



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
April 4, 2024

**Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Thursday, April 4, 2024 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 CAO, Billie Jean Oliver

**Call to Order**

Reeve Richard Chartrand called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Res #100 /2024

Johnson – Gaudry

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

...Carried

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Res #101/2024

Gaudry - Combot

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of:

Council Meeting – March 21, 2024

CDC Minutes- March 21, 2024

Be hereby APPROVED BY Council as circulated.

...Carried

**Committee Reports:**

Public Works/WTS (provided by Councillor Leclair)

- Checked some ditches; mainly (South Boundary) with Public Works foreman, and Councillor Gaudry;
- Ryko made a few holes in the asphalt on Allard Rd; will have a meeting with them to discuss this issue.
- The guys from public works are starting to remove the wings off the Grader;
- Need to discuss the WTS; people are bringing large trailer loads of garbage; dry wall from commercial jobs; is there a charge for this type of garbage?
- Getting pricing for limestone; will review with CAO

CAO (Billie Jean Oliver)

Website:

- Is ready to be launched once training is complete;
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- 8 properties to send to Taxervice;

Lagoon Study:

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- Brett advised that he is putting preliminary numbers together with the report and anticipates that it should be here by the end of the week.

Fire Department (provided by Deputy Chief of Administration, Melissa Buors and discussed by Councillor Combot)

- See Attached
- Attended a meeting with the Fire Chief and Roger Gillis to discuss the repairs on the one - ton fire truck;
- Volunteers are doing monthly repairs on the one-ton fire truck; or should the fire truck be brought to a mechanic; to be discussed with CAO
- Would like to discuss scheduling quarterly meetings with the fire department and the CAO;

By-law Enforcement (Sophie Skierszkan)

- See Attached

EDO (Denise Allard)  
- See Attached

MEC (Roger Gillis)  
- See Attached

St. Laurent & District Recreation Commission (Tammy Hiebert)  
- See Attached

**Councillor Tom Johnson**

- Vet Board meeting was cancelled; nothing to report.

**Councillor Perry Gaudry**

- Vet board meeting was cancelled; nothing to report there.
- Have been in contact with Candice Parks; she is the Aquatic invasive species specialist with the Provincial government about Zebra mussels. I have a virtual meeting with her; and her associate on Monday, April 15, 2024 to discuss more details.
- Did not attend the Senior Resource meeting; due to that I was double booked myself.

**Reeve Richard Chartrand**

- Kind of quiet with Easter
- Request for (IMRA) Chair- Councillor Maurice Leclair to attend the meeting on April 30, 2024 at Stonewall Quarry Park Heritage Centre from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Delegations:**

- None

**Finance and Accounts**

Res #102/2024 Johnson – Combot  
**WHEREAS** payroll processing for all departments is now done electronically through Payworks, which no longer requires physical cheques to be prepared.

Payroll Period #7- Admin	March 17, 2024 – March 30, 2024	\$29,815.32
Accounts Payable – Cheques	34225 to 34251	\$132,521.07

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Accounts Payable as listed above is hereby approved for payment.

...Carried

Res #103/2024 Gaudry - Leclair  
**WHEREAS** THE General Operating Fund Balance Sheet (Financial Statement) as at February 29, 2024 has been provided to Council for review.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the General Operating Fund Balance Sheet (Financial Statement) as at February 29, 2024, be hereby approved.

...Carried

## Zoning and Subdivisions

### Public Hearing

- None

### Survey has been Completed. Progress is slowly being made towards this development- Until then this is Tabled.

- Application for Conditional Use-CUSTL -21-23- Filipe & Darlen Cruz-Travel trailers/recreational vehicles on a vacant site as a temporary use.
- Application for Conditional Use-CUSTL-19-23-Richard & Jeanette Cueto-Travel trailers/recreational vehicles on a vacant site.
- Application for Conditional Use-CUSTL-25-23-Solidad Villarin, Gilda Cruz & Serigo Sarceno-Travel trailers/recreational vehicles on a vacant site.

### Regular Matters:

Res #104/2024

Gaudry – Leclair

**WHEREAS** the development area commonly known as Lake Manitoba Estates, specifically, the extension of Pelican Road (from Poplar Bay rounding to Dumont Rd), Willow Crescent and Oak Crescent, do not have proper water flow and drainage which leads to overland flooding and stagnant water; and

**WHEREAS** this overland flooding and lack of drainage has created poor access to the properties in that area preventing property owners from utilizing their land; and

**WHEREAS** discussions have been held with Council and Public Works on how to correct this issue and a tentative schedule, pending service providers availability, has been created for the works to be completed; and

**WHEREAS** discussions also included collaboration with a business owner, with interest in the project, to reach an agreement to assist with the costs of bringing these roads to meet the Municipality's Road Standards Policy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the project schedule created; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the CAO to take all necessary actions/steps to ensure that the project be carried out to completion.

...Carried

### Notices:

- April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. -\_Amendment to the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent By-law No.5/05. To add "Camping and Tenting Grounds" as a "C" for Conditional Use in the "RR".
- April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:40 a.m. – Application for Conditional Use CUSTL-02-24 from Marc Allard-Travel trailers/recreational vehicles on a vacant site as a temporary use.

## TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

None

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEE BOARDS**

None

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Res #105/2024

Johnson – Combot

**WHEREAS** the St. Laurent School Graduation Class 2024 is hosting a Prize Bingo on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to raise money for their Graduation.

**AND WHEREAS** the school is asking local businesses to donate a prize towards their silent auction.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the donation of the book, Land Between the Lakes towards the St. Laurent School Prize Bingo. Also to include Michif dictionary.

...Carried

Gas Cards – Discussion regarding gas cards- Councillor Perry Gaudy to ask Senior’s Resource if they would be interested in fundraising towards the Gas cards.

Seniors Housing in the Interlake- Morning Breeze Health Care- Genaro Guevarra -Discussion  
CAO has been asked by Council to write a letter of support to Genaro Guevarra from the RM of St. Laurent.

Res #106/2024

Leclair – Gaudry

**WHEREAS** it has been determined that it is required to hire legal representation for legal matters pertaining to the RM of St. Laurent

**AND WHERAS** the legal team from D’ARCY & DEACON have attended the RM office to meet with Council to discuss the services they provide.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council approve the team of D’ARCY & DEACON to manage the legal services pertaining to the RM of St. Laurent.

...Carried

Status of the feasibility study of the lagoon from MPE – Attached in the CAO’s minutes.

Wetland Classification Regulation Review-

Res #107/2024

Johnson – Gaudry

**WHEREAS** the post mistress has been apart of the cleaning at the Welcome Centre; and it has been determined that due to increase traffic there will be considerably more cleaning.

**AND WHEREAS** there will be an amendment to the agreement lease between the RM and the Post Office. The post mistress's rent will be amended to \$300.00 per month to compensate for cleaning service of the whole Welcome Centre.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the amendment towards the Post Office agreement lease with the RM.

...Carried

Res #108/2024

Combot – Gaudry

**WHEREAS** Section 365(2) of *The Municipal Act* provides that Council may in any year designate the immediate preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties (the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year) must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the designated year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2022, meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2022.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with Sec. 363(1) of the Municipal Act, "costs" shall be the actual costs payable by the Municipality for each parcel listed for the tax sale of properties in arrears of 2022 taxes plus administration fees of \$50.00 as set forth in Regulation 50/97, and such costs are recoverable by the RM from the affected property owner;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the tax sale for properties with 2022 or prior years' arrears be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the R.M. of St. Laurent council chambers.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the administrators of the tax sale process will be Taxervice of Swan River, Manitoba, and that the CAO is authorized to sign the Engagement Letter for Taxervice's management of property tax arrears recovery for a three -year term.

...Carried

Res #109/2024

Johnson – Leclair

**WHEREAS** the RM of St. Laurent was contacted by R.R.C.C. regarding an outstanding invoice from 2022 for a Course, Technology Solutions Wastewater Treatment which was taken by previous Public Work employee, dated May 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022.

**AND WHEREAS** the training course cost is \$840.00; and this invoice was received on March 12, 2024.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the payment of \$840.00 to Red River Community College for the Technology Solutions Wastewater Treatment Course from 2022.

...Defeated

Res #110/2024

Johnson – Combot

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMBM has developed this Municipal Maturity Model (3M) for the delivery of municipal services in Canada’s two official languages.

**AND WHEREAS** our proposed By-law 20/2023, which received 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings on October 4, 2023 would repeal the existing French-language services By-law 1-13.

**AND WHEREAS** a certified copy of the proposed by-law implementing the Municipal Maturity Model (3M) was sent to Honorable Ian Bushie for Ministerial approval which was received on October 11, 2023 with respect to the delivery of French-language services to our community.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the Third reading of the Municipal Maturity Model (3M).

...Carried

**Recorded Vote: Richard Chartrand, Tom Johnson, Yves Combot, Maurice Leclair Perry Gaudry**

Res #111/2024

Johnson - Leclair

**WHEREAS** an Invitation has been extended to include Reeve, Municipal Officials, Staff and representatives of Age Friendly to attend an event called Connecting with Manitoba Age Friendly Communities.

**AND WHEREAS** this event will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 311 Park Avenue East, in Brandon at the Park Avenue Activity Centre.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the attendance of Perry Gaudry to the said event.

...Carried

Res #112/2024

Combot - Gaudry

**WHEREAS** an Invitation has been extended to include Reeve, Councillors, Chief Administrative Officer, Emergency Coordinators to attend the 2024 Wildfire Preparedness Seminars hosted by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. These seminars are designed to provide local authorities, emergency services personnel and emergency management stakeholders with the latest conditions for Manitoba.

**AND WHEREAS** these virtual seminars are on April 23, 24, and 25, 2024. All participants are asked to confirm which information session they wish to attend and send a list of participants with their contact information and corresponding emails to [emo.registrations@gov.mb.ca](mailto:emo.registrations@gov.mb.ca)

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the attendance of Yves Combot, Roger Gillis, Chad Malfait & Billie Jean Oliver to the said event.

...Carried

**Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others**

Correspondence/Information:

- March 2024- RCMP Monthly Statistics Report
- Minister of Environment & Climate Change-Recycle rebate funds

Minutes from Others:

- WIPD- Regular Board Meeting Minutes-March 19, 2024

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #113/2024 Johnson – Gaudry

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

...Carried

Res #114/2024 Johnson – Leclair

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

...Carried

CDC MATTERS

- None

RM CDC MATTERS

- None

ADJOURN

Res #115/2024 Johnson - Leclair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

...Carried



Reeve



CAO



## CAO Report – April 4, 2024

### Website:

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## Fire Department Report to Council for April 3, 2024

### Dispatched Calls

As of April 2, 2024, the FD is at call 11-24 of this year.

No recent calls from last council meeting.

### Drill Night

Prepared Kubota for the summer season.

Practiced more knots.

Practiced on Donning, Doffing PPE and SCBA's.

### Air Brakes

Practical testing has been scheduled for May 23, 2024. Each individual must have completed and passed the writing test for the practical test.

### Basic Level 1

Possibly starting on April 17, 2024 in Lundar. 4 members have signed up.

### April 2, 2024

Relocated air supply line for tanker by Greg and Roger Gillis.

Repaired ladder brackets on Pumper by Greg and Roger Gillis.

Linkage on the front driver side of the Kubota has been fixed by Chad.

## EDO REPORT April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- Met with Marie-Cécile of CDEM when she came out to attend another meeting. We discussed the possibility of a **Public Community Consultation** to discuss 1 - Lagoon, 2- Old Town Hall, 3 – Michif French Healing and Heritage Centre, 4 – Assisted Living Centre, 5 – Fire Fighters update, anything else. We discussed having it in the Old Town Hall before May long week-end so that we could use the Portable Beach Washrooms before they are needed at the beaches. Discussed Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> as a possible date? Could we have tables and chairs brought in? Could we have a town BBQ – volunteers to cook burgers and hot dogs (fire dept?)? CDEM could have funding for supplies. Denise could prepare presentation for Council to present items 1-4 above (would need assistance on Lagoon project information though). \*\*\*I think it would be good for the community to see the renovations done to the Old Town Hall and Municipal Museum items. They would also see the need for washrooms to make it profitable space. If council would like to do the meeting elsewhere, without a BBQ, it may be best to do it one evening rather than a Saturday. \*\*\*
- Sent a message to Jeff Gauley of **Heritage Buildings** regarding the designation of the Old Town Hall as a heritage building and the site as a heritage site. He replied:  
  
According to the St. Laurent Municipal Hall site's description in its **Statement of Significance**:  
*The municipal designation applies to the town hall and the grounds it occupies.*  
  
That being said, the RM of St. Laurent is the authority that designated the hall (and its grounds) as a heritage site and so the **RM would have the final say in how to interpret the designation.**
- Received a quote of \$315.00, tax included, fixture not included, from Aaron Hogg to install the exterior light fixture on the old town hall above the entrance doorway. The quote is to also supply and install the interior light switch to control the light. Billie Jean and I chose a more old-fashioned looking light fixture compared to what Aaron was going to install (modern fixture). The goose neck light is \$124.99 on Amazon and is a dusk to dawn fixture. The permit closes around April 8<sup>th</sup>. **Do we bother adding this light and switch at this point when we are not sure if the addition will be expanded in the near future?**
- **Wellness Room** – Angelica was to begin services on August 8<sup>th</sup> but that Monday and the following was quickly booked up so she opened up 2 Wednesdays, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> also. Paul and I went to complete the work in the space. The total final expenses are **\$3,090.19 with taxes**. Approximately \$250 of that was spent for the community office and kitchen combined. Still finalizing the office space, hopefully by mid – end April. Spoke with Laura, the postmistress about the cleaning dilemma for the bathroom, wellness room and monthly deep clean of all the space. She is willing to do it if we supply cleaning supplies and tools in exchange for \$25 off her monthly rent.

## QUESTIONS

- 1- Does council want Aaron Hogg to **install the light and switch** to the Old Town Hall or do we wait?
- 2- Does council want to look into applying for any of the funds available for Municipal Buildings through Efficiency MANITOBA? **I could look into any suggestions and funding they may have for reducing the energy use of the Old Town Hall.**
- 3- Would council like to proceed with a **Public Community Consultation**? If so, which date and venue?
- 4- Would council approve an **amendment to the Post Office lease** to include a deduction of \$25/month in exchange for cleaning services for the bathroom, wellness room, kitchen, entry and monthly deep cleaning?



Welcome Centre - CDC Wellness Room Purchases

2024

Date	Invoice Company #	Gross Amt.	GST	PST	Base Amt.	G/I	GL amount (base +PST)	GL 570-400-235	Description/Item	Comment
Dec. 12/23	Home Hardware	\$ 176.89	\$ 7.90	\$ 11.06	\$ 157.93	\$			Drywall (6), screws	
Dec. 13/23	Home Hardware	\$ 11.32	\$ -	\$ 0.74	\$ 10.58	\$	11.32		2 Respirator Masks	
Dec. 13/23	Home Hardware	\$ 134.39	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.40	\$ 119.99	\$	128.39		Pink Insulation	
Dec. 28/23	Ray Manness	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$	200.00		Taping wall - sanding	
Jan. 3/23	Home Hardware	\$ 165.77	\$ 8.29	\$ 11.60	\$ 145.88	\$	157.48		Paint rollers, tray, brushes	
Jan. 8/23	Home Hardware	\$ 31.98	\$ 1.60	\$ *2.24	\$ 28.14	\$	30.38		Hickory trim	
Jan. 24/24	Home Depot	\$ 333.76	\$ 14.90	\$ 20.86	\$ 298.00	\$	318.86	Visa	Interior insulated Door	
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 156.79	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.80	\$ 139.99	\$	149.79	Visa	Computer Desk	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 27.97	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.75	\$ 24.97	\$	26.72	Visa	6 ft extension cord	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 68.29	\$ 3.05	\$ 4.27	\$ 60.97	\$	65.24	Visa	Fingerprint Door Lock	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 15.67	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.98	\$ 13.99	\$	14.97	Visa	12 pack salt lamp bulbs	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 78.14	\$ 3.49	\$ 4.88	\$ 69.77	\$	74.65	Visa	Keyless entry door keypad	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 11.19	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.70	\$ 9.99	\$	10.69	Visa	4x door stopper	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 39.19	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.45	\$ 34.99	\$	37.44	Visa	Rug	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 25.75	\$ 1.15	\$ 2.16	\$ 30.87	\$	33.03	Visa	Standing coathat hanger	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 75.03	\$ 3.35	\$ 4.69	\$ 66.99	\$	71.68	Visa	Coat hooks - 2 pack	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 52.63	\$ 2.35	\$ 3.29	\$ 46.99	\$	50.28	Visa	Adjustable rolling stool	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 156.79	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.80	\$ 139.99	\$	149.79	Visa	Entryway table - 3 drawers	Paid on visa Feb. 16/24
Jan. 18/24	Amazon	\$ 62.71	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.92	\$ 55.99	\$	59.91	Visa	Round hanging mirror	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Jan. 19/24	Amazon	\$ 67.18	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.10	\$ 63.58	\$	65.68	Visa	Bluetooth speaker	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Jan. 19/24	Amazon	\$ 43.67	\$ 1.95	\$ 2.73	\$ 38.99	\$	41.72	Visa	Hand Sanitizer	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Jan. 19/24	Amazon	\$ 111.98	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 105.98	\$	109.48	Visa	Flush mount ceiling fixture	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Jan. 19/24	Amazon	\$ 34.72	\$ 1.55	\$ 2.17	\$ 31.00	\$	33.17	Visa	Door knob/batteries	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Jan. 19/24	Amazon	\$ 40.19	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.51	\$ 35.88	\$	38.39	Visa	Salt lamp	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Jan. 19/24	Amazon	\$ 36.95	\$ 1.65	\$ 2.31	\$ 32.99	\$	35.30	Visa	Floating Shelves	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Jan. 29/24	Amazon	\$ 75.68	\$ 3.38	\$ 4.73	\$ 67.57	\$	72.30	Visa	Door lock/artificial plants	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Jan. 31/24	Amazon	\$ (65.22)	\$ (2.91)	\$ (4.07)	\$ (58.24)	\$	(62.31)	Visa	Return -Keyless entry door keypad	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Feb. 1/24	Home Hardware	\$ 40.97	\$ 1.83	\$ 2.56	\$ 40.97	\$	43.53		Doorsweap, Foam sealant	
Feb. 02/24	Amazon	\$ (39.98)	\$ (2.00)	\$ (2.80)	\$ (35.18)	\$	(37.98)	Visa	Return -Keyless entry door keypad	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Feb. 02/24	Amazon	\$ (39.19)	\$ (1.75)	\$ (2.45)	\$ (34.99)	\$	(37.44)	Visa	Return -Rug	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Feb. 05/24	Amazon	\$ 61.57	\$ 2.75	\$ 3.85	\$ 54.97	\$	58.82	Visa	Fingerprint Door Lock	Paid on Visa March 15/2024
Feb. 05/24	Robert Kuboth	\$ 221.75	\$ 9.90	\$ 13.86	\$ 197.99	\$	211.85	Cheque?	Move security camera	
Jan. 30/24	Home Hardware	\$ 7.83	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.49	\$ 6.99	\$	7.48		Filler, wood tinted	
Feb. 12/24	Home Hardware	\$ 29.99	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.10	\$ 26.39	\$	28.49		Trim Board	
Feb. 12/24	Home Hardware	\$ (29.99)	\$ (1.50)	\$ (2.10)	\$ (26.39)	\$	(28.49)		Return - Trim Board	
Feb. 12/24	Home Hardware	\$ 19.96	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.40	\$ 17.56	\$	18.96		Spruce, KD strap #2 x 8' (4)	
Feb. 12/24	Home Hardware	\$ (9.98)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (8.78)	\$	(9.48)		Return - Spruce, KD strap 8' (2)	
Feb. 12/24	Home Hardware	\$ 15.98	\$ 0.80	\$ 1.12	\$ 14.06	\$	15.18		Spruce, KD strap #2 x 12' (4)	
Feb. 14/24	Home Hardware	\$ 50.89	\$ 2.27	\$ 3.18	\$ 45.44	\$	48.62		Caulk, mid 2"x8' (2), 16"x8' (1)	





# By-Law Report

April 4, 2024

By-Law	Number of active files
Zoning By-Law	15
Unnecessary and Harmful Noise By-Law	1
Domestic Animal By-law	0
Parks and Beaches	0
Unsightly Property and Derelict Vehicle By-Law	8
Derelict Building By-Law	1
Licencing By-Law	1
Fire Prevention and Emergency Response By-Law	1

- 1) Zoning By-law: There are 11 active files that have been issued Notices of Violation. 2 active files have been issued a Municipal Enforcement Order. 3 active files have been issued a Penalty Notice. One of which has been reviewed by the Screening Officer, another, which has been filed Past Due. There is 1 active file that is on hold pending the outcome of road matters.
- 2) Unnecessary and Harmful Noise By-Law: The active file has been filed Past Due.
- 3) Unsightly Property By-law: The first active file has an Inspection Notice scheduled for April 24, 2024. The following active file has an outstanding Municipal Enforcement Order, for which the Municipality is working on taking steps to remedy the contravention. The following file has a Municipal Enforcement Order due April 11, 2024. The following file has compliance deadline of June 19, 2024. The following file has final compliance deadline of April 17, 2024. The following file has a compliance deadline of June 19, 2024. The following file has a final compliance deadline of June 19, 2024. The following file has an outstanding Municipal Enforcement Order that will have to be remedied in the spring.
- 4) Derelict Building By-law: The active file's property owner has been working on rectifying the infractions and has been provided July 17, 2024 deadline to comply.
- 5) Licencing By-Law: There is one active file, which has been granted an extension of time to comply with deadline of April 15, 2024.
- 6) Fire Prevention and Emergency Response By-Law: There is one active file, which is shared between the Fire Department and By-Law an Inspection Notice is scheduled for April 17, 2024.

Current by-laws/projects we are working on reviewing and revising are the following:

1. Building By-Law: Drafting the new by-law, which will meet current requirements set out in legislation (Building and Mobile Homes Act has been repealed and we are now governed by the Building Act), currently under review by WIPD for comments.
2. Domestic Animal: The signed Release of Liability Agreement has been received by the Municipality from the owners of Mr. Kennels. Upon receipt of the signed agreement, we will provide notification to ratepayers on the website and in the next newsletter.
3. Submitted a request for data from staff at WTS. Looking to update the WTS By-Law to reflect current requirements within the Municipality and under current applicable Acts & regulations.

Upon receipt of information, a meeting to be scheduled with By-Law Committee. Still waiting on response.

4. Road Signs: Provided Billie Jean with link to Stonewall's Reduced Speed Zone By-Law and sections from the Highway Traffic Act and applicable regs related to the legislated requirements and authority of municipalities with regards to changing speed limits.

#### The Manitoba Act- Regulation 53/97

Under the Regulation, municipalities are required to retain documents for a certain period of time, after which, municipalities must archive certain documents and may destroy others. I am working on review a number of storing boxes that we have in our storage room to determine under which classification they fall.

There are a number of boxes that have been brought to the Old Town Hall, which have been labelled to be reviewed by department heads.

Once all boxes have been sorted and documented, a request will be made to Council to pass a resolution to archive a certain number of boxes, as required under the Act.

## MEC Report

April 4, 2024

### Golf Course flood potential

As a result of direction from council and previous flooding that occurred at the Manipogo golf course aka Lake Manitoba Estates; I was asked to look into the flooding or potential flooding at the golf course. I attended to the Western Interlake Planning district office and looked into the permit application and requested any information for Sherri Millar. IE the development plans for the golf course. There was none on record only a conditional use permit issuance with no opposition. **The conditional land use showed no requirements or development plans by previous council.** The conditional land use permits was authorized by previous Councillor Gerry Combot and previous councillor Frank Bruce. I was also advised Sherri recalled EUR farms wanted to speak to the issue; however, due to a mistake in dates they missed the hearing.

Called Chris Brown March 8 I would like to meet to discuss the concerns. He was away and advised that we will connect the week of March 11-15

On March 12, I had a meeting with Smart re drainage at golf course – he will connect with Councillor Gaudry and Councillor Leclair. the final review and decisions are left with Council.

Reeve Chartrand and I attended the golf course with to discuss a partnership to improve drainage at the Golf course a pre-emptive measure to prevent flooding at the golf course. Chris Brown advised he was in favour of the idea and he was to discuss with President Chartrand.

### Hydrological forecasting meeting

#### Selkirk MB

On March 6, 2024 with Reeve Chartrand, Councillor Combot and Councillor Gaudry and we attended the spring hydrological forecasting. There were several reports and presentations

The first report was hydrological forecasting. Dated Feb 2024 showed little to no chance of flooding or excessive run off. However, that is always subject to change given the current climate change and the forecasted snow storm that was currently approaching, as well as the March storm that had just passed.

The second report was Hydrological Operations. No one from the branch was available so a member of the MEMO staff gave an overview.

The third presentation was Drought and water supply branch of government by Environment and climate- water science and water management. They also spoke of the possibility of preparation for drought by the creating of reservoirs; however, no funding was available for either flood or drought management initiatives.

The fourth report was on Disaster Funding Assistance (DFA) and how the claimed funds could be applied toward mitigation projects; however money was not available until a DFA claim had been made. Some clarification was provided on the DFA application process.



Families and Social services presented on Evacuations and Emergency social services.

The final presentation was by the MEMO branch manager on an overview of services and the process.

On March 27 a second positive report was received from the MEMO regarding the possibility of minimum use of the diversion at portage.

### **Rogers Communications**

On March 8 2024 I made contact after an hour or so on the phone with a technical representative at Rogers wireless regarding the Oak point CELL tower. We had an extremely productive and positive conversation regarding the back-up generator or power supply that could last for days rather than hours. A request to the technical tower staff was made by the Rogers representative to review the alternate power supply and consider the installation of a generator.

### **Emergency plan**

Two copies of the Emergency plan and contact lists have been provided to the FD. in order to facilitate contractor call out in the event of an emergency.

### **EMO JUNE Meeting**

I have prepared an Email and have had correspondence with EMO regarding the June round table mtg. proposed to be at the RC Parish hall. **Planning for that meeting continues.**

### **Air Brakes**

The course is wrapped up. It took place over two evenings. March 13 and March 20. The 9 students have to study and go complete the written test at a test site. After that is complete we will attempt to bring a driver examiner out to St Laurent rather than driving the truck to a test center numerous times

The students that completed the training are as follows. Ryan Gaudry, Donovan Boudreau, Zack Gaudry, Chad Malfait, Phoenix Abraham, Tyler Lawson, Natalie Bruce, Greg Dube. Ray Ducharme attended most of the training; however, he had to leave early due to family care responsibilities.

**A practical skills test date is set for May 22 during the day Arborg MPI center is sending out an evaluator.**

### **BY LAW Enforcement derelict properties and fire hazards**

A MTG was held with By Law enforcement to develop a process and documentation to facilitate the reporting of issues as they pertain the FD inspection and bylaw enforcement, before and after fires to

eliminate any potential for hazardous situations or properties. **Sophie has developed a reporting form for the FD to use.**

**Email received WAWANESA insurance grant**

Unfortunately we were denied however a new contact person name was provided. Ill reach out to Delilah Bergen in the near future. It sure seems like St Laurent is not a factor on so many fronts.

See the following attached document below for more details,

*Hi Roger,*

*Thank you for the time you invested in completing and submitting an application for a Wawanesa Community Wildfire Prevention Grant. We appreciate the work the St. Laurent Fire Department is doing to protect the community from the impacts of wildfires.*

*In partnership with FireSmart™ Canada and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, this was our second year offering Community Wildfire Prevention Grants and we received an overwhelming number of applications from deserving communities across the country.*

*Our selection committee carefully reviewed all applications. We're sorry to inform you that your organization wasn't selected for a grant this year, but we applaud your efforts. To help you on your prevention journey, we want to connect you with Delilah Bergen ([Delilah.bergen@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Delilah.bergen@gov.mb.ca)) from Manitoba Wildfire Service. If you have questions about your plans or need some further suggestions on how to get them implemented in your area, the FireSmart Liaison from this wildfire agency will be able to assist.*

*As your community continues to build future prevention and mitigation plans and projects, we encourage you to apply to our next round of Community Wildfire Prevention Grants. More details will be announced in fall 2024.*

*Again, thank you for your application and your organization's ongoing efforts in helping our communities become more resilient to wildfires through prevention activities.*

*Sincerely,*

*Wawanesa's Community Wildfire Prevention Grants Committee*

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Hello Spring Craft and Bake Sale – May 5th. Working on registering vendors and deciding which non-profit will run the silent auction.

Pickle Ball: Pickle ball is being held indoors twice a week Tuesdays and Thursdays in the St. Laurent School Gymnasium. Average 12+ adults

Adult Yoga is scheduled to continue Wednesdays which will be held in the Youth Centre of the MMF.

Mom & Baby Yoga – Free – Grant — Held in the Youth Centre of the MMF on Wednesdays.

LEAD Program taking place on Mondays – Have 22 kids registered.

Learn to Play Soccer program taking place on Wednesdays – Have 16 kids registered. Free program. volunteers assisting me with program.

#### Upcoming Programs

Once the arena inspections are complete, I will request use of the facility to run rollerblading on Fridays.

Swimming lessons – working on finalizing date.

Summer Camp – Allied for 2 students through the Green Team Grant and 2 students through the MMF Summer Student program.

Pickleball tournament in the arena in May? This depends on the completion of the arena inspection and the approval of use from the Recreation Centre Committee.

Adult Michif Class end of May, June & July. (7 sessions) Applying for funding