



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2022

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 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, 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 #321/2022 Bruce - Mathews

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

....Carried

Res #322/2022 Mathews – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2022
- Emergency Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2022

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

.....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Just wanting to remind everyone that it is difficult to record minutes when everyone is talking over each other. – Cheryl thanked the CAO for mentioning that.
- Since last meeting, not much for me to report because of the election nominations process tomorrow morning (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m. names will be drawn for order on the ballots.
- As you know, we are running out of room at the public works yard to store some delicate items. Ron Colliou has suggested looking into developing the land at the WTS for some expansion of space and possibly incorporating a gasification unit for heating which would also help in reducing cost for landfill. There are grants available for environmental-friendly projects, and of course there would be codes and regulations to consider. I suggested to Ron that he expand that idea and come up with a plan that Council could work with and to prepare for budgeting season should the idea be feasible. Budgeting season would be November, December and early January when we look at what is needed for the upcoming year, and to plan for the future
- Cheryl commented this is worth exploring and thanked Ron for working on this plan.

Councillor Phil Mathews

- No meetings
- Went down on Laurentia beach Rd and noticed the pavement is quite rough. There is a crack in the road that was noticed. Frank and Hilda were to call Maple Leaf Construction so they could come and do an inspection on the road.

DELEGATION

- 10:15 a.m. – West Interlake Watershed District

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Had contacted Paul Dumont to spread gravel down at the turn around on Laurentia Beach Rd, it was uneven and the gravel was needed to leave the edges on the road
- Talked with Ron about the incinerator.

- Commented that MLA, Wab Kinew visited at the English school- signing of his book which is part of the student's curriculum called Go show the world.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Went to check on Wagon Creek Road to see how the gravel was done. The turnaround on 98 N will need more gravel. Will have to start looking for a new supply of gravel.
- Attended the sod turning ceremony. Nice to see. Great partnership with the MMF.
- Noticed cracks on the newly paved Laurentia beach Rd, at the beginning just before the dike. Will contact Maple Leaf, should be an easy fix.

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Commented that the little stretch of road at the Marina needs 3-4 loads of gravel for the parking lot.
- Mentioned that signs, such as deep water and thin ice for the Marina need to be ordered and posted at the Marina. Vern is to order signs through Paul Belair.

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Since last meeting, have attended high level meetings such as IERHA, CPAC, and MMF for the community connector position.
- The Sod turning Ceremony went very well.
- Meeting with MLA, Wab Kinew, discussed many things, Health care, Bill 37, very nice to have the opportunity to meet with all different levels of government.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

Finance & Accounts

Res #323/2022

Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for September 2022 and Expenses for August 2022 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	500.00	75.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	46.75	28.60	84.70	0.00	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-417.91	-166.95	-417.91	-417.91	-417.91
BC (paid by RM)	417.91	166.95	417.91	417.91	417.91
CPP Deduction	-68.88	-33.25	-43.23	-28.98	-28.98
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-54.26	-0.00	-17.43	0.00	0.00
Totals	1423.61	870.35	1074.04	771.02	771.02

.....Carried

Res #324/2022

Coutu – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to September 16, 2022 written under cheque numbers 31963 to 32044 and totaling \$361,869.41 be hereby approved for payment with the exception of cheque #32032.

.....Carried

Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

- None

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- October 5, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Application for Conditional Use-CUSTL-48-22 from Thomas & Lenore Aliwalas for travel trailers/recreational vehicles during construction of the main building.

- October 5, 2022 at 10:35 a.m. Application for Conditional Use -CUSTL-47-22 from Charles Allen for travel trailers/recreational vehicles during construction of the main building.
- October 5, 2022 at 10:40 a.m. Application for Conditional Use -CUSTL-49-22 from Nick Costa for travel trailers/recreational vehicles during construction of the main building.
- October 5, 2022 at 10:45 a.m. Application for Variation Order-VSTL-08-22 from Vernon Coutu for front and rear yard variation from 125 Ft (front) and 25 Ft (rear) to 13 Ft (front and 13Ft (rear).

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res #325/2022 Bruce – Coutu

WHEREAS the 2003 Ford F550 SD Truck was advertised in 2021 for surplus asset sale but did not receive an acceptable bid.

AND WHEREAS a bid has been received from Kim Klanreungsang in the amount of \$3,500 for the said truck.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the sale of the 2003 Ford F550 SD Truck, in as is condition, to Kim Klanreungsang, of Starbuck, Manitoba, in the amount of \$3,500 plus GST of \$175.00, for a total of \$3,675.00.

.....Carried

Res #326/2022 Combot – Mathews

WHEREAS Waste Transfer Site Supervisor, Ron Colliou, has made suggestions for future development of the RM's public works yard and waste transfer site, which could potentially encompass the entire public works operations complete with environmentally efficient energy use, along with safety and security considerations.

AND WHEREAS a detailed plan along with preliminary research including, but not limited to, possible grant funding, environmental research, conceptual plan design, possible partnerships, approximate expenses/revenue, etc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports and directs Ron Colliou to work on such a plan at the R.M. office, and to work with staff if needed and to provide the completed plan and research by October 31, 2022, for use in the RM's future budgeting purposes.

.....Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

New and Unfinished Business

Res #327/2022 Bruce - Coutu

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has introduced the Mitigation and Preparedness Program to assist local authorities to mitigate future disasters by building resiliency against extreme weather events and investing in disaster mitigation and preparedness.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the submission by the CAO of a proposal under the Manitoba Government's Mitigation and Preparedness Program for the investment of funds in a new Reserve Account for future projects.

.....Carried

Res #328/2022 Mathews – Combot

WHEREAS John and Candace Eichel, owners of 112 Southshore Drive, on St. Laurent, Mb, are requesting council approval for conversion of a storage container to a western false front style structure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the conversion of the storage container to the proposed structure.

.....Carried

Res #329/2022 Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS the R.M. of St. Laurent has met with West Interlake Watershed District regarding the district's borrowing authority and limits.

AND WHEREAS the West Interlake Watershed District requests authority to borrow funds over the current approved limit of \$100,000 set out in Schedule 12 of the Watershed Districts Regulation. Approval is sought to borrow a maximum of \$225,000 using a financial loan (mortgage) to fund the purchase of commercial property at 9 Main Street in Lundar, Manitoba, including the building to be used as a district office. The mortgage will only be used for the purchase of the outlined property and building and the mortgage will be closed once the balance is paid in full.

AND WHEREAS the member municipalities of the West Interlake Watershed District understand they will assume full financial responsibility for the loan in the event the West Interlake Watershed District ceases to exist before the loan is paid off.

AND WHEREAS the member municipalities understand that the Province of Manitoba is not responsible for any debt assumed by the district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the R.M. of St. Laurent approves the request for a temporary increase in the West Interlake Watershed District's borrowing authority to a total amount of \$225,000 for the specific purpose of purchasing the outlined property and building, as a district office.

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Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- None

Minutes:

- None

Committee of the Whole in Camera

- None

Adjourn

Res #330/2022

Bruce – Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:12 a.m.

.....Carried

Reeve

CAO