



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
October 21, 2020

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**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Jerry Combot, Phil Mathews, and CAO Hilda Zotter

**Call to Order**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

Res #323/2020 Mathews – Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Res #324/2020 Combot - Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:  
- Regular Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2020  
be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

**Committee Reports:**

- CAO (Hilda Zotter)
- Due to COVID-19 we will be unable to have a staff Christmas party, in lieu of the party gift cards will be issued.
  - Passing a resolution in regards to voting official pay today
  - New casual office assistant pickup up quickly and going well

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- None

Waste Transfer Site (Ron Colliou)

- None

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Attended the Heritage – Old Hall meeting this morning
- Still trying to work with the Fire Department to get some clean up done

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Met with Guy, EDO regarding the yurt at the ALC
- The V-Plow ready to be picked up

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Met with contractor regarding destroying the beaver dam at the marina
- Meeting with Lake Manitoba Estates
- Meeting with Province regarding channel
- People along Ludovic are happy with the new lighting, 1 pole to be changed will remind Hydro.
- Will check with Dean regarding the Christmas lights to go on after Remembrance Day

## Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Attended the Seniors Resource Committee Meeting, very impressed with how organized the committee is, had a very good discussion.
  - They advised that they applied for a grant, the grant allows for the organization to claim up to 10% for administration costs.
  - No Birthday Club events due to COVID-19.
  - Asked for a copy of the memorandum with IERHA, this will assist Council to have a better understanding of our role with them.
- Meeting with the Province regarding the channel, along with some committees in the surrounding community. Province would like for us to arrange a meeting MMF and invite President David Chartrand, along with the same committees in the surrounding community to discuss the channel further.
- Meeting with CAO, and Lake Manitoba Estates
- Meeting with the WIPDB
  - Discussed the RM of Grahamdale retaining a by-law officer, and perhaps working together.
  - Shoal Lake non-conforming
  - Tiny homes - Western Interlake passed a by-law
  - Travel Trailer – looking at a by-law
  - Once by-laws are passed, letters will go out to property owners
- Attended the FCM AGM virtually, by-law procedures passed, and update on elected officials.
- It was also noted that staff are keeping in contact with High Speed Crow on their progress with the tower. They have still not started on the update on the tower located at the Public Works building. They will contact us with any update.

## Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Stonewall Tribune reached out to contractors with the Oak Point Hall, received up to date information and completion is scheduled for end of January/February 2021.

## **Finance & Accounts**

Res #325/2020

Mathews – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for October 2020 and Expenses for September 2020 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Jerry Combot
Indemnity	1000.00	800.00	900.00	800.00
Hourly	1087.50	250.00	500.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	281.50	78.00	80.00	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-392.06	-156.63	-392.06	-392.06
BC (paid by RM)	392.06	156.63	392.06	392.06
CPP Deduction	-94.28	-39.81	-58.19	-26.69
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-498.69	-20.56	-76.72	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1776.03</b>	<b>1067.63</b>	<b>1345.09</b>	<b>773.31</b>

.....Carried

Res #326/2020

Combot – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to October 20, 2020, written under cheque numbers 29273 to 29319 and totaling \$59,897.86 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #327/2020

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS due to COVID-19, the R.M. Fire Department will be unable to distribute candy at the fire hall this year.

AND WHEREAS the schools and daycares have been contacted on their current policy, their preference is that candy be dropped off in a box and they will package and distribute accordingly to the children.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM pay for the candy, and the Fire Department will deliver.

.....Carried

Res #328/2020

Mathew - Combot

WHEREAS due to Covid-19 the Staff will not be able to have a Christmas party.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the RM staff each receive a gift card in the amount of \$50 from local business in lieu of the annual staff Christmas dinner/party.

.....Carried

Res #329/2020

Bruce - Comboto

WHEREAS the 2020 Municipal By-Election will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020, with an advance poll on Sunday, November 8, 2020.

AND WHEREAS 3 senior poll clerks, 3 poll clerks, 2 spare poll clerks, and door/cleaner will be required to sufficiently staff the polling station on both election days and will be remunerated for their services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following remuneration for such services:

Senior Poll Clerk - \$230/day

Poll Clerk - \$210/day

Door/Cleaner - \$210/day

Training - \$15.00/hour

Lunch and supper will be provided for the by-election, advanced voting and by-election day clerks and cleaner.

.....Carried

### **New and Unfinished Business**

Res #330/2020 Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3/2020, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent for Code of Conduct for Council Members, be hereby given second and third reading.

....Carried

Recorded Vote: Phil Mathews, Cheryl Smith, Frank Bruce, Jerry Comboto

Res #331/2020 Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1/2020, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent for Private Approach/Access Crossing, be hereby amended to read By-Law No. 2/2020.

....Carried

Res #332/2020 Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS on October 19, 2020, in an information meeting with invited members of community organizations and the RM, the Province provided an update and question and answer period on their position on the Lake St. Martin Channel project.

AND WHEREAS some of the questions involved the MMF's position.

AND WHEREAS it would be prudent to afford the MMF the same opportunity to provide its position to the same audience.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the meeting be organized.

....Carried

Res #333/2020 Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED further to Resolution #141/2020, that Council approve a letter be sent to the MLA in the same format as AMBM has provided in regards to Bill 48.

....Carried

### Zoning and Subdivisions

Res #334/2020 Mathews - Combot

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

....Carried

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

#### 10:45 a.m. – Variation Application No. VSTL-07-20

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

Notices have been sent to surrounding neighbors.

Variation Application No. VSTL-07-20 was received from owners Michael Siwicki and Danielle Siwicki in regards to property located at 177 Echo Bay, Lot 3, Block 4, Plan 13943 in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba. To vary the provisions of subsection "3.20 Rules for Home Occupation .3 no more than 300 sq ft may be devoted to the business".

Michael Siwicki was in attendance and explained his home business/shop, mostly safety vehicles. Mr. Siwicki advised that his neighbors are aware of his variation application and have issued no complaints with him.

There were no other questions or objections.

Res #335/2020                      Mathews – Combot  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

....Carried

Regular Matters:

Res #336/2020                      Combot – Mathews  
WHEREAS Variation Application No. VSTL-07-20 was received from owners Michael Siwicki and Danielle Siwicki in regards to property located at 177 Echo Bay, Lot 3, Block 4, Plan 13943 in the R.M. of St. Laurent, Manitoba. To vary the provisions of subsection “3.20 Rules for Home Occupation .3 no more than 300 sq ft may be devoted to the business”.

AND WHEREAS the said variation application proposal is to allow the use of 900 sq ft garage to be used as a “Home occupation” to comply with the zoning by-law.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve said variation.

....Carried

Notices:

- None

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DELEGATIONS

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- None

**Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others**

Correspondence/Information:

- AMBM – Resolution to modernize the official languages act

Minutes:

- None

**Finance & Accounts – Cont’d**

Res #337/2020                      Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM has budgeted for the renovation and reconstruction of the old Municipal Building as a Heritage Building and has also received a grant towards the work.

AND WHEREAS tenders have been advertised for work on windows and door repair and tenders have been received.

AND WHEREAS the RM’s Heritage Building Committee has reviewed the tenders and recommends the hiring of Alexander and Nadezda Tolmachev for the required work in the amount of \$23,992.20 (includes all taxes).

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the quote given and approves the immediate distribution of 50% of the quoted price in the amount of \$11,996.10 (includes all taxes).

.....Carried

Res #338/2020                      Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

.....Carried

**CDC Matters**

Agenda Items:

- Short Notice approval
- Yurt Proposal



Res #339/2020

Bruce - Mathews

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

.....Carried

**RM (CDC Matters)**

Res #340/2020

Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS Guy Dumont has been looking at different options for purchasing a Yurt to be used as an all-season visitor shelter at the St. Laurent Assisted Living Centre to address the complications of family visits created by COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS the RM has already received a grant from Franco-fonds in the amount of \$20,000.00 towards the purchase of such a shelter;

AND WHEREAS there is a consensus that a Yurt would be the most practical option for a visitor shelter at this time;

AND WHEREAS there are two main suppliers of Yurts in Canada (Yurts by Design & Biome Products) and EDO, Guy Dumont, and Councillor Jerry Combot are still in the process of researching options they offer with regards to prices, specifications and feature options, terms of payment and delivery options but would like to order the Yurt as soon as it is prudent to do so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the EDO, Guy Dumont to order a Yurt at his discretion at a maximum cost of up to \$25,000.00.

.....Carried

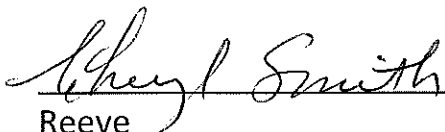
**Adjourn**


Res #341/2020

Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:25 a.m.

.....Carried

  
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Reeve

  
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CAO