



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Special Meeting
April 12, 2021

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of Council was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 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 #93/2021

Bruce - Combot

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

....Carried

This is a duly called meeting of council; only comments from the council members are allowed.

For background purposes it is important to note that the First Reading of the proposed By-law was passed unanimously by council on February 25, 2021.

Let me start off by summarizing the main points that were made by both the applicant which is the RM of St. Laurent and the presenters at the public hearing:

Main points made by the applicant:

1. To address the inequity of taxes paid by all ratepayers in this municipality, so that the increased expenses for garbage pick-up, hauling & tipping fees, fire department, road maintenance etc. are borne equitably by all ratepayers versus raising the taxes mainly on the backs of the ratepayers already paying more than their fair share.
2. A consultant was hired to analyze the capacity of the lagoon and reported the capacity is fine for now; however, given the rapid growth of usage and dumping, it will need to be dredged in the near future which said costs (in current dollars) is estimated at \$450,000.
3. That community planning is adhered to by zoning bylaws being respected and followed. It will ensure that the whole of the municipality and its growth is done in such a way that development does not create an eye sore or bring property values down.
4. To alleviate sewage being dumped illegally.
5. Developers of two campgrounds will be operational this summer where company or family may rent a site and park their RVs when visiting.
6. For those affected, a conditional use application has been inserted in this by-law so individual cases can be heard and agreements reached with council.

The public hearing was well attended and common themes of what we heard at the public hearing were in summary:

1. Due to the pandemic, people stated they need time to plan, time to seek contractors and time to build.
2. Most people appreciated and acknowledged the fact of having to pay their fair share of taxes, so willingness to pay more until they can build was also heard.
3. Many mentioned a clause to grandfather the property owners who have been in the municipality for decades.

This summary is to highlight the points that were mentioned most often, as you can appreciate this is not a verbatim account.

Council during its deliberations and considerations on the proposed amended bylaw foresaw the points raised in the summary provided, which is why the

decision to insert the conditional use application for property owners (that will enable them to present directly to council) was included.

Council appreciated and welcomed the presentations made last Wednesday. We thanked everyone for their presentations and involvement in this process.

As a procedural note, and for clarification second reading of the bylaw is necessary in order to move it forward to the WIPD for its public hearing.

I will now ask each individual council member if they wish to comment more on this motion before we vote.

Jerry Combot – no comment
Phil Mathews – no comment
Vern Coutu – no comment
Frank Bruce – no comment

ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS

Res #94/2021 Combot - Coutu
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1/21 being a by-law to amend the RM of St. Laurent Zoning By-Law No. 5/05 be hereby given second reading.

.....Carried

Adjourn

Res #95/2021 Combot – Mathews
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 10:06 a.m.

.....Carried

Reeve

CAO