



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2021

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Phil Mathews, Jerry Combot, Vern Coutu (10:08 a.m.), and CAO Hilda Zotter

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #01/2021 Mathews – Combot

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

....Carried

Congratulation to The Honourable Minister Derek Johnson!

Council received the recent important announcement regarding Derek Johnson appointment to Minister of Municipal Relations. Council acknowledges the extensive experience as a Municipal Councillor and Board Member of the West Interlake Planning District, and recognize the strengths he will bring to this department.

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #02/2021 Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2020
- Special Meeting Minutes – December 23, 2020

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Happy New Year everyone
- Currently working on the budget, by-law advertisement, final payroll remittances, and T4's for 2020

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- None

Waste Transfer Site (Ron Colliou)

- Purchased new locks to secure the gate, will decide on who gets keys
- Spoke with contractor to create a berm for the new burn unit
- Looking at seat covers, maintenance log and oil changes for new truck
- Some concerns by MMSM regarding burning cardboard, will look into the cost of another packer for grant application. The volume due to Covid has increased drastically.
- Received prices on rearview mirror tags for 3,000 approx. \$600, will review further and come up with roll out plans etc.

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Watched the Drainage and Water Conservation webinars

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Worked on the winch for the Fire Department
- Received Yurt
- Received some info from Tourism, not sure if this is something we wish to continue with.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Attended interviews for the West Interlake Planning Board on December 18th for the position of a Building Inspector
- Attended the Special Meeting held on December 23rd
- Met with the Public Works Committee to review budget items

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Visited another community and noticed the flashing speed signs, it was noted that these are being considered in the 2021 budget.

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Quiet during the holidays
- Attended the Resilience webinar with CAO
- Took part in the West Interlake Planning Board meeting regarding the hiring of a Building Inspector
- A number of communications with AMBM/AMM and phone calls on the USF grant

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Stonewall Teulon Tribune reached out and office staff instructed to provide them with the year in review.

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

Res #03/2021

Bruce - Coutu

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. – Conditional Use Application CUSTL-05-20

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

Application for Conditional Use CUSTL-05-20 from Darrell Grymonpre and Ruby Grymonpre for a proposed "Tourist Campsite" located at PL22/23-LA-381, St. Laurent, MB.

Cherie further provided written submission from concerned resident. Further correspondence received from Environmental Officer, Kurt Dorward, and Jeff DiNella, Senior Development Review Technologist.

Darrell Grymonpre and Rudy Grymonpre joined the public hearing via teleconference.

Applicants expressed that campground would be situated adjacent to the Northern Woods and Waters Trail as an historical tourist attraction. The campground would bring visibility and revenue to St. Laurent. Expressed that it would attract RV's to have a place to stop over, which then would promote business revenue in the area such as restaurants, gas, groceries etc. It was noted that they have also purchased the CN rail property behind them and take possession mid-January which would assist in the access.

Council asked the following questions/concerns:

- Is this for RV's or tents, length of stay? Applicants mentioned that they would hire a site manager.
- Garbage plan, Sewage Plan and Fire pit plans? It was noted by Council that ratepayers currently pay for the Waste Transfer Site operation, lagoon, and volunteer Fire Fighters services, and this may place further strain on these services.
- Drainage Plan? It was noted by Council that they would have to go through Sustainable Development, Drainage & Water Rights Licensing.
- Access to the site? It was noted by Council that they would have to go through Manitoba Infrastructure.

-Water/Well? It was noted by Council that they would have to go through Manitoba Conservation & Climate, Environmental Compliance & Enforcement Branch, Interlake Region.

-Rules and enforcement?

A concerned resident attended the public hearing in person, and expressed that he was not against their project just expressing some issues:

-How will this affect the Manitoba Highways future development to straighten Hwy #6

-Road Access

-Open fires in regards to the business next door with a large amount of lumber, and ash deposits so close to the building dom.

-Drainage Plan

-Septic Waste

Written submission from Kurt Dorward, Environmental Officer - comments were noted.

Written submission from Jeff DiNella, Senior Development Review Technologist from Manitoba Infrastructure - comments were noted.

The Reeve expressed that there are a number of questions that require a solid plan before Council would consider the application. It was agreed that the applicants would provide a formal presentation to address the concerns raised and return to the public hearing.

No other questions were raised.

Res #04/2021

Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing be adjourned to February 3, 2021 at 10:45 a.m., and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

.....Carried

Regular Matters:

Subdivision Application #4178-20-7986

Res #05/2021

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM has Subdivision Application 4178-20-7986, PT. SE ¼ 05-16-04 WPM of St. Laurent; applicants/owners Darrell Grymonpre and Ruby Grymonpre. AND WHEREAS the application of intent to subdivide a 23,010 sq. ft. lot from a 46,026 sq. ft. holding to accommodate residential single family development on the residual.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the subdivision application on the condition that:

1. Current taxes on the land to be subdivided are paid and not in arrears;
2. Any permanent structures to be built or placed on the land to be subdivided are built to required flood protection elevations.

.....Carried

Notices:

- None

Finance & Accounts

Res #06/2021

Coutu – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Interim Operating Budget for 2021 be set up as per Section 163 *The Municipal Act*.

General Government Services	\$200,000.00
Protective Services	\$100,000.00
Transportation Services	\$190,000.00
Environmental Health	\$ 75,000.00
Public Health Services	\$ 10,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 15,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$150,000.00
Recreation & cultural Services	\$ 30,000.00
Fiscal Service	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$800,000.00

.....Carried

Res #07/2021

Bruce – Combob

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to January 5, 2021, written under cheque numbers 29537 to 29595 and totaling \$161,615.79 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #08/2021

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS 60% of the content portion of the loss for the Oak Point Hall has been received by the R.M. of St. Laurent in the amount of \$27,944.08.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the above payment be made to the Oak Point Community Club.

.....Carried

Res #09/2021

Combob – Mathews

WHEREAS the Interlake Tourism Association is requesting Council support once again.

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed the R.M. of St. Laurent 2021 membership contribution of 0.42 per capita @ 1,338 (2016 census) = \$561.96 plus GST.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Municipal membership contribution for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

.....Defeated

Res #10/2021

Coutu – Combob

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

- a. From Fallon Lesperance in the amount of \$100 towards the Christmas Hamper Drive for 2020, to be paid out to Loretta Sigurdson.
- b. From Marita Pope in the amount of \$200 towards the Christmas Hamper Drive for 2020, to be paid out to Loretta Sigurdson.

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

.....Carried

DELEGATIONS

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

Res #11/2021

Mathews – Combot

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 2020, meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2019 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 2019 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 2019 or prior years’ arrears be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 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.

.....Carried

Res #12/2021

Bruce – Coutu

WHEREAS the RM will be advertising for the position of By-law Enforcement Officer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the expense of advertising the position.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- The Public Health Act – December 11, 2020
- RCMP – Monthly Statistics Report November, 2020

Minutes:

- Prairie Rose School Division – Meeting Highlights December 14, 2020
- Laurentia Beach Association Executive Fall Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole in Camera

- None

Adjourn

Res #13/2021

Coutu - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO