

Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2023

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday April 6, 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 #94/2023 Johnson - Leclair
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #95/2023 Johnson - Leclair
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting – March 15, 2023
- CDC Minutes – March 15, 2023
- Special Meeting -March 20, 2023

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

.....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Our Financial Plan public hearing is being advertised now – draft financial plans are available at the front desk or by request to email. Public Hearing

is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in council's chambers

- Attended the Municipal Emergency Coordinator interviews.
- Attended By-law Committee Meeting on March 3th – very heavy agenda today with several by-laws on the go.

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

- As attached

Fire Department

- Reported by Yves below

EDO

- None at this time

Councillor Tom Johnson

- Attended the budget meeting.
- Attended by-law meeting. Hopefully to have the by-laws finalized soon.
- Attended Planning meeting – with spring coming will be more permits, right now kind of quiet.

Councillor Perry Gaudry

- Attended the Senior Resource Council meeting in Selkirk discussed the transportation of seniors in the community. I suggested they do a survey within their community to see what they would like done.
- Old Town Hall- glad to see its going ahead forward. I spoke with Guy and the contractor did assure that the work would be done in the time frame.

Councillor Yves Combet

- Attended the AMM conference as well this past week. Discussion by the province about donating decommissioned fire trucks to other countries and our Reeve made an approach to the minister to discuss maybe before shipping these fire trucks to other countries, that we could make use of them as well as indigenous communities. They said they would get back to us.
- Projects are ongoing at fire hall. Very close to completion.
- Attended a field trip to the Elie fire hall, a big thank you to Roger Gillis for setting that up.
- Attended a meeting with Community Futures and that was held in Lundar.

Councillor Maurice Leclair

- Attended the AMM conference and it was very interesting.
- Will follow up with PW and WTS for the inventory list on all equipment we have.
- Follow up on some of the repairs that were done at the ALC by one of our PW 's employee.
- Have been approached to pick up garbage on Louis Riel Drive- will have to discuss with council.
- The hiring position of PW foreman will be put on hold for now, due to one of our PW employee handing in his resignation.

Reeve Richard Chartrand

- March 16- Attended a meeting in Stonewall regarding the personal care home.
- March 27- Attended with Yves the Western Interlake Municipal Forum in Lundar., Met with various Stakeholders, councillors and reeves from the Interlake municipalities.
- March 29- Attended the MEC interviews
- March 30- Attended the By-law meeting and Old Town Hall meeting
- April 3rd to 5th- Attended the AMM Conference- Very interesting- learned about conflict-of-interest, rules and legislation.
- Union complaint – dealt with and resolved.

Finance & Accounts

Res #96/2023

Johnson - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to March 31, 2023, written under cheque numbers 32838 to 32910 and totaling \$111,937.32 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Regular Matters:

Res #97/2023

Johnson – Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 04/2023, being a by-law to amend the Zoning By-law No. 5/05 (regarding apiary, hobby farms and shipping containers) be hereby given first reading.

Res #98/2023

Johnson – Leclair

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

.....Carried

- Cherie read out the application and provided proof of notice.
- Reeve Chartrand read out the procedures

Res #99/2023

Johnson – Combot

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

.....Carried

- Three people spoke and were against the ATV Derby due to property destruction, disturbance of wild life and farm animals, just to name a few reasons.

Public Hearing:

Res #100/2023

Leclair – Gaudry

WHEREAS a Special Events Conditional Use application, CUSTL-01-23, was received from applicant Kelly McKay.

AND WHEREAS the said conditional use application is to allow “Special Events” as being an ATV Poker Derby on various properties (including private, public, Crown, RM owned) throughout the R.M. of St. Laurent, on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

AND WHEREAS after holding the hearing, Council must make an order

- a) Rejecting the application; or
- b) Approving the application if the conditional use proposed in the application
 - i. will be compatible with the general nature of the surround area;
 - ii. will not be detrimental to the health or general welfare of people living or working in the surrounding area, or negatively affect other properties or potential development in the surrounding area, and
 - iii. is generally consistent with the applicable provisions of any by-laws of the R.M. of St. Laurent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that after hearing and reviewing all submissions made in the scheduled public hearing, Council approves the said event on the following conditions (to be filed with the RM office):

1. A detailed map of the route is submitted with this application along with written permission from all property owners through which the trail is to transverse, including but not limited to approval from Crown Lands and Crown Lands Lessees;
2. No route or portion of event to be on R.M. of St. Laurent Section 32-17-3W;
3. Proof of liability insurance for the event.
4. The applicant is required to release the RM from any and all liability.
5. Proof of permitting for any lottery-type portion of the event by Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba;

6. Proof of approval of affiliation with chosen charity;
7. The organizer(s) of the event be responsible for repairs due to damages to any private or public property, including but not limited to fields, lawns, fencing, road allowances, rehabilitation of roads, road allowances and ditches; responsibility for fire damages, debris and debris cleanup, and any other claims for damages arising out of this event;
8. Written emergency plan approved by the St. Laurent Fire Department Fire Chief;
9. Approval from RCMP detachment Lundar;
10. Speed not to exceed 30 km per hour on any road allowances or roads;
11. Approval from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure;
12. Damage deposit made to the R.M. of St. Laurent in the amount of \$7500 only refundable if no damages to R.M. property (roads, ditches or road allowances) are found within 30 days of the event, and the amount held back being the cost of such repairs, or the entire deposit against the costs of repairs should the cost exceed deposit amount.

.....Carried

Res #101/2023 Johnson – Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 06/2023, being a by-law to amend the Zoning By-law No. 5/05 (regarding RVs), be hereby given first reading.

.....Carried

Regular Matters Continued

Res #102/2023 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 by removing Clause 10(a) in its entirety to be consistent with the RM's Zoning By-law as it relates to placement of Recreational Vehicles.

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

Notices:

April 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing -Special Events-Kelly McKay- ATV Derby
Route change- subject to change.

Delegation:

11: 00 a.m.- Claude Buors – Looking for permission to hunt, trap on road allowances and swamps. Claude is requesting RM to mark road allowances.

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Res # 103/2023 Leclair – Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following St. Laurent Fire Department forms are approved by council:

1. Permission to Burn
2. Operating Guidelines:
 - a. Emergency Response Data Sheet/Time Sheet
 - b. Applications and Admission Requirement
 - c. Code of Conduct
 - d. Discipline Procedures
 - e. Personal Health Information Act (PHIA)
 - f. Job descriptions
 - i. Safety Officer
 - ii. Assistant Fire Chief
 - iii. Fire Chief
 - iv. Deputy Fire Chief
 - v. Probationary Firefighter
 - vi. Firefighter
 - vii. Captain

.....Carried

OTHER DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS

- None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Res #104/2023 Leclair – Combot

WHEREAS the Association of Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) provides funding to the RM towards bilingual initiatives in the amount of \$7,500.00 per annum.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the contribution in the amount of \$7500.00, which supports the gradual improvement of services in both official languages, and confirms that it has designated and filled one of the Assistant CAO positions as bilingual, and has also designated and filled the Economic Development position as bilingual. The RM can further confirm that the monthly newsletter and minutes are issued in both languages.

.....Carried

Res #105/2023 Leclair – Gaudry

WHEREAS the Community Connector program has ended as of March 31, 2023 and there are remaining gas cards (value of \$495.00) that are intended to support volunteer drivers that drive patients dealing with cancer to their appointments.

AND WHEREAS Loretta Sigurdson, Fire Department member, has agreed to administer the disbursement of the gas cards for such use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Loretta’s administration of the distribution of the gas cards with accounting being kept and a report given to the RM office once all have been used up.

.....Carried

Res #106/2023 Johnson - Leclair

WHEREAS Section 365(2) of *The Municipal Act* provides that Council may in any year designate the immediate preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties (the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year) must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the designated year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2022, meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2021 or prior;

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Sec. 363(1) of the Municipal Act, “costs” shall be the actual costs payable by the Municipality for each parcel listed for the tax sale of properties in arrears of 2021 or prior taxes plus administration fees of \$50.00 as set forth in Regulation 50/97, and such costs are recoverable by the RM from the affected property owner;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tax sale for properties with 2021 or prior years’ arrears be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the R.M. of St. Laurent council chambers.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the administrators of the tax sale process will be Taxervice of Swan River, Manitoba, and that the CAO is authorized to sign the Engagement Letter for Taxervice’s management of property tax arrears recovery for a

three-year term.

.....Carried

Res #107/2023 Johnson -Gaudry

WHEREAS a Abuse & Molestation Policy must be implemented to apply to Municipal Representatives and requires Municipalities and their Municipal Representatives to deal with any instances of abuse in accordance with this policy.

AND WHEREAS the purpose of this Policy is to stress the importance of that commitment by outlining how the Municipality will work to prevent abuse, and how abuse or suspected abuse can be reported and addressed by the Municipality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the policy as presented

.....Carried

Res #108/2023 Leclair – Combot

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 third reading

.....Carried

Recorded Vote For: Tom Johnson, Maurice Leclair, Yves Combot, Perry Gaudry, Richard Chartrand

Res #109/2023 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 third reading.

.....Carried

Recorded Vote For: Tom Johnson, Maurice Leclair, Yves Combot, Perry Gaudry, Richard Chartrand

Res #110/2023 Johnson – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy known as the RV Conditional Use Policy be hereby revoked and no longer in effect.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT those applicants that had obtained and paid for a Conditional Use Permit in 2021 and 2022 in the amount of \$1000 per unit under the said Policy will be entitled to have part of the fee already paid transfer over to subsequent licensing fees under the new Licensing By-law and the amended Zoning By-law when those become in effect.

.....Carried

Res #111/2023 Leclair – Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following amendments to Schedule A of the Fees, Fines and Charges By-Law 4/21:

Under the By-Laws section:

- **Third Offence** to be changed to read **Subsequent Offence(s)**
- Dangerous Animal **s.16(e)** sign to be changed to **s.5a.(vi)** (Domestic Animal By-law 5/2021)
- Traffic and Parking **s.9** to be changed to **s.7** (Parks and Beaches By-law 3/21)
- Damage to environment, structures **s.10** to be changed to **s.8** (Parks and Beaches By-law 3/21)
- Nuisances, obstructions **s.11** to be changed to **s.9** (Parks and Beaches By-law 3/21)
- Park clean-up and removal of debris **s.12** to be changed to **s.10** (Parks and Beaches By-law 3/21)
- Add: **Use of engine retarders (in the Unnecessary and Harmful Noise By-law 3/13) 3. g) First Offence \$200, Second Offence \$500, Subsequent offence(s) \$1,000 with 25% off early payment**
- Add: **Special Businesses By-law 8/2023 ss 1-6 First Offence \$100, Second Offence \$250, Subsequent Offence(s) \$500 with 25% off early payment**

Under the Fee List section:

- Michif French Dictionary to be changed from **\$18.00** to **\$25.00**
- Maps to be changed from **\$25.00** to **\$30.00**
- Remove: **R.V. Conditional Use Permit (\$1,000.00)**

.....Carried

Res #112/2023 Johnson – Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 7/2023, being a by-law to authorize requirement for licensing of certain services be hereby given first reading.

.....Carried

Res #113/2023 Leclair – Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 7/2023, being a by-law to authorize requirement for licensing of certain services be hereby given second reading

.....Carried

Res #114/2023 Gaudry – Combob

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 8/2023, to regulate the operation of mobile food units and push carts be hereby given first reading.

