



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2021

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, February 10, 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, and CAO Hilda Zotter

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #23/2021 Mathews – Combot

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

....Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #24/2021 Coutu – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2021

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Congratulations to David Matear the new CEO for the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority

- Currently working on the budget

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- Reported on the generator at the ALC

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- Reported on the events and timeline from the power outage at the ALC

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- Cleaning snow
- Brushing on Cemetery Road is complete and looks good
- Assisted Jerry with the generator
- Working on lighting plan in the shop
- Obtaining pricing for fuel tank and will discuss with CAO

Waste Transfer Site (Ron Colliou)

- Obtained quotes on the gate replacement
- Looking into quotes for renting a excavator
- Have a new recycling program in place for cooking oil
- Noticed there was no spare tire for the new truck, while looking into purchasing one, I was able to secure two free oil changes
- Working on placing information on Facebook to educate the public
- Looking at a machine to poke holes into aerosol cans to assist with recycling, will discuss further with recycling company

Reeve Smith advised that there has been a number of compliments about the clearing of the roads and the condition of the Waste Transfer Site.

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Attended the By-Law Committee meeting
- Attended part of the Manitoba Virtual Planning Conference

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Buried the generator cable with assistance from Dean
- Showed Dean and Donovan how to use the generator
- Will get a few quotes for the yurt set up and will ask them to submit to CAO

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Attended the Manitoba Virtual Planning Conference, topics included:
 - Discussed Bill 37 and impact
 - Discussed Flood Risk and maps, rivers and overland flooding
 - Zoning was interesting but geared towards planning boards
- Attended the Virtual AMM District Meeting, topics included:
 - Intro from President
 - Discussed survey that Council and staff are to fill out
 - Job losses and ability to pay taxes

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Oil changes, filter changes etc. on municipality vehicles requires log maintenance, CAO to discuss the importance of this to our departments.

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Met with CAO and took photos of mobiles/RV's in the community, CAO is working with assessment branch to assist with by-law
- Meeting with CPAC group on January 25th, reviewed excel tool for data, evaluation, activities reporting to CPAC, establishing a budget. Possible extension of an addition 1 year due to covid
- Met with the Deputy Minister/CEO francophone, which will be discussed further in-camera
- Meetings this week to do with RM files such as broadband and Shoal Lake
- Meeting with Executive Director from CDEM, will discuss further in-camera
- Meeting regarding the Heritage Fund Project
- Attended the by-law committee meeting
- Did research on Marinas
- Had a teleconference with Shoreline Erosion Committee
- Attended a CPAC virtual meeting regarding surplus due to covid
- Had conversation regarding the vaccine roll out and the importance to have a site in our community
- Teleconference meeting with AMBM regarding the small surplus due to covid and the best options to use the funds. I stressed the best option would be to provide funding to the municipalities which could assist non-profit organizations with costs.

- Teleconference regarding the Metis Heritage Museum project, due to covid funding has been pushed back however, as we still have our business plan, they would like to meet to discuss moving the project.
- Debrief meeting on Tuesday regarding the power outage
- Met virtually yesterday with a student entrepreneur from Red River College regarding creating a software tool for CPAC.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Interviewed with CBC live regarding the recent power outage, we discussed the stressful situation for our elders; our preparedness; focused on the positive attention to the situation working alongside with the Reeve, Council, MEC, staff, and families all working together; met with Hydro at the substation to obtain valuable information. It was noted that we have had a number of outages up to the most recent larger one, and that there is a need for Manitoba Hydro to figure out these issues in a timely manner.

Finance & Accounts

Res #25/2021

Bruce – Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for February 2021 and Expenses for January 2020 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	387.50	275.00	350.00	175.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	67.50	78.00	48.00	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	-59.72	-42.69	-52.23	-37.24	-27.70
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-44.98	-22.07	-39.94	-11.85	0.00
Totals	1350.30	1088.24	1205.83	925.91	772.30

.....Carried

Res #26/2021

Combot - Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to February 10, 2021, written under cheque numbers 29723 to 29777 and totaling \$82,033.86 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #27/2021

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the gate at the Waste Transfer Site is in need of replacement and quotes for replacement have been received and reviewed by Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the quote received by Pioneer Fence for \$2,187.40 plus applicable taxes for supply and installation of a new gate.

.....Carried

Res #28/2021

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS funding is available from CDEM in the amount of \$1,000.00 and can be applied towards costs or projects that conform with the bilingual status of the R.M.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the funding be applied toward the costs of bilingual signage at the Parks.

.....Carried

Res #29/2021

Mathews - Combot

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

- a. From Carol Mathews in the amount of \$500 towards the Oak Point Community Club.

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

....Carried

Res #30/2021

Mathews - Coutu

WHEREAS Interlake Weed Control District from Arborg, Manitoba, managed the R.M. of St. Laurent's weed control program in 2020.

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to continue with the control of noxious weeds such as Leafy Spurge, Purple Loosestrife and Red Bartsia within the R.M. of St. Laurent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve Interlake Weed Control District

continue to execute the R.M's weed control program for 2021.

.....Carried

Res #31/2021 Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the St. Laurent Aboriginal Head Start has requested grant funds be accepted by the RM from the Community Food Centres Canada (CFCC's) Good Food Access Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve that the funds for the purchase of food for hampers be accepted by the R.M.

AND FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the payment of these funds to the St. Laurent Aboriginal Head Start for the purchase of hampers.

.....Carried

DELEGATIONS

- None

ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS

Public Hearings:

Res #32/2021 Coutu – Mathews

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

.....Carried

10:45 a.m. – February 3, 2021 original scheduled and cancelled due to power outage for 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.

Res #33/2021 Coutu – Combot

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

Regular Matters:

Res #34/2021

Bruce – Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1/2021 (Travel Trailer/RV's), being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent Zoning By-Law No. 05-05, be hereby given first reading.

.....Carried

Notices:

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

Res #35/2021

Mathews – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular Council Meeting date scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021 be cancelled due to a conflict with the 2021 Interlake District Zoom Visits which are on February 16, 17 and 18, 2021.

.....Carried

Res #36/2021

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM of Woodlands has invited the R.M. of St. Laurent including other RMs surrounding the Shoal Lakes to establish a joint committee to review crown land distribution and management in the Shoal Lakes area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint CAO, Hilda Zotter and Councillor, Vern Coutu to the committee.

.....Carried

Res #37/2021

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the Université de Saint-Boniface invites the R.M. of St. Laurent to participate in the 2021 Work Placement Program at no cost for the following areas: Business Administration, Tourism Management and Multimedia Communications.

AND WHEREAS the RM would benefit from a student of Multimedia Communications.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hosting of a Multimedia Communications student.

.....Carried

Res #38/2021

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM wishes to restore its original municipal office building and is making application for grant funding from the following:

1. Manitoba Heritage Resources Conservation Branch
2. Fonds de développement économique francophone de l'Ouest (FDÉFO) through CDEM
3. Fond Communautaire Saint-Laurent/Franco-fonds

AND WHEREAS the RM is to commit its contribution to the project in its 2021 Financial Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the amount of up to \$30,000 be committed to the heritage building restoration project in its 2021 Financial Plan.

.....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- AMM COVID-19 Survey: 2021 Fiscal Impacts on Manitoba Municipalities
- News Release – Manitoba; Changes to travel restrictions
- Lakeshore School Division
- RCMP Monthly Statistics Report – January, 2021

Minutes:

- Western Interlake Planning District – January 19, 2021
- Prairie Rose School Division – Meeting Highlights January 25, 2021

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #39/2021 Mathews - Bruce
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in Camera.

.....Carried

Res #40/2021 Mathews - Bruce
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee rise and that Council reconvene once again.

.....Carried

Res #41/2021 Coutu - Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

.....Carried

CDC Matters

Agenda Items:

- Short Notice approval
- Wage Increases to ALC staff

Res #42/2021 Mathews - Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CDC meeting close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

.....Carried

RM (CDC Matters)

Res #43/2021 Coutu - Combot
WHEREAS the administrator of the St. Laurent Assisted Living Centre (ALC) has recommended a wage increase for the staff of the ALC.
AND WHEREAS the position of full-time cook and housekeeper is currently vacant on a temporary basis and is available to other staff as a term position only and will be offered in order of seniority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following:

1. A wage of \$17.50 per hour to Cheryl Bruce, and designation of full-time cook and housekeeper for a term of two months from the date of this resolution, with the wage increase retroactive to January 24, 2021.

2. In addition to Cook and Housekeeping duties, Cheryl Bruce is appointed Assistant to the Administrator with a probationary period of six months to be paid at an additional rate of \$1.00 per hour, to commence February 7, 2021.
3. A wage of \$16.00 per hour to Elizabeth Denny, and designation of part-time cook and housekeeper for a term of two months from the date of this resolution, with the wage increase retroactive to January 24, 2021.
4. A wage of \$15.00 per hour to Kathryn Koskewich, and her designation to remain as casual cook and housekeeper, and wage increase retroactive to January 24, 2021.
5. The wage awarded is to each employee named and is not specific to position. Term positions may also be extended or become permanent if required and upon further notice.

.....Carried

Adjourn

Res #44/2021

Mathews - Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO