

Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2020

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

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

Regrets: Councillors Frank Bruce, Laurent Kerbrat

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #53/2020 Mathews - Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

...Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Res #54/2020 Mathews - Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:
- Regular Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2020
- Special Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2020
be hereby adopted.

...Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Last week our public works truck that is used to pick up garbage caught on fire with extensive damage, we are fortunate that no one was injured. Roger submitted the report and we are waiting on MPI response.
- Financial Plan is ready to go, just waiting on the school tax portion. The Public Hearing for the 2020 Financial Plan will take place on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. located at the RM office.

MEC and A CAO (Paul Belair).

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- **Manitoba Housing Lagoon**
Nothing new to report here. I will initiate contact with Manitoba Housing officials and request a meeting for sometime in March.
- **Cold storage Building, Goodon Industries:**
No change in status here.
- **Strategic Priority Plan**
This was completed in December and we will be meeting to finalize and approve the associated report(s).
- **Assisted Living Centre**
We have hired Elizabeth Denny as our new Casual Cook/Housekeeper. She started last Thursday, February 27th.
We have given a 3 month notice to the residents for a net 5% increase to their room & board, including the 1.5% maximum allowable on the rent portion for this year and the balance on the Meals and Services.
We received 3 bids for the cleaning contract at IERHA offices in the ALC. I am recommending the rehire of Gilbert Lavallée, but within a formal contract arrangement.
Have been in discussions with IERHA regarding protocol to panel prospective new tenants and will be meeting with the Manager of Home Care for Seniors to establish a process. Security cameras still not in operation. As a courtesy, I want to formally advise IERHA about them prior to using them and also have purchased a Wi-fi replicator or extender for a more stable and consistent signal to both cameras.
- **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant application**
Followed up meetings with James Bezan and Derek Johnson with a letter outlining the details of our application and asking for their support. Also wrote to Justin Johnson of AMBM and Denys Volkov of AMM with the same information.
- **Manitoba 150**

We have met with a representative of “Productions Rivard” and also CDEM regarding “La Caravane Passe” (which will have a name change) and expressed that the RM would like more control over what artists will be showcased in the stage show component of our Manitoba 150 Celebrations Stage show and speaker series, June 19 and June 21. They have agreed to this and I am working with them on putting it all together.

- **Celebrate Canada Grant**

We were approved for a \$2,000.00 grant towards our June 19 and June 21 Manitoba 150 Celebrations.

- **Sewage Lagoon Sludge removal and UV filtration system.**

Meeting with Dillon Engineering for February 25th was cancelled, we hope to reschedule for sometime this month.

- **Heritage Conservation Grants**

We still have not heard back regarding the Heritage Conservation grant application for the old town hall but I did have some encouraging talks with program officials.

- **Green Team**

No news yet.

- **Age-Friendly Manitoba**

I have advised the Age-Friendly committee of Council’s position on funding for this group. Hope to meet with them soon to help them amend the proposal accordingly.

- **Other**

I have been doing preliminary research with regards to tasks arising from and assigned to me in the Strategic Planning Sessions.

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- None

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Had a good meeting with Handivan; discussed alternative weeks in St. Laurent which was well received.
- Vet board is going ahead with the renovations.
- Will discuss with the Vet Board the Rabies Clinic date for the end of May, and location and will report back to council so that we can assist with advertising.

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Fixed the dump trailer, supplied and installed 2-7000 pound jacks
- Provided Dean with permission to allow our public works to sand the St. Laurent School due to dangerous ice conditions in their parking lot. RM will look into the cost and invoice the Prairie Rose School Division.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- None

Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- None

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Attended a number of various meetings, lots of initiative in the works however, no further information at this time.
- Budget went well, thank you to Hilda.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Currently wanting to discuss emergency planning.

Finance & Accounts

Res #55/2020

Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to March 3, 2020, written under cheque numbers 28559 to 28618 and totaling \$94,592.54 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #56/2020

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS there are numerous non-profit organizations within the RM with volunteer boards.

AND WHEREAS it would be beneficial for these organizations to receive training specifically designed to assist with proper governance and financial accountability.

AND WHEREAS the RM has approached its auditor, Robert Weighell, to provide a quote to develop and implement such a training session and Mr. Weighell has provided a quote in the amount of \$3,000.00 plus GST.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the funding of training for

non-profit organizations in the amount of \$3,000.00 plus GST for a one-day session on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

.....Carried

Res #57/2020 Combot - Mathews

WHEREAS the Interlake Metis Association has invited Reeve Smith to their Regional Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parish Hall in St. Laurent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Reeve's attendance.

.....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

- None

Regular Matters:

Res #58/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM has received Revision #3 of Subdivision Application 4178-18-7735, River Lots 22 and 23 Parish of St. Laurent; applicants/owners Eugene Rioux and Danielle Kerbrat.

AND WHEREAS the intent is to subdivide a +/- 95.3 acre holding into 15 lots (including residual) to accommodate commercial uses (lots 1 and 2) and rural residential use (lots 3 to 14). The residual (shown in the application as lot 15) contains an existing residence and an idle quarry operation.

AND WHEREAS Council has considered the application.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the subdivision application as presented as Revision #3 on the following conditions:

1. That taxes on the land to be subdivided for the years levied and any other arrears have been paid or that an arrangement satisfactory to Council has been made (2020 has not been levied as of the date of this resolution);
2. That the applicants/owners obtain:
 - a. A variance to vary the front yard requirement for Proposed Lot 2 from the minimum 45 feet to +/- 28.5 feet for the accessory building;
 - b. A variance to vary the front yard requirements for Proposed Lot 15

from the minimum 125 feet to +/- 44.5 feet for the accessory building. That the applicants/owners enter into a Development Agreement with the R.M. of St. Laurent, with all costs associated with the drafting and filing of the Agreement to be paid by the applicants/owners.

....Carried

Notices:

- March 19, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. - Conditional Use Application CUSTL-01-20 Special Events (Emotions Music Festival)

- March 19, 2020 at 10:55 a.m. - Conditional Use Application CUSTL-02-20 Special Events (Oak Point ATV Derby)

DELEGATIONS

- None

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #59/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM may implement Spring Road Restrictions on its municipal roads to protect its roads from undue damage by reducing loads during the spring thawing season.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council orders a spring road restriction on all its municipal roads to 65 percent of allowable loads from March 8, 2020 to May 29, 2020, subject to changes permitted or ordered by Council.

.....Carried

Res #60/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS in consideration of Spring Road Restrictions Star Ready to Move Homes has contacted the RM requesting permission to deliver a crane to 141 Lio Del Road on March 10, 2020 and building material to the same location on March 12, 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has taken into consideration the current status of the weather and will permit the delivery of trusses and the delivery of the crane during the times specified. All other building material will have to be

delivered on a reduced load basis, and that all exceptions are to be proposed in writing and are to be approved in writing by the RM, specifically the CAO, Hilda Zotter.

.....Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Res #61/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS Deputy Fire Chief, Jenn Steinbeisser, has prepared a package of material to promote recruitment of Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) and proposes a recruitment/information event to be held at the Welcome Centre on March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the material as presented by Ms. Steinbeisser and approves the use of the Welcome Centre at the date and time stated and approves the attendance of Councillor Phil Mathews to assist at the event.

.....Carried

New and Unfinished Business

Res #62/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS Council and CAO have met on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 to review the draft 2020 Financial Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council is satisfied with the proposed plan and that the public hearing of the RM's 2020 Financial Plan be scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

.....Carried

Res #63/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the R.M. of St. Laurent is one of three municipalities that form the West Interlake Handivan and contributes funds towards the organization and its activities on a per capita basis and has appointed councilors to the Board.

AND WHEREAS it has been determined by statistical information provided by the administrator of the West Interlake Handivan that St. Laurent, though contributing

the most funds and being the most southerly of the municipalities, has the least number of uses of the handivan due to restrictive costs to its ratepayers and due to the location of the handivan vehicle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs its representative Handivan Committee to submit a motion to the Handivan board that the small Handivan vehicle (the minivan) be located on a scheduled week-rotation basis in all three RMs, and that the RM of St. Laurent can guarantee a heated indoor storage location of the van and drivers for the duration of the van's rotational stay in the R.M.

....Carried

Res #64/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the Oak Point ATV & Recreation Club has requested the use of the RM's portapotty for their Family Fun Day to be held on March 14, 2020 at the Oak Point Sports Grounds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Club's use of the portapotty on the condition that it is to be undamaged and cleaned before return to the RM.

....Carried

Res #65/2020 Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS St. Laurent Minor Hockey has requested the clearing of an area near the arena to accommodate a 15 by 30 foot boot hockey rink with sides.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a Public Works employee use the RM tractor to clear such an area.

....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Celebrate 150 selection for funding
- Prairie Rose School Division Pulse – February 18, 2020
- Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Highlights – February 18, 2020
- Manitoba Infrastructure – accepts the RM's emergency plan

- AMM Resolutions – Due June 1, 2020
- Summary Notes – Minister of Health – March 2, 2020 re: Coronavirus

Minutes:

- Prairie Rose School Division Minutes – February 3, 2020

CDC Matters (CDC Minutes/Resolutions kept in separate documents)

Res# 66/2020 Mathews - Combot
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

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Agenda Items:

- Short Notice approval
- Rent Increase
- Cleaning Services – Hire of Contractor

Res #67/2020 Mathews - Combot
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CDC meeting close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

.....Carried

RM (CDC) Matters

Res #68/2020 Mathews - Combot
 WHEREAS the Administrator of the St. Laurent Assisted Living Centre (ALC) has provided notice of rate increases to the tenants of the ALC.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the rate increases as presented.

.....Carried

Res #69/2020 Mathews - Combot
 WHEREAS the Administrator of the St. Laurent Assisted Living Centre (ALC) has advertised for a one-year cleaning services contract at the Neil Gaudry Centre foyer and lower level, and applications have been received and reviewed.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the contract be awarded to Gilberthe Lavallee at the rate of \$14.00 per day, five days a week, commencing March 2, 2020 for a one year term.

.....Carried

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #70/2020 Mathews - Combot

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

.....Carried

Res #71/2020 Mathews - Combot

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

.....Carried

Res #72/2020 Mathews - Bruce

WHEREAS Productions Rivard has approached the RM about a Manitoba 150 initiative called La Caravane Passe which is a roadshow brought to bilingual rural communities featuring local talent including musicians, speakers and comedians. AND WHEREAS the goal of the show is to feature the unique character of each host community and it is up to each host community to decide how they want to celebrate their event, and that Productions Rivard is responsible for all technical and logistical details of the concerts, sound equipment, technicians, etc. and that they will provide video of the event.

AND WHEREAS the RM has had discussions with Productions Rivard who has confirmed that all talent will consist of local groups and individuals of the RMs choice and will showcase the local Michif and French culture.

AND WHEREAS the date of the event will be Sunday, June 21, 2020 at the St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the partnership with Productions Rivard and the proposed event as outlined above.

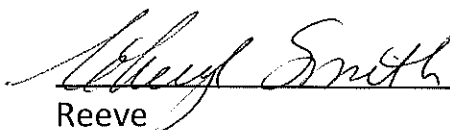
.....Carried

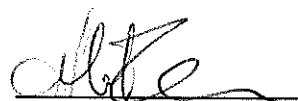
Adjourn

Res #73/2020 Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:22 a.m.

.....Carried


Reeve


CAO