updates.
 - o Reeve agreed that all departments should be submitting regular reports to be part of the council meetings and be present at the meetings should anyone have any questions. Council discussion on what they would like to see. Suggestion was that the Chair of Public

Works (Maurice) take on more of an active role in communicating needs to the public works staff and liaise with the CAO.

- Cross Walk (discussion) – look at possibility of installing lights at the crosswalk between the schools – check into Provincial requirements, and funding, discussion with schools.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Res #372/2022 Combot - Gaudry
WHEREAS the Reeve has received invitation from the local Legion to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Reeve’s attendance at said event.

.....Carried

Res #373/2022 Leclair - Combot
WHEREAS the Portuguese Association has invited the Reeve to the Park’s Annual Dinner in Winnipeg, on November 5, 2022.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Reeve’s attendance at said event.

.....Carried

Res #374/2022 Johnson - Leclair
WHEREAS the Reeve and Council received an invitation to attend a Soil Rejuvenation Event at the farm of Joel and Monique Combot on November 1, 2022.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves time logged for said event.

.....Carried

Res #375/2022 Leclair – Gaudry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the addition of Yves Combot to the St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission Committee.

.....Carried

Res #376/2022 Johnson- Leclair
WHEREAS Age Friendly St. Laurent wishes to apply for the New Horizons Grant for a cooking and food handling training program to complement a future plan of a

Meals on Wheels type program and require a letter of support from the R.M. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the provision of the support letter on the condition that Age Friendly St. Laurent provide organizational documentation including but not limited to Amended Terms of Reference (adding provision of financial information on a timely basis, and adding the provision that the RM is to appoint one member of Council as RM representation) and Minutes of a recent meeting confirming board members and their intent to apply for the said Grant.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT once the additional material is provided to the RM and is satisfactory, the RM will be in a position to add Age Friendly St. Laurent to its liability insurance policy.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- UBF extension – extension of RM Starlink Equipment Program
- Email – Received October 31, 2022 – St. Laurent Age Friendly

Minutes:

- None

Committee of the Whole in Camera

- None

Adjourn

Res #377/2022

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:12 a.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO