



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

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**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Richard Chartrand, Councillors Tom Johnson, Maurice Leclair, Yves Combot, Perry Gaudry and ACAO Lorna Hildebrandt

Regrets: CAO, Hilda Zotter

**Call to Order**

Reeve Rick Chartrand called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Res #409/2022 Leclair - Combot

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

....Carried

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Res #410/2022 Leclair - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting – December 7, 2022
- Regular Meeting – December 15, 2022

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

## **Committee Reports:**

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- None

Public Works/WTS (Donovan Boudreau), (David Hiebert), (Ryan Gaudry) (Ron Colliou)

- Donovan's Report and WTS

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

By-Law Officer (Sophie Skierszkan)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Community Connector (Marlene Combot)

- See Attached

Councillor Tom Johnson

- Attended the Fire Department meeting.
- Attended the first WIPD meeting along with Perry Gaudry. The planning board asked a lot of questions in regards to the RV by-law and what our intentions are towards this by-law. The planning board reported that all of the money from the RV Conditional use applications has helped out tremendously.
- Just heads up, we have a proposed camp ground coming up south of Shallow Point. Just wanted everyone to know about this.
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Councillor Perry Gaudry

- Attended the first WIPD meeting along with Tom Johnson. Very Interesting, lots of questions.
- Having had lots of discussion with people regarding the public access ways. Access needed is for:
  - o Commercial fishermen
  - o For emergency personnel

- RCMP need access to the lake
- Perry asked what is the status of the cleaning out of Wagon Creek drainage.
  - CAO, has contacted the provincial government to grant permission for the clean out.

#### Councillor Yves Combot

- Attended our fire department meeting, December 12,2022 at the RM Office; everyone was here; it's still a work in progress and did discuss some of the budget.
- We do have a meeting scheduled at the fire hall for January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 pm. with all the volunteers, and at that meeting we will be discussing how we will be restructuring the fire department to work more efficiently.
- Attended a meeting with the Western Interlake Futures in Lundar. Community Futures start up loan for any new business is up to \$150,000.00.

#### Councillor Maurice Leclair

- Christmas lights are all up and the legion banners are all down.
- PW been busy with clearing snow and we also installed the white board at the PW building which helps for day-to-day production.
- Cleaned out Wilson Creek. Jeff Larsen did a great job.
- Maurice mentioned he asked Paul to contact Manitoba Hydro about low wire hanging at Louis Riel drive. There are several others all around the RM.
- Stoney Ridge Campground has reached out to the RM regarding the flood problem last spring, and is hoping the RM can assist with them to prevent flooding this spring.
- The Old Town Hall; all ground work is done, weeping tile and the blue skin has been completed. Our PW has accomplished quite a bit of the work.

#### Reeve Richard Chartrand

- Richard commented that he has decided to go out and make himself more visible at different events which he is doing this on all his own time.
  - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> -Attended Fire department meeting, went very well.
  - Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> -Invited by the Hwy 6 Advocacy group -Attended the Eriksdale Hospital Closure Rally which was very well attended and was invited to speak. I let the people know that the RM of St. Laurent and Council are supportive and are in agreement of the Eriksdale Hospital remaining opened.
  - Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Attended a special meeting regarding who the architect would be for the Metis Heritage building. Council selected Pico.
  - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Attended the RM Christmas party. The event was well attended and everyone was very appreciative. The staff like the idea of everyone getting together to celebrate Christmas.

- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - Was invited to go around and judge the community Christmas lights.
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Attended the French school Christmas concert. Was very impressed with the amount of hard work the kids have done.
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Attended the English school Christmas concert. Was very well attended. Was very impressed with the amount of hard work the kids have done.
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Received a call from the Western Interlake Watershed for a list of the committee members and volunteers. January 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 WIW will have their annual meeting in Moosehorn.

**Zoning and Subdivisions**

- None

**Public Hearing:**

- 10:30 a.m. – CUSTL-50-22- Ducharme/Ross Application for Conditional Use-Travel trailer/RV during construction of main building.

Res #411/2022          Johnson – Leclair

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

.....Carried

Cherie read out the proposal. No objections were received. Provincial departments have no concerns.

Res #412/2022          Johnson – Gaudry

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

.....Carried

**Regular Matters:**

- None

**Notices:**

- None

**Finance & Accounts**

Res #413/2022                      Gaudry - Leclair  
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for December 2022 and Expenses for November 2022 be approved as follows:

	Richard Chartrand	Tom Johnson	Moe Leclair	Yves Combot	Perry Gaudry
Indemnity	1000.00	900.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	587.50	337.50	437.50	400.00	493.75
Conference	750.00	(phone)50.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Mileage	247.50	72.60	74.80	138.05	149.60
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	116.61	53.91	53.91	94.53	99.87
Fed/Prov Tax ded	351.62	2.97	36.52	191.34	214.15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2116.77</b>	<b>1303.22</b>	<b>1221.87</b>	<b>1802.18</b>	<b>1879.33</b>

.....Carried

Res #414/2022                      Gaudry – Combot  
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to December 16, 2022, written under cheque numbers 32402 to 32480 and totaling \$93,663.36 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #415/2022                      Leclair - Gaudry  
 WHEREAS charitable donations have been received by the R.M. of St. Laurent to be paid out as follows towards the Christmas Hamper Drive 2022:

- a. From Interlake Packers - \$200.00
- b. From Sophie Skierszkan - \$40.00
- c. From Martha Ford - \$100.00
- d. From Jeff and Lorna Hildebrandt -\$50.00

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

.....Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

11:00 a.m. – Jessica Chartrand – Big Interlake Mechanical

The purpose of my visit is to welcome the newly elected Reeve and Council and to do a presentation about our business, Big Interlake Mechanical and its offerings in sales and service, and to see if there are any opportunities to provide Council with.

11:30 a.m. – CDEM Signage

Ms Katie Fowler of CDEM, did a presentation on three contractors/designers for the signage for the Old Town Hall.

Council decided to approve Little Bluestem Landscape Architecture’s proposal for the signage of The Old Town Hall.

Katie Fowler asked which Council members would be interested to sit on a committee for the signage details. Richard, Yves and Guy agreed to be on the committee.

**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS**

- None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- None

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Res #416/2022            Combot – Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the addition of Nelson St. Goddard to the Conservation subdistrict - Lake Francis.

.....Carried

Res #417/2022            Gaudry – Leclair

WHEREAS the RM staff has updated the Municipal Emergency Plan and has circulated the Plan to Council and the CAO for review.

AND WHEREAS the said Plan requires adoption by the RM of St. Laurent and submission to the Province of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the 2023 Emergency Plan as circulated.

.....Carried

Discussion from Council regarding, skating on the pond at Big Tree Park. Council discussed that holes would need to be drilled on the pond to check the depth of the ice and also this would be the responsibility of the volunteers from the Sandpiper Association. Signs would need to be ordered and posted. The CAO has received procedural instructions from the RM's insurance.

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

#### **Correspondence/Information:**

- Manitoba Emergency Management
- Proposal to Subdivide \_ Joseph Hueging

#### **Minutes from Others:**

- RCMP- Monthly Statistics Report – November 2022
- Prairie School Division – Highlights Dec 5, 2022

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

Res #418/2022                  Combot – Leclair

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

.....Carried

Res #419/2022                  Leclair – Combot

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

.....Carried

Res #420/2022                  Leclair – Combot

WHEREAS Ryan Gaudry has completed his six-month probation period as Grader Operator for Public Works.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirms that Ryan has now completed his probation period and that he may enroll in the municipal benefits program.

.....Carried

For: Tom Johnson, Yves Combot, Maurice Leclair, Richard Chartrand

Abstained: Perry Gaudry

**CDC Matters**

- None

**RM (CDC Matters)**

- None

**Adjourn**

Res #421/2022

Johnson - Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:41 p. m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO