



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2021

MINUTES

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

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Jerry Combot, Vern Coutu, and CAO Hilda Zotter

Regrets: Councillors, Phil Mathews

Call to Order

Reeve Cheryl Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Res #184/2021 Bruce – Combot

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

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #185/2021 Coutu - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting – June 2, 2021

Be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

WTS (Ray Ducharme)

- Presentation Recycling Education
- Went over the presentations
- Working on brochure to go with tax bills

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- Discussed the MPI claims, take pictures and document
- Training slow, suggested lunch training perhaps BBQ meeting
- Further hydrant training required

By-Law Officer (Sophie Skierszkan)

- Working on parking by-law; MPI access; fines and fees; operate during regular business hours
- Working on dog by-law, meeting this Thursday with kennel companies

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- None

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- Discussed placement of shed and what needs to be done, MPI claim resolved for damages
- Placed deposit on St. Laurent Welcome sign
- Generator maintenance
- Lilacs will be placed at Welcome Centre by the Green Team

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Donovan Boudreau)

- None

Waste Transfer Site (Ron Colliou)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- None

Councillor Jerry Combet

- Fixed/cleared some Fire department equipment

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Graveling and dust control done in less than a week
- Filled in drainage ditch by LME
- Our borrow pits are not part of a drainage plan

- Met with assessment board to discuss taxation system, no way to add minimum fees on RV's
- Attended WIPD meeting
- Attended the WIPD RV By-law public hearing

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Discussed garbage on 415
- Pile of dirt at end of Carp with boulders, need to verify location and road allowance. Frank and I will go and look.

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Met with staff to review Big Tree park project on logistics
- Met with AMM; new Economic Development office opening in Brandon, good source for our EDO
- Met with staff on the CPAC File; Marlene very busy with the vaccine clinics
- Attended the WIPD public hearing
- Had a meeting with Greg Reid from IERHA
- Operating Engineering meeting taking place on June 25th

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS

Res #186/2021

Combot - Coutu

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

..... Carried

Public Hearing:

The Chair (Reeve) read out the greetings and procedures.

10:45 a.m. – Variation Application No. VSTL-03-21

Cherie provided proof of notice and described the intent of the application.

Application for Variation VSTL-03-21 from Raymond Colliou and Lynn Colliou for a front yard variation to allow the construction of a garage to comply with the zoning by-law.

There were no objections and no other questions were raised.

Res #187/2021

Coutu - Bruce

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

.... Carried

Res #188/2021

Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS Variation Application No. VSTL-03-21 was received from owner and applicant Raymond and Lynn Colliou in regards to property located at Lot 4, Block 3, Plan 392, #173 Laurentia Beach Rd N, in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the said variation application is to vary the front yard variation from 20 ft to 10 ft to allow the construction of a garage to comply with the zoning by-law.

AND WHEREAS the shed currently there will be removed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said variation.

.... Carried

Finance & Accounts

Res #189/2021

Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS Eco-West Canada has been working on an electric vehicle project for Manitoba municipalities for the installation of level 2 and/or level 3 electric vehicle chargers;

AND WHEREAS pending Eco-West Canada's contract with NRCan to fund its ZEVIP electric charging station program in Manitoba for charging stations as well as managed services (online portal/payment systems) for the stations for a period of up to five years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent will work with Eco-West Canada in the development of a local/regional EV hub as well as identify the location (s) for the installation and operation of EV charging stations either on land that is owned by the municipality or to which it will be granted access for said period of five years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent confirm its commitment of up to \$20,000.00 per level 2 charger for the ZEVIP project.

..... Carried

Res #190/2021

Combot - Coutu

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has received a quote for the portable building at

Gros Arbre Park (Big Tree Park).

AND WHEREAS the quote has been received and reviewed by Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the quote received by Horizon Storage Sheds in the amount of \$8,194.10, plus shipping and applicable taxes.

.... Carried

Res #191/2021 Coutu - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for June 2021 and Expenses for May 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	900.00	212.50	475.00	50.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	81.50	96.00	39.00	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	-87.65	-39.29	-59.04	-30.43	-27.70
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-155.85	-15.68	-61.78	0.00	0.00
Totals	1738.00	1053.53	1293.18	819.57	772.30

..... Carried

Res #192/2021 Bruce – Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to June 15, 2021, written under cheque numbers 30139 to 30195 and totaling \$170,015.15 be hereby approved for payment.

..... Carried

Res #193/2021 Combot – Bruce

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has received a quote to repair and replace the community sign at Gros Arbre Park (Big Tree Park) due to the accident that occurred in May 2021.

AND WHEREAS we have provided MPI with the quote and will be reimbursed.

AND WHEREAS the quote has been received by R.D.G. Enterprises to repair and has been reviewed by Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the quote received by R.D.G. Enterprises in the amount of for \$1,145, plus applicable taxes.

..... Carried

Res #194/2021 Coutu – Combout

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

- a. From Mrs. Margaret Weckesser in the amount of \$100.00 to the Oak Point Community Club for the hall rebuild in memory of Lloyd Clegg;

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

..... Carried

DELEGATIONS

- None

ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS – Cont'd

Regular Matters:

Res #195/2021 Bruce - Coutu

WHEREAS the RM has received a request from owner Sandra Postelt to add a second dwelling on the property located at NE-12-17-4 W1 (97106 Rd. 18 W) in St. Laurent, MB.

AND WHEREAS provision is made for under Section 5.6 Accessory Uses, Buildings and Structures .2 staff dwellings, including a single-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, dormitory, or mobile home when on the same site as such a dwelling is essential for the maintenance, operation and care of the permitted or conditional use of the R.M. of St. Laurent Zoning By-law No. 5/05 and amendments thereto.

AND WHEREAS Council has considered the request and all recommendations made within the application.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request above.

.... Carried

Notices:

July 14, 2021 at 10:45 a.m. Subdivision Application #4178-21-8048 from Maurice Leclair and Jacqueline Leclair. To subdivide a +- 20-acre property into 8 Rural Residential lots and open an existing private road into public road. Area affected is Block 4, Plan 49108, RLs 9 & 10, Parish of St. Laurent in the RM of St. Laurent.

July 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Application for Variation VSTL-04-21 from Bhoag Singh for a rear yard variation from 21 ft (stairs), 19ft (deck), 25ft (porch) to 1ft (stairs), 1ft (deck), 10ft (porch). To allow the construction of a deck and stairs to comply with the zoning by-law.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #196/2021 Combot - Coutu
WHEREAS a tender given by Lakeside Decorating was accepted under Resolution 131/2021 in the amount of \$29,929.90 plus GST.
AND WHEREAS Lakeside Decorating has charged and additional 100 ft at a cost of \$2,993.10 plus GST.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the additional charge of \$2,993.10 plus GST.

.....Carried

Abstained: Frank Bruce

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

Screening Officer - Tabled

Res #197/2021 Combot - Coutu
WHEREAS the Twin Lakes Beach Association has applied for, and successfully obtained, funding for the Green Team Program, which funding is covered 100% by the Province for the Green Team employees' wages and MERCS, based on minimum wage of \$11.90/hour.
AND WHEREAS a wage of \$15.00 per hour would attract more applicants and retain those hired and Twin Lakes Beach Association has submitted a request to the R.M. for a partnership and contribution to a top up of the wages.
AND WHEREAS Twin Lakes Beach Association will assign the payment from the Province be transferred directly to the R.M. by the Province.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the "topping up" of wages in the amount of \$3.10 per hour, plus 4% vacation pay and MERCS.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the RM attends to assignment of work and supervision of the TLBA Green Team employee while work is performed within the R.M. of St. Laurent, and also approves the RM attends to payroll administration of the TLBA Green Team employee.

....Carried

Res #198/2021 Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS the St. Laurent and District Recreation Commission and the St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre have applied for, and successfully obtained, funding for the Green Team Program, which funding is covered 100% by the Province for the Green Team employees' wages and MERCS, based on minimum wage of \$11.90/hour.

AND WHEREAS a wage of \$15.00 per hour would attract more applicants and retain those hired and the RM has budgeted for contribution to a top up of the wages.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the "topping up" of wages in the amount of \$3.10 per hour, plus 4% vacation pay and MERCS.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the RM attends to assignment of work and supervision of the Rec Commission and Rec Centre Green Team and also approves the RM attends to payroll administration.

....Carried

Res #199/2021 Coutu - Combot

WHEREAS advertisements and interviews have been conducted by the Green Team Hiring Committee.

AND WHEREAS the Hiring Committee recommends the hiring of the following:

For Rec Commission Green Team: Kali Chartrand

For Rec Centre Green Team: Ian Buors, Matthew Morden, and Kayden McKay

For Twin Lakes Beach Association: Shelby Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approved the above hire recommendations and that employment may commence on June 17, 2021, or as soon as both parties are able and end on or around August 30, 2021, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

....Carried

Res #200/2021 Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS École Communautaire Aurèle-Lemonine is hosting a community parade along with St. Laurent School to celebrate the graduates on Saturday, June 26, 2021 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

AND WHEREAS they are asking for the use of municipal roads, Reeve Smith's attendance and participation in the parade, advertising and publicity of this community event on our billboard, and fire truck to lead and anchor the parade. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the above including Reeve Smith's attendance.

....Carried

Res #201/2021 Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS CDEM is organizing the 56th edition of the francophone Omnium de golf to take place on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the Maplewood Golf Club in Saint-Pierre-Jolys, also celebrating the 25 years of existence of CDEM.

AND WHEREAS to celebrate the 25th anniversary of CDEM, they would like to offer a special price for municipalities at \$250 to be a hole sponsor at the tournament. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to sponsor the tournament in the amount of \$250.

....Defeated

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Bulletin #2021-27 Municipal Relations – Upcoming Changes to the Planning System in Manitoba: Appeals
- Manitoba News Release – New strengthened Public Health Orders serve to keep Manitoban's home and protect the health-care system

Minutes:

- None

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #202/2021

Bruce - Coutu

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

.....Carried

Res #203/2021

Bruce - Combot

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

.....Carried

Res #204/2021

Combot - Bruce

WHEREAS Assistant CAO, Bernice Kitsch, has announced her retirement, with her last day being July 30, 2021.

AND WHEREAS Bernice has requested a wage increase of \$2.00 per hour retroactive to May 2, 2021, and a payout of her sick leave credits upon retirement.

AND FURTHER WHEREAS Bernice has agreed to assist with training of new staff and with maintenance of the financial ledgers in a casual capacity as needed to a maximum of 200 hours per year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve:

- a. A wage increase of \$2.00 per hour retroactive to May 2, 2021;
- b. Pay-out of sick leave credits accumulated to July 30, 2021;
- c. That Bernice continue employment in a casual capacity as of August 1, 2021, to assist with staff training and maintenance of financial ledgers to a maximum of 200 hours per year.

.... Carried

Adjourn

Res #205/2021

Coutu – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:40 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO