



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2021

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**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, March 17, 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 #68/2021 Mathews – Bruce

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

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Res #69/2021 Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2021  
be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

**Committee Reports:**

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Reviewed the draft financial plan with Reeve, looking good, getting in almost everything we want to do. I would like to set up a meeting with all of Council to

review once the draft is cleaned up. Remember to keep April 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. open for the public hearing of the financial plan. We have booked the Rec Centre in case of more people attending. Everyone has to pre-register.

- Meeting with CPAC to discuss project extension request, we will be requesting an additional year of extension.
- Reviewing unpaid properties and reviewing tax sale, two properties in tax sale. Tax sale is on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. I will need to meet with Council to review the options and after we take a look at the actual properties.
- We will need a public works meeting soon

#### MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- Attended the 2021 Spring Conditions Seminar (virtually)
  - No flooding this year, very dry conditions
  - Current lake level is low
  - They reported that they have not seen these conditions for 40-50 years
  - It is looking like a drought forecast for this year
  - I will discuss with our Fire Chief the dry conditions and possible grass fires
- Lindell Electric is working on the Hydro permits for preparation of the generator to be hooked up to the Parish hall, work should be complete by August 2021
- Welcome Centre/Fire Hall are now hooked up to Starlink and working really well.

#### EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

#### Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- None

#### Waste Transfer Site (Ron Colliou)

- Main gates and new lock has been installed with limited access, additional keys at the office, will put in bollards to protect gates.
- Seat covers have been purchased and installed in the new truck
- WTS truck maintenance log has been created and implemented
- Spare tire has been purchased
- Three electrical plugs including power for hot water tank for lunchroom/office building have been installed
- The delivery of the excavator has been made and will be used for one month rental for major clean up, secured supplier to provide empty trailers for waste furniture removal and other debris
- Started research for a glass crusher, including a larger baler to accommodate large amounts of cardboard (grant process)

- Battery collection boxes have been received (free of charge) for the distribution to high traffic businesses within the community, WTS staff to pick up on collection once implemented
- We have noticed a large amount of black garbage bags entering the WTS are brought in by the public which contain items that can be recycled
- Reaching out to different sources to recycle clothing items
- Staff will be working on education segments on Waste Transfer Site through RM social media outlets

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- None

Councillor Jerry Combet

- Met with the Fire Department on March 15<sup>th</sup>, a number of volunteers showed up, reviewed the controlled burn request, tested new radios, a tutorial will be provided soon for all members
- Working on the one-way plow/wing
- Worked on the WTS smasher
- Testing generator weekly and it is working well

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Virtual meeting with MMF regarding golf course/campsite – Cheryl to report further
- Attended the WIPD meeting last night, reviewed and will discuss further regarding sea can proposal; re-advertising for the Building Inspector  
Cheryl also noted that they reviewed the legal matter and proposed the cost share of the \$2,500. It was noted that this legal issue is not in our municipality and that the cost should be the sole responsibility of the municipality involved.

Councillor Vern Coutu

- None

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Dealt with personnel files, researched an investigator and obtained one.
- Attended the virtual meeting with the MMF regarding the golf course/campground. Items discussed were park passes, recycling/garbage, and holding tanks. They indicated they plan to open the golf course spring of this year.
- Attended the teleconference with AMM regarding the vaccine rollout. Pop-up clinics in St. Laurent for March 25, 2021 and just recently secured April 15, 2021.
- Organized an Interlake Reeves virtual meeting to discuss Community Futures surplus on March 25<sup>th</sup>, vaccine pop up clinics and fire bans.
- Attended the WIPD meeting.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Reporter Evan Mathews from the Stonewall Teulon Tribune has left his position and is going freelance, and will still try to provide stories from St. Laurent.

**Finance & Accounts**

Res #70/2021

Coutu – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for March 2021 and Expenses for February 2021 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	1250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	67.50	78.00	38.00	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	-106.73	-41.33	-46.78	-41.33	-27.70
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-241.23	-19.51	-29.72	-19.51	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1969.54</b>	<b>1067.16</b>	<b>1111.50</b>	<b>989.16</b>	<b>772.30</b>

.....Carried

Res #71/2021 Mathews – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to February 10, 2021, written under cheque numbers 29867 to 29899 and totaling \$50,470.82 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #72/2021 Mathews – Bruce

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

- a. From David and Ruth Pewtress in the amount of \$200 towards the Oak Point Community Club Hall Rebuild.

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

.....Carried

Res #73/2021 Combot – Bruce

WHEREAS Council passed Resolution #28/2021 for the funding that is available from CDEM in the amount of \$2,000.00 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 amended to be applied toward the cost of two park attendance booths.

.....Carried

### **DELEGATIONS**

- None

### **ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS**

Public Hearing:

- None

Regular Matters:

- Storage Containers (Discussion)

## Notices:

- April 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. R.M. of West Interlake located in Council Chambers, for the By-Law No. 2-2021 being an amendment to the rural municipality of Siglunes Zoning By-law 6/05, to re-zone land within R.M. of West Interlake from “Seasonal Recreation Zone” to “Seasonal Recreation – Cottage Zone”.
- April 7, 2021 at 10:45 a.m. R.M. of St. Laurent located in Council Chambers, Recreation Centre, 16 Veterans Memorial Rd for the By-Law No. 1/2021 (Travel Trailer/RV’s) being an amendment to the rural municipality Zoning By-Law No. 5/05.
- April 20, 2021 at 7:40 p.m. (via conference call) being an amendment to the Western Interlake Planning District By-Law No. 2/04, as amended. To re-designate land within the RM of West Interlake from “Agriculture Rural Area” to “Recreation Area”.

## **TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS**

- None

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- None

## **New and Unfinished Business**

Res #74/2021

Coutu – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Council Members, CAO to attend the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Annual Spring Convention being held virtually on April 14, 2021 to April 16, 2021.

AND WHEREAS the cost is \$25.00 plus GST each.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of the following council members Frank Bruce, Phil Mathews, Vern Coutu, and Jerry Combot.

.....Carried

- ISD Cuts to Regional Addiction Services (Discussion)

## **Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others**

### **Correspondence/Information:**

- Tribune Article “St. Laurent fire chief talks safety”
- RCMP Monthly Statistics Report – February, 2021
- Manitoba Hydro Response re Lengthy Outage on February 2, 2021
- Bulletin #2021-09 – Change to the Current Reassessment Cycle

### **Minutes:**

- None

## **Committee of the Whole in Camera**

Res #75/2021

Bruce – Mathews

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

.....Carried

Res #76/2021

Combot – Bruce

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

.....Carried

Res #77/2021

Combot - Coutu

WHEREAS Ron Colliou has completed his six-month probation period as Waste Transfer Site Supervisor and a performance evaluation has been conducted and reviewed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ron Colliou has now completed his probation period and that his wage be increased as per Union Agreement by \$1.00 per hour as of March 7, 2021 and that he may enroll in the municipal benefits program.

.....Carried

Res #78/2021

Bruce – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

.....Carried

**CDC Matters**

Agenda Items:

- Short Notice approval
- Visa for ALC Director

Res #79/2021                      Coutu - Combot

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

.....Carried

**RM (CDC Matters)**

Res #80/2021                      Mathews – Combot

WHEREAS the Assisted Living Centre (ALC) is purchasing most products on-line due to Covid, a credit card would assist with the purchases.

AND WHEREAS Guy Dumont, Director of the ALC, and the CAO, Hilda Zotter of the R.M. of St. Laurent would be the only card holders, with a maximum card limit of \$5,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Guy Dumont to process a visa application from Desjardins Card Services in the amount of \$5,000.

....Carried

**Adjourn**

Res #81/2021                      Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 1:03 p.m.

.....Carried

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Reeve

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CAO