.....Carried

Res #115/2023 Johnson - Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 8/2023, to regulate the operation of mobile food units and push carts be hereby given first reading.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Letter to Reeve & Council- Laurentia Beach Association
- Provincial Budget 2023
- Letter from Terry Macumber
- WIWD – Free Tree Seedling

Minutes from Others:

- Laurentia Beach Association – Spring Meeting Minutes – March 26th
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- WIPD Meeting – February 15, 2023

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #116/2023 Johnson - Leclair

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

.....Carried

Res #117/2023 Johnson – Leclair

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

.....Carried

Res #118/2023 Gaudry – Combot

WHEREAS Hilda Zotter, the RM's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) has submitted her resignation on March 21, 2023 with last day of work to be April 21, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept Hilda's resignation and approve payout of accumulated banked time, sick time, and holiday time.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the position be advertised immediately

.....Carried

Res #119/2023 Johnson – Leclair

WHEREAS David Hiebert, Public Works Operator, has submitted his resignation with last day of work to be April 12, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept David's resignation and approve payout of accumulated banked time, sick time, and holiday time

Res #120/2023 Leclair – Gaudry

WHEREAS Loretta Sigurdson, an active member of the St. Laurent Fire Department has submitted her resignation as of March 20, 2023.

AND WHEREAS Loretta has requested that she be given tasks such as, but not limited to, bookkeeping for the fire department, in charge of the Christmas Hamper Program, and disbursement of gas cards for cancer patient volunteer drivers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts Loretta’s resignation as active member and allow for auxiliary work as described above.

.....Carried

Res #121/2023 Johnson – Combot

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent has advertised for the position of Municipal Emergency Coordinator (MEC).

AND WHEREAS applications have been received, and interviews conducted by the Hiring Committee.

AND WHEREAS the Hiring Committee recommends the hire of Roger Gillis.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the hiring of Roger Gillis as the RM’s MEC, at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, based on an average of 12 hours per week, or up to 650 hours for 2023, with a flexible work schedule. The commencement date of the position is April 10, 2023.

.....Carried

CDC Matters

- None

RM (CDC Matters)

- None

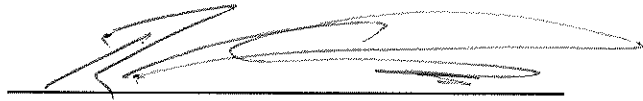
Adjourn

Res #122/2023

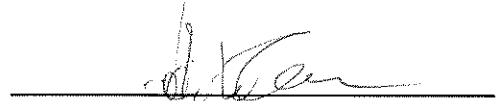
Johnson - Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 1:17 p. m.

.....Carried

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Reeve

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CAO

CAO REPORT FOR Thursday, April 6, 2023

Our Financial Plan public hearing is being advertised now – draft financial plans are available at the front desk or by request to email.

Public hearing is set for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Attended Municipal Emergency Coordinator interviews – this will come up later in the agenda.

Attended By-Law Committee Meeting on March 30th - Very heavy agenda today with several by-laws on the go.

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From: Donovan Boudreau <Donovanboudreau1993@outlook.com>
Sent: March 28, 2023 9:35 AM
To: fin.rmstlaur@mymts.net
Subject: Fwd: Weekly report March,20-March 24

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

Begin forwarded message:

From: Donovan Boudreau <Donovanboudreau1993@outlook.com>
Date: March 27, 2023 at 10:04:15 AM CDT
To: cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net
Subject: Weekly report March,20-March 24

March 20

- checked a few rds in town .
- checked welcome centre&a,l,c .
- greased case tractor&checked fluids .
- air hose fitting was leaking so I changed it .
- cleaned windows on cat grader.
- loaded shop garbage in to garbage trailer.

March 21

- widened & scraped snow buildup on allard rd with cat grader.
- scraped all snow off laurentia north\south with cat grader.
- had a meeting with Reeve Richard chartrand .

March 22

- covered for w,t,s (garbage pick up).

March 23

- helped @ waist transfer site pretty much all day. We did recycling.

March 24

- fixed crooked stop sign on (20w)&(100N)
- worked @ w,t,s we did recycling.
- helped fire department with water tower ,we built a platform for the tractor forks and we used it to lift holding tanks in the air .
- removed a few signs off bent post in the shop.

Thanks
Donovan

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From: Donovan Boudreau <Donovanboudreau1993@outlook.com>
Sent: April 4, 2023 3:48 PM
To: cao.rmstlaur@mymts.net
Cc: fin.rmstlaur@mymts.net
Subject: Weekly report Jan March 27-March 31

March 27

- checked rds .
- checked signs in town.
- went to home hardware to purchase supplies for bathroom.
- cleaned garbage out of public works truck and whipped interior.
- fueled up public works truck @mtt.
- checked to see what's needed to remove flood light from the top of our welcome to stlaurent sign and install underneath sign.

March 28

- did oil change on 772G John Deere grader.
- checked wheelchair ramp at welcome centre to see what's needed to secure the ramp properly.
- removed stump pan on John Deere grader to inspect hoses etc.
- brought used oil to waist transfer site.
- went to wts to help with recycling.

March 29

- garbage pickup out east.

March 30

- installed a no throw rd sign on (9w) .
- checked a few areas in town for broken\faded signs.
- fixed wheelchair ramp at welcome centre.
- worked on adjusting shims on John Deere grader .

March 31

- adjust all shims underneath the saddle on John Deere grader, everythings nice n tight with minimal play .
- installed flood light underneath stlaurent sign off #6 highway.

Thanks

Donovan
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Thanks

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From: Ryan Gaudry <RGaudry.pw@outlook.com>
Sent: March 24, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Lorna Hildebrandt
Cc: Hilda Zotter
Subject: Weekly Report March 13 - 17

Weekly Report March 16th – March 17th, 2023

- Monday March 13
- Checked the Welcome Center & A.L.C.
- Picked up 4 New wipers from Home Hardware for the PW truck and the CAT grader
- Installed the wipers on the PW truck and CAT grader
- Repaired Heated mirror on the CAT grader. (Wiring was all ripped apart and behind the mirror as well. Will eventually need a new one in time)
- Sharpened the chain on the pole saw so ready for next use.
- Also did a service on the pole saw. (Seemed to have a mis fire)
- Tuesday March 14
- Picked up WTS truck and trailer
- Worked on the trailer wiring on the trailer as the daytime running lights were flickering and sometimes off
- WTS truck wiring has got some issues as well but have Not touched due to lease.
- Bought a new trailer end from Home Hardware as the previous one had damages
- Filled up WTS truck at MTT from WTS guys and dropped it off before the end of the day
- Wednesday March 25
- Checked Roads
- Filled up the sander with sand for sanding (Dave went out sanding)
- Cleaned up McKenzie Bays with the tractor
- Moved some snow behind the PW shop where our buckets and pallet forks sit
- Serviced sander
- Assisted Dave at the A.L.C to replace 2 outdoor lights on the building. (East entrance & Southeast corner light)
- Thursday March 26
- Checked Roads (Donovan went out to touch up critical areas)
- Ordered a new ear wiper motor from CAT for out CAT grader
- Spent the day assisting WTS as they were short a guy
- Friday March 27
- Checked the road conditions at the lake
- Went out in the JD grader to clean up on Twin, Sandpiper
- Task for office – Went down to Laurentia North to see what trees are in the way and take pictures for new house coming in
- Checked Gaudry Rd before end of the day – Donovan had opened it up before end of the day
- Topped up JD grader with fuel

Ryan Gaudry
St. Laurent Public Works
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From: Ryan Gaudry <RGaudry.pw@outlook.com>
Sent: March 28, 2023 7:06 AM
To: Hilda Zotter
Cc: Lorna Hildebrandt
Subject: Weekly Report March 20 - 24, 2023

Weekly Report March 20 – 24 2023

- **Monday March 20**
 - Sick Day

- **Tuesday March 21**
 - Spent the day in the tractor. - pushing snow off the road on Allard Rd, Venice S, and cleaned up plugged driveways from the grader on Venice S, and Laurentia beach Rd S

- **Wednesday March 22**
 - Sick day – My son was sick

- **Thursday March 23**
 - Went scraping ice at the A.L.C in the tractor.
 - Sanded at A.L.C to make sure wasn't slippery
 - Scrapping at Laurentia beach N (Scott Ave)
 - Retirement lunch at the RM office for Marlene Combot
 - Cleaned the tractor windows
 - Did oil inventory and online research on the JD grader for proper oils for upcoming service

- **Friday March 24**
 - Picked WTS truck
 - Went to Winnipeg to pick up parts, oil, and filters
 - Helped fire department put their new water tanks on top of the beams in fire department
 - Installed a new rear wiper motor on the CAT grader
 - Drove the WTS truck back to WTS

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From: Ryan Gaudry <RGaudry.pw@outlook.com>
Sent: April 4, 2023 7:43 AM
To: Hilda Zotter
Cc: Lorna Hildebrandt
Subject: Weekly Report March 27 - 31, 2023

Weekly Report March 27 – 31, 2023

- **Monday March 27**
 - Assisted WTS on dump run
 - Got back to shop earlier than expected so started servicing the JD grader

- **Tuesday March 28**
 - Serviced the John Deere grader (changed oil, hydraulic oil change, etc.)
 - Pulled belly pan off the clean up all sitting gravel and muck
 - Picked up ordered signs from RM office
 - Brought all used oil from service to WTS
 - Cleaned up shop
 - Put together the last two fire ban signs
 - Left at 2:30pm for appointment

- **Wednesday March 29**
 - Changed “STOP” signs and “NO THRU ROAD” signs that were faded around the municipality
 - Brought PW receipts to RM office
 - Attempted to place 2x4 blocks on WC ramp to stabilize it but needed assistance to finish
 - Went scraping on Laurentia beach with the tractor

- **Thursday March 30**
 - Finished stabilizing the WC ramp with Donovan
 - Assisted WTS for the day with recycling

- **Friday March 31**
 - Moved the light on “Welcome to Saint Laurent” sign across MTT
 - Mole Board on the JD grader needed adjustments. Added shims
 - Also adjusted the Saddle on the JD grader. Added shims

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

Fire Department report to Council for April 6, 2023

We would like to start off by saying Thank you to all that have made and continue to make a difference for the Fire Department, and for caring about the community of St. Laurent.

I would like to say thank you to Lorna and Hilda for all their time, hard work and dedication to the FD. Couldn't have accomplished this all without their help.

Thank you, Yves, for all the time you have spent with Roger Gillis to getting the Fire Department in a better place.

I would like to say a thank you to Roger Gillis for all his time, knowledge, caring, patience, hard work and dedication to the FD. This has been a great learning opportunity for myself and others. I would like to say thank you for believe in me, and giving me this opportunity to work along side you. He sure will be missed by myself and others of the Fire Department.

Follow up from March 15, 2023

- Yet to receive letter from Loretta Sigurdson
- Randy Irvine interview was completed on March, and was filed in the RM Office

As of today April 5, 2023 the FD is at call # 8 of this year.

With the most recent call incident # 08-23, lift assist for EMS

Incident # 07-23, was also a lift assist to EMS

Regarding the Water Storage Project:

- The welding is complete.
- Tanks have arrived and have been installed on the tower
- Painting of the steel legs still needed, to make sure they are more visible.
- Reflective striping has been picked up in Winnipeg by Susan Gareau and she also picked up floor squeegees for the hall
- The plumbers are coming this week to do some more work
- The pump has been ordered to accelerate the filling of the trucks without having someone climb on top each time. Should be here mid-May. The pipe overflow for the automatic tank filling system still needs to be constructed. This is to prevent flooding the building, by directing the overflow water to the north side should the system fail.
- Electrical work has to be done for the pump and controls to the new filling system. This will be starting this week or early next week.

- Lights still need to be installed under tower, as tanks have made it darker in the bays
- Ceiling fans have been moved.
- 1 Camera has to be moved, which is behind the tanks. To be effective

Guidelines

We have completed most, but may need to add, edit as time and situations change

Grass Fire Season

The backpacks still have to be serviced

Big Tanker

All decals have been placed on tanker rear now. A huge Thank you to Greg Mordon, for donating the decals

Drill Nights

The drill nights are still continuing every second Monday

- We have gone over an area familiarization with maps and the section town ship range system
- Discussions about how important it is to take pictures, fill out Emergency Response Date Sheet are taking place at most drill nights
- Discussed course offering and how it works with the mutual aid system.
- Talked about purchase made at HomeHard Ware. Roger must be notified and receipts must be brought to the RM office, stating what it was for.
- Talked about the ATV derby that may happen on May 6, 2023
- Talked about fundraising
- Susan looked into buildings within the RM of St. Laurent that have and don't have AED's (should we ask if there is information that we can provide them to receive AED's)
 1. Are there any grants that the businesses can apply for to purchase AED?
- Roger Gillis, Tom, and Real looked at water supplies available in Oak Point. Mason has stated he would keep an area clean to the water pond on his property for FD to access, needs signage to remember to close the gate as there may be cattle keep in that area.
- Discussions have taken place about the future development of a dry hydrant across the trailer park in Oak Point in the RM of Coldwell. A partnership between the RM of Coldwell and Trailer owner would benefit all.
- Thank you, Chad Malfait for donating time and materials for the mount for the portable pump in the Dodge to make it secure.
- FD is still looking for a town map to place on the wall of the fire hall. Hilda may we ask the status of that request. We should have an updated Civic Address Map for all of the RM roads in St. Laurent
- April 3, 2023 trip to Elie fire hall. All members attended to review the hall and equipment placement on the trucks. We made two separate trips to ensure there were

members here to provide fire protection. One in the afternoon and one in the evening. Nine members attended. There was lots of questions by our members and Cartier FD did a great job hosting. They also donated a couple of pails of foam to our department.

MPI Claims

As of today April 5, 2023, a total of 14 claims have been sent to MPI and private owners in the amount of \$20,580.00. As of April 5, 2023 we have received payment in the amount of \$6,648.00 for 6 claims. 4 claimants have not opened a file with MPI. When a file has not be open with MPI we don't receive payment for our services. 4 claims we are still waiting for a response from MPI.

Claims # 24-21-has been remitted to MPI for an appeal for payment. We billed in the amount of \$3507.00 and MPI paid \$1257.00.

Claim # 16-21 was sent to MPI in the amount of \$1066.80, and no file has been opened with MPI. When I Melissa spoke with the owner of (tow truck) vehicle, he stated he's not paying for invoice and to bill the driver. As the FD arrived on scene there was no driver with (tow truck) vehicle. Please see a copy of the invoice. Confirmed April 5, 2023, RM office has mailed invoice to (tow truck) vehicle owner

Private Owned Vehicle Claims

As of today April 5, 2023 a total of 4 claims have been sent to privately owned vehicle owners, in the amount of \$10,214.58. We have received payment for 2 claims in the amount of \$7,603.28. As of today April 5, 2023 still waiting on a response from 2 claims.

Total monies received from MPI and Private billings is \$ **14,251.28**

Training Room

- Thank you Real for donating a table to hold the VCR/DVD for training videos.
- Tyler Lawson has donated an audio-visual projector for the ceiling of the training room.

Mutual Aid

Roger Leclerc attended on March 23, 2023.

There will be training for electric car's coming in September.

Roger L also reported that the MAD discussions have taken place in January. They discussed the costs and lift assist related expenses. Selkirk Fire no longer provides that service to the EMS. Perhaps this is an issue that could be raised with the AMM (Association of Manitoba Municipality) and the costs recovery should be addressed by the IRHA (Interlake Regional Health Authority)