



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2023

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday March 15, 2023 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 Rick Chartrand called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Res #74/2023 Johnson - Leclair
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #75/2023 Johnson - Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting – March 15, 2023
- CDC Meeting – March 15, 2023
- Special Meeting-Old Town Hall -March 20, 2023

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

.....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Foreman job is posted internally.
- MEC position- application intake closed March 4th – did receive a couple of applications, will be setting interview dates.

- Attended By-law committee meeting with legal counsel on March 2nd. The main discussion was regarding the RV portion of the Zoning By-law, especially those areas in relation to RVs.
- Council and I had another budget meeting on March 9th - we might have to do one more to finalize the numbers before the end of March. We should also be receiving school division numbers soon.
- On March 13th, attended with three council members at a Zoom meeting with AMM, our insurance providers, and AMM legal counsel regarding an Abuse Policy that must be drafted to protect RMs.

Public Works/WTS (Donovan Boudreau), (David Hiebert), (Ryan Gaudry)

- As attached

Fire Department (by Roger Gillis)

- Gave fire call status report
- Thanked all involved with the water tank project. The project is really coming together now – just waiting for tanks to come in, then put in lights, move ceiling fans, add pump.
- Some equipment is ready to get listed for tender
- Currently doing inventory; drill nights going well
- Training room set up – thanks to some equipment donations
- Attended mutual aid meeting
- Interviewed new members
- Firefighter MPI claims ongoing
- Reviewing and assessing member positions
- Still looking at additional water supply – especially around Oak Point, and Twin area
- Reviewing Fire Prevention By-law.

The Reeve mentioned it is nice to see the positive impact on the community. Richard also expressed thanks to Yves, Roger Gillis, Melissa, and Real for their very active involvement.

Yves added that the efforts of our department are recognized and valued.

EDO

- None at this time.

Councillor Tom Johnson

- Attended another budget meeting

- Oak Point had their meeting on Sunday – dances every 3rd Sunday. \$20 for admittance. AGM to be held in April.
- Music Festival will be 2nd weekend of July.

Councillor Perry Gaudry

- Attended TONS meeting in Selkirk and will also report to the Seniors Resource Council
- Attended meeting in Stonewall regarding the PCH project
- Still waiting for province to give go-ahead for cleaning Wagon Creek Drain.
- Meeting with a few landowners regarding flooding and told them that the RM is concentrating on Wagon Creek drain clean-out.

Councillor Yves Combot

- Attended Abuse Policy webinar by Zoom
- Attended youth training event put on by Community Futures – no one from our schools attended
- Expressed thanks to all those actively involved in the betterment of the Fire Department and service delivery
- Firehall washroom is redone

Councillor Maurice Leclair

- Attended the TONS meeting in Selkirk
- Budget meeting
- Spoke about upgrades to security system at PW
- PW staff helping out at WTS while that staff takes time off and holidays
- Internal ad out for Public Works foreman
- Will need to take inventory to see how many culverts we have
 - o Richard requested that Maurice also take a look to see what we have for sandbags, flood-related items to be prepared.

Reeve Richard Chartrand

- March 2 – attended zoning by-law meeting
- March 7 – meeting in Selkirk with TONS
- March 8 – attended Highway 6 Advocacy Group meeting regarding establishing better communication between IERHA and community leaders
- March 9 – attended budget meeting
- March 13 – attended abuse policy meeting by zoom with Western Financial and AMM
- March 14 – attended Community Futures West Interlake Youth day

- Stonewall PCH Project – contacted MMF office and invited David Chartrand to attend and let him know about the project. Perry to be in touch with Jack Park as well.
- FCM Conference in Toronto – we will not be attending.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Res #76/2023 Johnson – Leclair

BE RESOLVED THAT St. Laurent Fire Department members receive the following wage increase, retroactive to January 1st, 2023.

- a. For Firefighter level – from minimum wage to \$18.00 per hour;
- b. For Level 1 – from \$15.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour

.....Carried

Res #77/2023 Gaudry – Combot

WHEREAS the St. Laurent Fire Department is receiving applications for new Fire Department members.

WHEREAS new applicant, Tyler Lawson has been interviewed and has acknowledged receipt of the Standard Operating Guidelines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the addition of Tyler Lawson as a member of the St. Laurent Fire Department in the position of Probationary Firefighter (12 month probation period commencing the date of this resolution), pending the provision of a clean criminal record check, and compliance with all requirements provided in the Standard Operating Guidelines, signed by Tyler on March 10, 2023.

.....Carried

Res # 78/2023 Johnson – Leclair

WHEREAS Randy Irvine, had joined the Fire Department as a probationary firefighter on or about April 1, 2022, however it was found that no formal resolution was passed to accept his application, and it would be prudent to formally accept Randy’s position as of April 1, 2022. Further Randy has provided the RM office with a clean Criminal Record check.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the addition of Randy Irvine as a member of the St. Laurent Fire Department in the position of Probationary Firefighter (12 month probation period as of April 1, 2022), pending compliance with all requirements provided in the Standard Operating Guidelines.

AND FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT Randy be given a review of his performance at the end of his probationary period (March 31, 2023).

.....Carried

Delegations

11:30 a.m. – Kelly McKay - ATV Derby

Proposes ATV derby utilizing RM roads, road allowances and private property with start point at the Rec Centre. A map was provided. He is to see Western Interlake Planning for a special events conditional use application for a public hearing on April 6 council meeting.

12:00 p.m. -St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre – Greg Morden, Marion Furey

Asking for funding contribution from the RM to fix the geothermal system.

Finance & Accounts

Res #79/2023 Johnson - Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for February 2023 and Expenses for January 2023 be approved as follows:

| | Richard Chartrand | Tom Johnson | Moe Leclair | Yves Combot | Perry Gaudry |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Indemnity | 1000.00 | 900.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Hourly | 1025.00 | 337.50 | 112.50 | 737.50 | 650.00 |
| Conference | 0.00 | (phone)50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mileage | 394.35 | 36.30 | 20.90 | 67.10 | 207.90 |
| Blue Cross (BC) | -437.55 | -437.55 | -437.55 | -437.55 | -437.55 |
| BC (paid by RM) | 437.55 | 437.55 | 437.55 | 437.55 | 437.55 |
| CPP Deduction | 103.13 | 56.28 | 36.94 | 74.13 | 68.92 |
| Fed/Prov Tax ded | 259.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.25 | 54.02 |
| Totals | 2056.67 | 1267.52 | 896.46 | 1455.22 | 1534.96 |

.....Carried

Res #80/2023 Johnson – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to March 10, 2023 written under cheque numbers 32783 to 32837 and totaling \$81,337.36 hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #81/2023 Combot – Gaudry

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

- a. From Arlene and Randy Clegg in the amount of \$200.00 payable to the Oak Point Hall in memory of Joyce Byron towards the upkeep and beautification of property.
- b. From Janet Allard in the amount of \$378.53 payable to the St. Laurent Legion towards the Veteran’s Banner Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the above payment

.....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

- None

Public Hearing:

- None

Regular Matters:

Res #82/2023 Johnson – Combot

WHEREAS a Development Agreement between the RM and developers, Maurice and Jacqueline Leclair, was signed on May 5, 2022 and registered in Land Titles by the Leclairs’ lawyer on or about November 29, 2022.

AND WHEREAS the Developers wish to amend the registered Development Agreement in Clause 10(f) to change the size of dwelling requirement from 1000 square feet to 700 square feet, and in Clause 10(g) to change the building of the dwelling timeline from 2 years to no timeline requirement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has no objection to the amendment.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all legal costs of the drafting and filing/registration of the amendment be borne by the said developers.

.....Carried

For: Tom Johnson, Perry Gaudry, Richard Chartrand

Against: Yves Combot

Abstained: Maurice Leclair – No Vote

Notices:

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

OTHER DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS

- None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Res #83/2023 Johnson – Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 02/2023, being a by-law to amend the Parks and Beaches By-law No. 9/2022, be hereby given third reading.

.....Carried

RECORDED VOTE:

FOR: Richard Chartrand, Tom Johnson, Maurice Leclair, Yves Combot, Perry Gaudry

Res #84/2023 Johnson – Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 03/2023, being a by-law to amend the Unnecessary and Harmful Noise By-law No. 7/2021, be hereby given first reading.

.....Carried

Res #85/2023 Leclair – Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 03/2023, being a by-law to amend the Unnecessary and Harmful Noise By-law No. 7/2021, be hereby given second reading

.....Carried

Res #86/2023 Johnson – Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 5/2023, being a by-law to regulate the operation of Off-Road Vehicles on private or public property in the municipality of St. Laurent, be hereby given first reading

.....Carried

Res #87/2023 Gaudry - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 5/2023, being a by-law to regulate the operation of Off-Road Vehicles on private or public property in the municipality of St. Laurent, be hereby given second reading.

.....Carried

Res#88/2023 Johnson – Leclair

WHEREAS the IERHA serves a large geographical distance with several service areas;

WHEREAS the Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern and E.M. Crowe Hospital in Eriksdale are in the RM of West Interlake with the service area also encompassing the RM's Grahamdale, Coldwell, St. Laurent, and First Nations Communities of the Interlake Reserves Tribal council, of which both Hospitals are vital to the aforementioned region;

WHEREAS healthcare facilities, their operations, and all relevant healthcare services are the responsibility of the IERHA, however directly affect every resident of the aforementioned communities;

BE IT RESOLVED that a model inclusive of all stakeholders for discussion on all healthcare services in the said service area be established with that model ensuring discussions & implementations are transparent, productive, and ongoing; AND FURTHER that the new model consists of one representative from each of the following but not limited to; RMs of Grahamdale, West Interlake, Coldwell, St. Laurent and all first Nations of the Reserves Tribal council.

.....Carried

Res #89/2023 Johnson – Leclair

WHEREAS a group of municipalities, including the R.M. of St. Laurent, has been working as partners in a special committee to explore the partnership in, and the development of, a new Personal Care Home in Stonewall, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that through a combination of in-kind contributions, a fundraising campaign, and municipal contributions, the partner municipalities will provide the required \$15,000,000 commitment to the Personal Care Home Project as identified in the four funding scenarios now provided to the committee, and that a Letter of Intent be provided by all partnering RMs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the CAO provides a Letter of Intent in the form provided by the committee.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- None

Minutes from Others:

- Prairie School Division-Meeting Highlights-February 13, 2023
- WIPD Meeting – February 15, 2023

Committee of the Whole in Camera

- None

CDC Matters

- None

RM (CDC Matters)

- None

Adjourn

Res #90/2023

Johnson - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 1:13 p. m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO

CAO REPORT – March 15, 2023

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- Various topic discussions with employees and council members

Hilda Zotter - CAO

From: Hilda Zotter - CAO <cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net>
Sent: February 27, 2023 12:12 PM
To: 'Hilda Zotter - CAO'
Subject: FW: Weekly report feb 20 feb24

From: Donovan Boudreau <Donovanboudreau1993@outlook.com>
Sent: February 27, 2023 7:26 AM

February 20

- stat holiday

February 21

- clean all installation and debris off the floor in old town hall building.
- scraped ice/snow off McKenzie north/south intersections with tractor.
- scraped bus turn around on Marina row, allard, Leost, twin south,
- scraped the entrance at the alc with the tractor that was straight ice.
- cleaned the emergency exits at the rec centre with the tractor.
- Cleared all the snow in the bays at laurentia with tractor .
- cleaned snow off rds beside/behind the welcome centre .
- cleaned all snow around the old town hall building with the tractor.

February 22

- cleaned bus turn around town , housing, oak drive , laurentia beach, sandpiper cove.
- cleaned snow around the fire hydrant on sandpiper.
- cleaned and widened allard north with tractor.
- cleaned snow around the entrance of the skating pond.
- cleared drifted areas @ laurentia beach.
- scraped all ice/snow around the welcome centre parking lot.

February 23

- greased upper lower ball joints on Chevrolet also checked fluids .
- plowed town of oak point ,(100N),(20w), tracks trail , ludovic, governor, Lio dell, wagon wheel , schon .
- greased cat grader .
- plowed tim Johnson driveway in oak point.

February 24

- dropped off garbage @ wts.
 - went out with donny for training.
 - took cylinder off John Deere grader and brought it to Jerry to fix.
 - took the tractor to clean snow @ end of driveways around ludovic and governor.
 - took tractor to allard south and pushed back most drifts on east side of rd.
- Met with CAO in late afternoon.

Thanks Donovan
Stl Public works operator
#204-861-2623

From: Donovan Boudreau <Donovanboudreau1993@outlook.com>
Sent: March 3, 2023 3:37 PM
To: cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net
Cc: fin.rmstlaur@mymts.net
Subject: Weekly report feb 27 March 3

February 27

- picked up John Deere cylinder from Jerry's .
- installed John Deere cylinder .
- topped of hydraulic fluid on John Deere grader.
- changed wing blades on John Deere grader.
- installed a bolt/nut on the (cat grader)one way plow .
- went to alc to start generator .

February 28

- sick day

February 1

- worked on 160m cat grader , noticed the saddle had some play so I installed some shims on the pads.
- fuelled u pw truck at petro Canada.
- Did hydro reading.
- changed wing bolt on 160m cat grader.
- installed bits on scarifier bord .

February 2

- checked welcome centre .
- organized shelf's in shop.
- picked up wts truck and hauled worn grader blades and garbage etc.
- swept the floor in the shop.
- organized sockets in the tool box.

February 3

- brush cutting around town with Ryan .
- went to alc and opened up a path to the emergency exits with the tractor. Also scraped the parking lot we're they park vehicles.

Thanks Donovan
Stl Public works operator
#204-861-2623
#204-739-8163

From: Ryan Gaudry <RGaudry.pw@outlook.com>
Sent: March 7, 2023 7:28 AM
To: Hilda Zotter
Cc: Lorna Hildebrandt
Subject: Weekly Report Feb 27 - Mar 3 2023

Weekly Report February 27 – March 4, 2023

- **Monday February 27**
- Checked the Welcome Center, and the A.L.C.
- Picked up a hydraulic cylinder for the John Deere grader from Jerry Combot for repair
- Installed the cylinder on John Deere wing
- Greased John Deere grader
- Changed 3 fluorescent light bulbs at the health center
- Started and learned how to properly start on the Generator at the A.L.C
- Started installing an Engine Bay light on the CAT grader for lighting when fluid checking
- **Tuesday February 28**
- Finished installing engine bay light on CAT grader
- Used the tractor to clean the snow drifts in front of the arena for workers working in building
- Took an extra 10 minutes and scraped an icy area in the PW yard before parking the tractor
- The garage door was falling out of track at the PW shop. Dave and I fixed it the best we could to keep it operational
- Did some organizing on the south wall Shelf
- Assisted Dave with finishing Tool shelf for our impact guns and the chargers
- **Wednesday March 1**
- Checked the W.C
- Checked the pads on the saddle of the CAT grader (added 2 shims)
- Kept going with organizing the south wall shelf and under the work bench
- **Thursday March 2**
- Checked the W.C Picked up WTS truck and trailer to haul garbage from PW shop to WTS
- Hauled a load of garbage to WTS. (Old oil containers, old grader blades, lots of carboard, old stuff with no value that was found on south wall shelf and under work bench)
- After dropping off WTS truck and trailer back at WTS, I finished organizing the south shelf
- **Friday March 3**
- Shoveled the little bit of snow that was left on the deck at A.L.C
- Picked up WTS truck and trailer for tree trimming in areas the rub the grader while grading.
- Tree trimming in town.
- Returned the truck back to WTS before the end of the day.

Ryan Gaudry
St. Laurent Public Works
(204)-513-1227

From: Ryan Gaudry <RGaudry.pw@outlook.com>
Sent: March 14, 2023 1:55 PM
To: Hilda Zotter
Cc: Lorna Hildebrandt
Subject: Weekly Report March 6 - March 10, 2023

Weekly Report March 6 – March 10, 2023

Monday March 6

- Son had a doctor's appointment. - Sick Day

Tuesday March 7

- Sent in weekly report to office
- Checked W.C & A.L.C.
- Changed the transmission oil on all 3 of the floater pumps
- Fixed the V plow on the CAT grader (runner bolts snapped off)
- I pulled apart the rear wiper on the CAT grader to find out why it's not working. Found out the wiper motor is no good
- Talked with Roger Gillis. He has asked for me to operate skid steer for fire department to lift mesh floor on top of beams on Wednesday March 8
- Washed up the windows on CAT grader

Wednesday March 8

- Picked up Skid steer from WTS
- Assisted Roger Gillis and Fire Department to lift mesh floor on top of beams
- After fueling up Skid steer I drove it back to WTS
- Tree trimming East of town. (No more trees in the way of the grader East of town now)
- Sharpened chainsaw before end of the day

Thursday March 9

- Checked the welcome center
- Picked up WTS truck and trailer for tree trimming in town
- The WTS trailer had a flat tire, so I removed the tire and brought it to Echo Bay Auto to get it repaired. (Recommended getting new tires for the trailer)
- Tree trimming in town (Sandpiper Bay's, Labous, Rose Lane)
- Brought WTS trailer back to PW shop for next day

Friday March 10

- Checked the WTS trailer wiring (Daytime running lights were flickering & losing charge often)
- Went to Home Hardware for electrical tape
- Brought WTS truck and trailer back to WTS for garbage pick-up on the following Monday

Ryan Gaudry
St. Laurent Public Works
(204)-513-1227

Dave's Weekly Report March 11, 2023

Monday March 6

- Check WC and ALC
- Go through all water pumps and change oil as needed
 - Started all of them to make sure they are running
 - Still need trans oil changed n floating pumps
- Update pretrip sheets for grader
 - Add filter numbers to sheets for reference
- Check roads for any drifting

March 7 (sick)

March 8 (8 hrs)

- Check WC and ALC
- Drive Ryan to pick up Skidsteer to help FD
 - Pick up again once done with Skidsteer
- Brush cutting out east
 - Cleaned up all rds

March 9 (8hrs)

- Pick up truck and trailer from WTS to go brush cutting
 - Trailer had flat tire Ryan brought to Echo Bay Auto to fix
- Brush cutting around town
 - Sandpiper bays
 - Saskatoon and Crocus
 - Labous and Rose Lane
 - Checked Echo Bay and Allard Rd

March 10 (8hrs)

- Check WC and ALC
- Clean driveway of Veterans rd
- Work on lights on WTS trailer and try get constant power to hydraulic pump to charge battery

Fire Department report to council for March 15, 2023

As prepared by Roger Gillis / Melissa Buors

First, I would like to start off by saying thank you to all that helped with the erecting of the water tower in the main fire hall. Thank you to the RM office, and Council for allowing the project to begin. Thank you to Blake Cyrenne, for erecting the Iron, picking up materials in Winnipeg and co-ordinating the welding with GMB Installations Inc. owned by Butch Desjarlais of Winnipeg. Butch is the son of Lina Desjarlais. Butch, sent out two trucks and two welders to weld up the iron for us. A huge thanks to the welders and Lina for their assistance in making this all happen. Another huge thanks to Melissa, Real and Phoenix who all have helped with the iron work in one way or another, especially Real who's been there for weeks on end helping in every way possible. While I was away Real and/or Melissa looked after the tower iron placement and the plumbers, I thank them for that. Also, thanks to Public Works who have been understanding and cooperative letting us park fire trucks in the shop so they don't freeze. Thanks to Ryan and Donovan for being there to assist with tractors work as needed. Thank you Mellissa for your help with this and so much more and your dedication to our community.

Fire status report

As of March 12, 2023 the FD is at call # 6 this year.

With the most recent call incident 06-23, assist with forcible entry for a wellness check with EMS/RCMP.

Incident # 05-23 was a large Mutual aid call to the Dairy farm in Woodlands. Which resulted in saving half a barn, many animals, the adjacent calving shed / bale storage shed. I must say the St Laurent FD did us proud as there was an issue with the Warren front line pumper so our pumper was put into front line service.

Incident # 04-23 being a deck fire with a terrific stop by the FD

Incident # 03-23 as lift assist to EMS

Incident # 02- 23 as alarm sounding at a business

Incident # 01-23 as semi fire at MTT

Regarding the water storage project:

The tower is standing thanks to Blake who was assisted by Real and I. Real and I finished the bolting and worked for the better part of a week to cut flanges off and tack welding them into place. We finished installing the cross braces. We are now waiting for a welder to complete that portion. Blake is away; however, he returns on the 17th of March. The water tanks from Chequis plumbing are projected to arrive btw. March 15-30. Yesterday Real and I finished installing the grates on the top.

Work on the washroom is pretty much complete. The new hot water, water softener and new urinal are all installed. However the water softener has yet to have a drain for backwashing added to direct clean backwash discharge to the outside of the building to prevent holding tank overflowing. The water lines to the tank fill system are started. The 3-inch overhead pipe portion has been started for the new water tanks fill system.

The man lift has been returned to West St Paul by BB Towing; the invoice has been directed to the RM office for payment. The tow truck bill was budgeted into the water tank project.

I believe we have exhausted the 2022 FD budget. The washroom renovations wrapped the unused funds of the FD 2022 budget. That funding shift should assist with the addition of the pump for the tower to accelerate the water filling system.

Lights will have to be added under the tower, ceiling fans, and the camera have to be relocated to accommodate the tanks and allow them to be effective. More electrical work has to be done for the pump and controls to the new filling system.

It seems the washroom cleanliness and usage issue has been addressed and for the most part resolved. Of course, some signage by Melissa has helped.

An overflow pipe for the automatic tank fill system will be added to large tanks to direct water to the outside rather than flood the building, should the system fail. So, if anyone passes by and sees water running out the north side of the building they will know something is wrong.

As I said last month, the truck purchase has been put in abeyance, it's set on pause for now. I simply cannot find the time to deal with both the water tower, the bush truck, and the administrative stuff that needs so much attention. The day-to-day issues that are being managed by the active fire department members. We are still looking for the right truck; however, we are not going to jump at the first truck that comes to us. It has to be short enough to remain hooked to the trailer that carries the firefighter ATV and still able to park in fire hall.

We are reviewing the FD incident responses and previous incident reports to determine exactly how the truck will need to be set up. This will involve some input from the fire fighters at a drill night down the road. The truck has to be equipped with Brush/grass firefighting equipment for summer and water relay delivery equipment for winter.

Grass fire season is rapidly approaching and we will need to look at the equipment response arrangements sooner than later. The 2007 Dodge has been used in the past; however, it is not the best arrangement. It leaks oil, is too long, and too low and not suitable for ditches. There are a number of backpack fire pumps that are in need of maintenance and parts. Discussions and plans are in place to fix them. They're already in Real Fontaine's garage where we will be repairing them; soon.

We still need some truck appliances, drafting screens, hose and adapter fittings so we can finalize the connections to the in-house fill station. Of course, we still need an ice auger to access lake and pond water in the winter, they should be on sale soon.

Rescue truck

Real has removed all the equipment, decals, radios etc., and has been parked at the WTS. Ready for sale. I suggest Mc Sherry auctions or Associated Auto Auctions.

Big Tanker

FD ID decals are installed on both driver and passenger doors. We are waiting for Greg Morden to make the decals for the back of the tank.

1980 GMC tanker

As requested it is ready for sale; however, a reserve bid would be a good idea, so we don't give it away.

If public works can use it as a sander truck or otherwise it would be an asset to keep it, as we will not get much for it. It is ultimately councils' decision.

DRILL Nights

The drill nights are going okay, I'm a little disappointed as the 20th of Feb drill night landed on Louise Riel Day/Family Day when I was away, and this drill night was cancelled by our D/Chief as it was a stat-holiday.

March 6th drill night 9 members attended. We went through the trucks to document inventory, checking equipment and reading for service. We plan on creating a check list for all trucks and equipment.

One evening weekly the level 1 members are continuing with the study group to help them get through level one as a team, Roger L has been helping them.

The training room TV courtesy of councillor Combot has been mounted to the wall with a wall bracket courtesy of Greg Morden.

We are continuously looking at ways to improve the training room.

Next drill/ training is March 20, 2023

MUTUAL aid meetings are the last Thursday of every month. There is nothing to report.

New Member

We have a new member of the FD he is local resident lives on Kerbrat Bay who is enthusiastic and ready to help out. Our Fire Chief is looking for an opportunity to get him into level one training program ASAP.

Fire fighters fund

On the 6th of Feb the FD association members conducted an election to manage the funds previously taken away by the previous council.

The fire fighters association elected the following to manage the fund in conjunction with council.

Signing authority – left the same as Chief Roger. L and Loretta Sigurdson

President – Chad Malfait. Vice President – Roger Leclerc, Secretary – Loretta Sigurdson

Call report forms MPIC Melissa.

We have received word back from Hilda that MPI has rejected several claims, we are in the process of preparing a rebuttal to the rejected claims and are preparing and assessing the feasibility of going to arbitration. The files have to be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine the probability of success. A total of 18 claims were submit for payment, 2 claims are out of provinces, 16 were MPI claims. We received a response from MPI on March 8, 2023 in regards to 11 claims. 8 claims have been rejected by MPI, and 3 claims have been paid with a reduced amount paid. as of yesterday in conversation with MPIC we have resolved a few more.

Melissa has started to write the job descriptions and operating guidelines for the FD. I'm suggesting a new position be created for the FD organizational chart, the position of Assistant Chief, we have provided a draft for council to review. This position would report directly to the CAO parallel to the Fire Chief of the fire department. That person will be in charge of the administrative portion of the FD business; included in the duties will be MPIC billing pre-remuneration documents, incident call report preparation, assisting in budget preparation, out of province invoicing and etc., as other duties may be assigned by C.A.O., Council, and Fire Chief.

I'm hoping a resolution by council regarding the creation of this position will be available in short order if not today then by or at the next council meeting.

The current Fire Department officer(s) positions will have to be assessed and addressed. The compensation of the officers' positions should be reviewed and assessed in accordance with past duty performance, past and present expectations.

Recommendations could be made to the CAO and council for the final decision. I'm going to be recommending the positions of Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, and as well as Captain(s) receive an incentive and recognition for their duties and efforts. Of course performance based remuneration assessed and measured by the job descriptions.

Oak Point water sources

I would like to know if council has directed Public Works to create the lake access / water fill location on the lake or if council has chosen another alternative. If you recall on Feb 6, I mentioned it was a possibility. The first was to be at the end of Sutherland where you go left to the lake. On Sunday past March 12, I attended to the location and found it impassable by truck.

FD operational training has started regarding the pumping water after drilling a hole through the ice. The discussions, practice and training has started. We still need some tools to implement this firefighting strategy as in an ice auger, and hose fittings etc. We know can drive onto the lake with the FD ATV and drill a hole to set up a pump and hose to fill the tanker on the road. Once the budget is finalized we will continue with this process.

Outstanding work

We are waiting for one more **decals for tanker tank** to be installed at the rear of the truck. .

The training room still needs a **small table for the VCR/DVD** for training aid videos.

The **FD by-law review** has been started, early discussions are taking place regarding the provincially mandated inspections and the process.

We are **reviewing call incident data sheets for (grass/fire/MVC/etc.) to determine the exact vehicle needs to manage most calls.** As the truck assessment continues. Grass fire season is approaching, equipment needs work and preparation. The dodge truck needs a mount for the portable pump, it's tied on with a strap. It has to be removable so it can self-fill at any available water supply. The truck replacement issue continues. For example, our MVC response vehicle 1980-2 (snuffer) is 34 years old. It needs different compartments and configurations than a bush fire truck. The current snuffer truck carries the Jaws of Life and the rescue tool. This truck is on its last legs.

Plans have to be in place by the **Municipal Emergency Coordinator for large forest fires;** for example, Cats and dozer availability, phone number etc., to contact if needed.

Tanker annex hall **door lock is in need of replacement.**

The **water supplies have been identified,**

- **The golf course construction crew has been approached by Melissa and I.** We had the opportunity to view and speak with individuals on site. We reviewed the pumping system. An outlet can easily be added to their pump house to fill fire department trucks. As time permits this project will get started estimates and agreement will have been assessed.

- The water continues to follow **along side Twin Lake Rd providing good water access** as well. Once we receive our float dock strainer this will be an excellent location to draft water for fire fighting water needs.
- **Mike Futros at MTT is interested in helping us out by allowing us to use his well to fill our equipment.** A review of what's needed has yet to be completed.

That completes my report for this meeting. If there any questions please feel free.

Respectfully,

Roger Gillis

and Melissa Buors.