



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
February 16, 2022

**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 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 and CAO Hilda Zotter. Councillor Vern Coutu arrived at 10:20 a.m.

**Call to Order**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

Res #35/2022 Bruce - Mathews

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

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Res #36/2022 Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2022  
be hereby approved by Council as amended.

....Carried

**Committee Reports:**

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Very good staff meeting. Covered information about the numerous projects that the R. M. is working on. Also, all the staff shared a two-minute positive story.
- Introduced the Vaccine & Test kit policy.
- WTS presented their new Face book page. On their face book page; it has a two-month calendar posting the WTS schedule of garbage pickup and hours.
- What's Up St. Laurent on Face Book and is monitored by RM employee.

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Update on Handi van disbanding.
- Handi van update for the community meeting.

Councillor Jerry Combet

- Responding to concerns about the snow.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Attended the WIPD meeting.
- Mentioned the tenders for asphaltting Laurentia Beach Road

Councillor Vern Coutu

- Responding to calls about snow removal.
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Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Attended the Seniors Resource Council Meeting. Grants have been approved from the provincial and federal government. One of the grants is Good Food Access Fund which are gift certificates that were purchased from our local businesses to be given to our seniors and disabled residents.
- A letter was sent out to certain individuals from local committees, to assist with the new Handi van committee.
- Attended the virtual meeting on the renovations and expansions towards the Ashern hospital.
- Starlink meeting, very productive and Bernice has agreed to be the RM Starlink administrator.
- The RM will be advertising for installers for Starlink.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- None

**ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS**

Public Hearing:

By-law No. 11/2021 – February 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to amend the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent Zoning By-law No. 5/05 header by adding regulations to provide for fines and penalties for by-law contravention and to amend Part 2 and Part 8.

Res #37/2022          Mathews – Bruce

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

....Carried

Res #38/2022          Mathews – Coutu

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

....Carried

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

Res #39/2022          Bruce – Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 11/2021, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 5/05 to enact enforcement of the by-law under the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Act, be hereby given second reading.

....Carried

Res #40/2022      Coutu – Combob

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 11/2021, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 5/05 to enact enforcement of the by-law under the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Act, be hereby given third reading.

....Carried

RECORDED VOTE:

For: Cheryl Smith, Phil Mathews, Frank Bruce, Vern Coutu, Jerry Combob

**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS**

Res #41/2022      Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the RM and Vern Coutu are in planning stages for a joint endeavor related to the development of a marina involving Roll 12000 (Coutu) and Roll 69600 (RM).

AND WHEREAS, in preparation for future development, Vern Coutu has offered to clean out debris accumulation in the small marina owned by the RM in Roll 69600 for future connection to the channel and marina development on Roll 12000. The area to be cleaned is shown in Schedule A attached to this resolution.

AND WHEREAS there would be no cost to the RM, and Vern may retain the excavated material.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve work as described above.

....Carried

ABSTAINED: Vern Coutu

Res # 42/2022      Mathews – Combob

WHEREAS the RM and Vern Coutu are in planning stages for a joint endeavor related to the development of a marina involving Roll 12000 (Coutu) and Roll 69600 (RM).

AND WHEREAS applications must be made to federal and provincial departments.

AND WHEREAS the RM wishes to form a committee that will be submitting the DFO application.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve Phil Mathews (Chair), Vern Coutu,

Jerry Combot, and Guy Dumont as members of the Marina DFO Application Committee.

...Carried

**Finance & Accounts**

Res #43/2022

Coutu – Mathews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for February 2022 and Expenses for January 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	275.00	125.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	52.50	39.00	57.00	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	-56.05	-36.10	-46.78	-28.98	-28.98
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-31.34	-4.70	-41.80	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1240.11</b>	<b>923.20</b>	<b>851.20</b>	<b>771.02</b>	<b>771.02</b>

.....Carried

Res #44/2022

Mathews – Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to February 11, 2022, written under cheque numbers 31092 to 31135 and totaling \$57,993.40 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

- None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- None

## **New and Unfinished Business**

Res #45/2022

Bruce – Mathews

WHEREAS the date of the 2022 Tax Sale needs to be changed and thus an amendment to Resolution 33/22 which was passed on February 2, 2022.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the date of the 2022 Tax Sale be changed from Friday, November 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

...Carried

Res #46/2022

Coutu – Combot

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent invites property owners and full-time residents to a Community Update Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Point Hall.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve expenditure for all associated costs, including rental of hall, refreshments, and staff and council expenses.

....Carried

Res #47/2022

Mathews - Combot

WHEREAS the RM office has received rapid test kits as a result of a project funded by the Province of Manitoba and administered and distributed by AMM, and which test kits are to be distributed to staff and council of the R.M.

AND WHEREAS the Rapid Test Kit Policy outlines use protocol for said kits.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the policy as presented.

....Carried

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

### **Correspondence/Information:**

-Safer Highway 6 – To Mayors of Northern Manitoba

**Committee of the Whole in Camera**

Res #48/2022

Bruce – Coutu

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

.....Carried

Res #49/2022

Combot – Bruce

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

.....Carried

Res #50/2022

Combot - Coutu

WHEREAS the CAO has conducted an evaluation of ACAO Lorna Hildebrandt, and has reported satisfactory growth to Lorna's performance.

AND WHEREAS the CAO recommends: probation ends as of February 20, 2022; a wage increase of \$1.00 per hour as of February 20, 2022; and eligibility to apply for municipal employee benefits.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves ending Lorna's probation period, and approves a wage increase in the amount of \$1.00 per hour, along with eligibility for municipal employee benefits as of February 20, 2022.

.....Carried

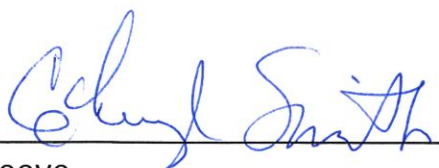
**Adjourn**

Res #51/2022

Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 12:13 p.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO