

Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
December 2, 2015

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**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on December 2, 2015 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veteran's Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

With Reeve Smith, Deputy Reeve Frank Bruce, and Councillors Laurent Kerbrat, Tom Johnson, and Monte Carrier present and the Acting CAO, Hilda Zotter, Reeve Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Call to Order**

**Res # 398/2015 Johnson - Kerbrat**

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

....Carried

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Res # 399/2015 Johnson - Carrier**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the November 27, 2015 Special Meeting hereby be adopted as circulated.

....Carried

**Finance & Accounts Payable**

**Res # 400/2015 Johnson - Carrier**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** accounts payable to December 2, 2015 written under cheque numbers 24120 to 24134 and totaling \$13,301.72 be hereby approved for payment.

....Carried

**Res # 401/2015 Kerbrat - Bruce**

**WHEREAS** the RM Christmas dinner will be held on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at MTT Restaurant.

**AND WHEREAS** the Waste Transfer Site is normally open until 6:00 p.m. on Fridays.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** Waste Transfer Site employees would miss much of the Christmas Dinner if the hours were kept on that date.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Waste Transfer Site be closed on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to allow Waste Transfer Site employees to attend the Christmas Dinner on time.

....Carried

**Res # 402/2015 Johnson - Kerbrat**

**WHEREAS** the office staff has accumulated banked time hours.

**AND WHEREAS** the office is normally open on December 24, 2015 from 8:30 to noon.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the office be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2015 in the morning as well in order to utilize banked hours.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following office and Waste Transfer Site hours are set for the holiday season:

20	21	22	23	24 Office closed (4 hrs bank) & WTS closed all day (4 hours in lieu of 26 <sup>th</sup> )	25 Office and WTS closed all day	26 WTS closed all day
27	28 Office closed in lieu of 26 <sup>th</sup> WTS Garbage pickup as usual	29 WTS and Office Open as usual	30 WTS garbage pickup and Office open as usual	31 Office closes at noon WTS closed all day (4 hrs in lieu of 26 <sup>th</sup> )	1 Office and WTS closed	2 WTS Open as usual

....Carried

**Res # 403/2015 Bruce - Carrier**

**WHEREAS** the Interlake Spectator has a Christmas Greeting feature section.

**AND WHEREAS** a price has been quoted for this feature ad by the Interlake Spectator.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize the Christmas Greeting feature ad in color at a cost of \$161.50.

....Carried

**Res # 404/2015 Kerbrat - Carrier**

**WHEREAS** the Seniors Resource Council is in financial distress and has requested funding to assist with its operations.

**AND WHEREAS** the organization has provided a Revenue and Expense Statement and a copy of the 2016 Operating Budget.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize the payment of \$1,000.00 to the Seniors Resource Council on a one-time only basis and that the Seniors Resource Council be encouraged to seek alternative revenue sources in the future.

....Carried

**Committee Reports**

- Tom Johnson reports:
  - Did not attend AMM conference in Brandon
  - WIWCD meeting/supper on Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Some discussion regarding budget – still money in budget regarding Shoal Lake. Several wells were capped. Discussion of free tree and program continuing next year.
  - Next Handivan meeting on December 3, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
  
- Monte Carrier reports:
  - Attended the AMM conference in Brandon. Really enjoyed and got a lot from the economic development sessions. Common theme for small rural areas was health and tourism. The Ministers' debate was very interesting. Also spoke about the Minister's meeting of the Welcome Centre and tender.
  - Currently working on a plan for public works reporting.
  
- Frank Bruce reports:
  - Attended the AMM conference as well. Highlight was Leaders' debate.
  - Signage and locks are now on borrow pits.
  
- Laurent Kerbrat reports:
  - Attended the AMM conference.
  - Attended WIWCD meeting.
  - Minor hockey had dance on Saturday with about 120 people showing up. Feels that better support and interest should be given by Rec Centre when fundraisers are done in facilities.

- Cheryl Smith reported:
  - Attended the AMM conference. Met with Deputy Minister Terry Goertzen regarding feasibility study funding for cultural museum. Was also advised to continue working on the Canada 150 program. Healthcare and tourism were some of the main focuses of many smaller rural communities and we certainly have been going in that direction. The debate was interesting. Also had the chance to go to the mike and thank Minister for flood disaster funding, reminding that we still have outstanding reimbursements especially that of Q Collaborations billings. Spoke on Federal DFA policies changes that took place with the former government and if the province have started discussions with the new federal government to see if the policies could be addressed. It was noted by the Reeve during this address to the Premier and Ministers that Manitoba is the second largest user of DFA after Quebec and that the policy changes made previously by the former government had huge implications for Manitoba. At the conference, the Reeve also met with Minister of Agriculture, Kostyshyn, regarding concerns over costs of getting rid of beef waste and how these costs were affecting local business (Interlake Packers) and many farmers and families in the Interlake. New and innovative ways of dealing with waste needed to be looked at and identify potential opportunities.
  
- Acting CAO's report attached to and forming part of these Minutes.
  
- EDO/MEC report attached to and forming part of these Minutes.
  
- Public Works Foreman report attached to and forming part of these Minutes.
  
- Fire Department report by Acting Fire Chief, Real Fontaine:
  - Spoke about HazMat refresher course
  - Some members need renewal of CPR certificate. There had been a misunderstanding that the SMART course would have provided that however it was later found that that is an independent course and this still needed to be done.
  - Had a Mutual Aid meeting.
  - There is a Hydro safety training course offered, possibly in January.
  - Traffic Control training being offered – is a one-time training course.
  - The subject of borrow pits opened

Reeve Smith at this point advised that:

- She had consulted with a trainer with the City of Winnipeg Fire department regarding water rescue
- Water rescue is only allowed for municipal fire departments on rivers, streams, dugouts, borrow pits, and pools. Lake rescue is not allowed and is under provincial jurisdiction meaning coast guard, air rescue and RCMP.
- Reeve Smith brought up the issue of liability of such services.
- A municipal fire department can attend to the shore of a lake when called and do normal duties as they are trained to do to assist on land.
- Under no circumstance is any person, under the scope and banner of the St. Laurent Fire Department or R.M. of St. Laurent, to enter the water, and that should firefighters wish to attempt any rescue that they can as long as they do it as an individual. The RM has no expectation of its volunteers to do something they are not trained for nor does it have the proper equipment. Reeve Smith advised that safety for its volunteer firefighters and EMR volunteers is paramount.

Real continued with his report:

- The Fire Department acquired a Zodiac however with the information now emphasized about Lake Rescue; this acquisition will have to be reviewed. It was noted that it may be something that the RCMP can use if needed and that the RM would speak to the RCMP on this issue. The Fire Chief would be invited to attend this meeting.
- There are now 19 members on the Fire Department, with several new faces.

It was further advised by Reeve and Council that there had to be more communication between the Fire Department and the Council and Staff of the R.M.

### Zoning & Subdivisions

None

### Delegations

None

**Transportation & Public Works**

**Res # 405/2015 Bruce - Carrier**

**WHEREAS** a section of Allard Road sustained damage, in the form of longitudinal cracks, due to placement of super sandbags in the 2014 heavy rains event.

**AND WHEREAS** an EMO Individual Site Damage Report confirms the damage as eligible for DFA.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** quotes are required specifically for the repair of the longitudinal cracks along the edge of Allard Road to submit to DFA for approval.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize quotes be obtained for this repair.

...Carried

**Res # 406/2015 Johnson - Kerbrat**

**WHEREAS** a section of Venice Road South is hazardous due to s-curves, steep ditching and close proximity to water and marsh, and will require safety guard rails.

**AND WHEREAS** installation of guard rails for this area could qualify under MIT's Raised Road Program.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** quotes are required specifically for the installation of the guard rails.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize quotes be obtained for this installation.

...Carried

**Res # 407/2015 Bruce – Carrier**

**WHEREAS** a Municipal Motor Grader and Snow Plow Training course will be held by Groundforce Training in Portage La Prairie and St. Laurent in December of 2015.

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of the course is \$865.00 for one person or \$655.00 per person if two people attend.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize Dean Appleyard and one spare grader operator attend said course.

...Carried

**New & Unfinished Business**

None

**Correspondence/Minutes from Others**

Correspondence:

- Manitoba Planning Conference – Invitation – May 18-20, 2016, Brandon

Minutes:

- IERHA – Board of Directors Meeting – October 22, 2015
- Interlake Municipal Recreation Association – AGM Minutes – November 12, 2015
- WIPD – Regular Board Meeting – November 17, 2015
- St. Laurent Fire Department – November 23, 2015
- St. Laurent Fire Department – November 30, 2015

**Committee of the Whole in Camera**

**Res # 408/2015 Johnson – Kerbrat**

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

....Carried

**Res # 409/2015 Johnson - Kerbrat**

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

....Carried

**Res # 410/2015 Johnson - Bruce**

**WHEREAS** the RM of St. Laurent currently has an appointed Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Hilda Zotter.

**AND WHEREAS** the position of CAO remains open and it is determined there is a need to fill this position.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** Hilda Zotter has indicated that she does not wish to accept the position of CAO but would continue as Acting CAO until the CAO position is filled, or until April 1, 2016, whichever is first.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve advertisement for a Chief Administrative Officer.

....Carried

**Res # 411/2015 Bruce - Carrier**

**WHEREAS** the RM of St. Laurent has signed a contract with the Fine Options Program in effect from April 16, 2014 to March 31, 2019.

**AND WHEREAS** a contact person or administrator of the Program is required.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve Laurent Kerbrat to be the contact person for the Fine Options Program.


....Carried

**Adjournment**

**Res # 412/2015 Johnson - Kerbrat**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting now adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

....Carried

  
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Reeve (Cheryl Smith)

  
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Acting CAO (Hilda Zotter)



## MECEDO Report

Dec. 2, 2015

Attended meeting with IERHA and obtained a signature on the Medical First Response Agreement. We now need to compete a Manitoba Health licence agreement and arrange for additional training for our candidates. The orientation meeting with the candidates is tentatively set for January 13, 2016 at 6:30 at the Welcome Centre. We are looking to schedule "ride-alongs" for the candidates starting in the new year. There's still lots of work to do. IEHRA says we need to buy our own AED. Apparently they cost under \$1000.00. IERHA is trying to find us some of the other equipment we need for "free".

Renovations have started at the Welcome Centre and should be mostly complete by the end of December.

The end wall of the building at the WTS needs repair and I have asked for a quote for it to be repaired and reinforced.

Also waiting for a quote to set up a fabric Quonset at the municipal yard if we were to decide to buy the one that is available locally.

Followed up on Baler Project funding request and was told it is "in Progress" and nothing would be awarded till January. Concrete base for the baler should be poured this weekend.

The Green Team application has been completed. Their deadline is January 2016.

Posts which we had in stock for E911 project have been installed. We are waiting for numbers and more posts to come from Airmaster. Should be ready this week.

The 2015 version of the Disaster Plan is complete. Once you have had a chance to review it and make any changes, we will need a resolution adopting it and a copy with the resolution has to be sent to EMO.

Acting CAO Report – Meeting of December 2, 2015

No tax sale this year – the last one got paid up on Monday. Taxservice is making the necessary arrangements to discharge tax sale notices from Titles.

School tax remittances have been started – first payment made in November then another to do this month and then the final one in January.

Gas Tax reporting is overdue – we are waiting on Sensus to provide the 2014 Audit.

Recycling reports are due so that grant monies can be sent to us.

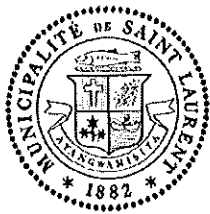
We have some survey monuments restoration reporting to work on so that we can get funds for that.

DFA deadline was December 1. Claims totalling over half a million went to DFA last week. On other claims we are asking for extension because we need quotes for some projects.

Supplementary taxes are due on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Staff has discussed their plans for the holiday scheduling to ensure proper staffing.

Andrea and I will be looking at the budget lines between now and Christmas.



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**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on December 16, 2015 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Deputy Reeve Frank Bruce, Councillors Tom Johnson and Monte Carrier, and Acting CAO Hilda Zotter.

Absent: Councillor Laurent Kerbrat due to illness.

Reeve Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Call to Order**

**Res #413/15**

**Johnson - Bruce**

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

....Carried

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Res #414/15**

**Johnson - Carrier**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of December 2, 2015 be hereby adopted as circulated.

....Carried

**Finance & Accounts Payable**

**Res #415/15**

**Johnson - Bruce**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** accounts payable to December 16, 2015 written under cheque numbers 24135 to 24177 and totaling \$80,392.55 be hereby approved for payment.

....Carried

**Res #416/2015                      Bruce - Carrier**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council Indemnities for December 2015 and expenses for November 2015 be approved as follows:

	<b>Cheryl Smith</b>	<b>Tom Johnson</b>	<b>Frank Bruce</b>	<b>Laurent Kerbrat</b>	<b>Monte Carrier</b>
Monthly Indemnity	480.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00
Meetings/ Meals	-	50.00	150.00	300.00	350.00
Hourly	-	-	15.00	15.00	30.00
Conferences	600.00	-	600.00	600.00	600.00
Mileage	306.00	19.80	240.75	176.85	284.40
Deductions	-27.14	-5.36	-25.91	-	-31.60
Reimburse/ adjust	115.33	-	144.32	20.30	75.44
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,474.17</b>	<b>\$439.44</b>	<b>\$1,499.16</b>	<b>\$1,487.15</b>	<b>\$1,683.24</b>

...Carried

**Res #417/2015                      Johnson - Carrier**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements dated November 30, 2015 be adopted as presented.

...Carried

It was agreed that council needed more time to review the draft 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements. This agenda item is to be deferred to the next meeting.

**Res #418/2015                      Johnson - Bruce**

**WHEREAS** the St. Laurent Hockey Committee is experiencing financial difficulties due to an increase in rent and other costs such as referees, equipment and hockey registration.

**AND WHEREAS** financial documents have been received and reviewed by R.M. staff and a recommendation has been made.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize a VLT funds contribution to the St. Laurent Hockey Committee in the amount of \$8,000.00.

....Carried

**Res #419/2015**                      **Carrier - Bruce**

**WHEREAS** members of the RM of St. Laurent Council has met with the St. Laurent Co-operative Recreation Centre.

**AND WHEREAS** the St. Laurent Co-operative Recreation Centre is experiencing financial difficulties.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** the R.M. staff has received and reviewed financial documents provided by the St. Laurent Cooperative Recreation Centre.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize a VLT funds contribution to the St. Laurent Co-operative Recreation Centre in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these funds are applied towards the outstanding balance to Greenbrush.

....Carried

**Res #420/2015**                      **Johnson - Bruce**

**WHEREAS** the Oak Point Community Club pays property taxes on the local cemetery.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the reimbursement of said taxes to the Oak Point Community Club in the amount of \$71.60.

....Carried

**Res #421/2015**                      **Carrier - Bruce**

**WHEREAS** the R.M. of St. Laurent will be receiving historical artifacts returning from exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute Museum and will be requiring a place of safekeeping of said artifacts for historical preservation, educational purposes and tourism opportunities.

**AND WHEREAS** development and building of a museum for this purpose has been proposed.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** in order to move forward with the proposal, a comprehensive business plan which includes a feasibility study to be used to

leverage funds from other agencies will need to be obtained.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** it is determined that a feasibility study of this nature can cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** a number of grant applications require a resolution from the municipality committing resources to said project.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the St. Laurent Metis Cultural Museum Project and commits the sum of \$10,000 to said project.

...Carried

**Res #422/2015**

**Johnson - Bruce**

**WHEREAS** ten members of the St. Laurent Fire Department require recertification of their Standard First Aid and CPR certificate.

**AND WHEREAS** a quote has been received from Gwen Sigurdson and Jane Hook.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve members of the St. Laurent Fire Department taking the said course with Jane Hook at the rate of \$110.00 per person.

...Carried

### Committee Reports

#### Councillor Tom Johnson's Report

- Attended Handivan meeting – there are quite a number of trips booked, however they will have to look at restructuring fee schedule because they are losing money. Many good ideas are being look at and rides are planned right through to March. They are also still looking for volunteer drivers.
- Attended Minister's meeting at the office (ANA) regarding feasibility study – this was a very good meeting.
- Only three people at the Planning meeting (snow storm) so no meeting was held.

#### Councillor Monte Carrier's Report

- Attended ANA Minister's meeting as well – very positive for the R.M. This meeting was with Robert Wavey, Deputy Minister for Aboriginal and

Northern Affairs, Executive Director Robert Ballantyne, and Policy Analyst Jacqueline Bedard regarding funding for the feasibility study for the proposed museum. They assured us that work would go forward without delay.

- CDC meeting – discussion on how we are going to move forward and this is a very positive outlook. Minutes will be provided once available.
- Plans for Volunteer Appreciation Day are going ahead – first thought would have the day at the end of January, however since the Reeve will be away then and she would be invited to this event, the date is recommended to be in February. They want to recognize three types of volunteers in the community and are looking at a budget of about \$5,000 to include food, entertainment, etc. Request is made for council's input on how to proceed. Council advised to be brought a budget breakdown for this event.
- Worked on trying to get ahold of the applicant who sent in a resume in response to the Dogcatcher ad, however is unable to get ahold of this person.

#### Councillor Frank Bruce's Report

- Also attend the ANA meeting at the office. Also reported on a positive outlook.
- Snowclearing of private drives will be done, however, the resident must sign a waiver which is available at the R.M. office and the area to be cleared will need to be inspected to verify if it can actually accommodate the snowplow. There will be a charge for this service: \$30.00 for seniors and \$50.00 otherwise.

#### Councillor Laurent Kerbrat's Report

- Absent due to illness

#### Reeve Cheryl Smith's Report

- Attended CDC meeting
- Had a meeting with Fire Department Acting Fire Chief, Deputies, and Councillors Frank Bruce and Laurent Kerbrat regarding the vision as to what

the Fire Department should be in the R.M. There will be some changes and items to budget for in the near future.

- Did not attend ANA Minister's meeting here at the RM due to conflict. The fact that they were willing to come here shows the support they are willing to give us.
- Much time spent with office staff emailing and phone calls back and forth.
- Some discussion with Sensus to move the 2014 audit forward and finalized.
- Communication with lawyers regarding the Neal Gaudry Centre.
- Communicating with IERHA regarding the ambulance station and proper licencing and first responders' transfer of function training arrangements. Will need to sit down with Fire Department for this.

Acting CAO Hilda Zotter's report:

- Attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes.

EDO/MEC Maurice Allard's report:

- Attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes.

Public Works Foreman Dean Appleyard's report:

- Attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes.

Fire Department Report:

- The CPR course offered by Jane Hook is generally a two day course and that is what the quote is based on. Anything out of that guideline would have added costs.
- Some members need to take ICS (Incident Command System) course which is online with no fees.
- New course being offered – Rural Office Training – also an online course at no charge.
- Fireman's Christmas Dinner turned out well – excellent food.
- Now working on organizing Fireman's Ball – all going ahead well.
- Roger Leclerc will accept to take on the role as Fire Chief when he is ready.



- The R.M. to schedule a meeting between RCMP Sgt. Marshall, Fire Chief, Deputies, and Councillors Frank Bruce and Laurent Kerbrat for a meeting regarding the use of local boats and the Fire Department's Zodiac.
- New members – what is RM's policy on accepting firefighters living in other RMs?

### Delegations

The delegation scheduled for 7:00 p.m has been cancelled and moved to the agenda of January 6, 2016 at the same time due to Councillor Kerbrat's absence (he holds the drainage portfolio).

### Zoning & Subdivisions

None

### Transportation & Public Works

None

### New & Unfinished Business

Councillor Frank Bruce filed a Motion to rescind Resolution No. 389/2015.

The 2015/2016 Emergency Management Plan has been deferred for further review prior to approval.

#### **Res #423/15**

#### **Johnson - Carrier**

**WHEREAS** the R.M. has received an Application for Purchase of Crown Lands for Roll No. 6500 from Crown Lands and Property Agency (CLPA).

**AND WHEREAS** the said property is a very narrow and long strip of land that runs between two of the applicant's privately owned properties and is proposed to be used for pasture for their hobby farm.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** CLPA is seeking recommendation from the R.M.  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recommends that ownership of the subject property be transferred to the applicant and has no objection to the transfer.

**...Carried**

**Res #424/15**

**Bruce - Carrier**

**WHEREAS** the R.M. has received an Engagement Letter from Taxervice dated November 30, 2015, outlining their process and fees.

**AND WHEREAS** the services of Taxervice have been used by the R.M. for a number of years in administration of the tax sale process with great success, with ratepayers in arrears and in the tax sale process paying the cost of this service rather than the ratepayers that pay on time.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the hiring of Taxervice for the administration of the tax sale process for properties in arrears of taxes for the 2014 levy year.

**....Carried**

The matter of the outstanding payable from the old CDC account has been deferred to the CDC to review.

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

#### **Correspondence:**

None

#### **Minutes:**

- Minutes of Meeting No. 81-15 – October 15, 2015 - WIWCD
- Minutes of Meeting – November 16, 2015 – Prairie Rose School Division
- Community Futures – November 18, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting
- Interlake Tourism Association – Board of Director Minutes – December 3, 2015
- Prairie Rose School Division – Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2015
- St. Laurent Fire Department – Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2015
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Committee of the Whole in Camera

None

Adjourn

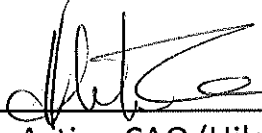
Res #425/2015

Carrier - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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Reeve (Cheryl Smith)

  
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Acting CAO (Hilda Zotter)

## MECEDO Report

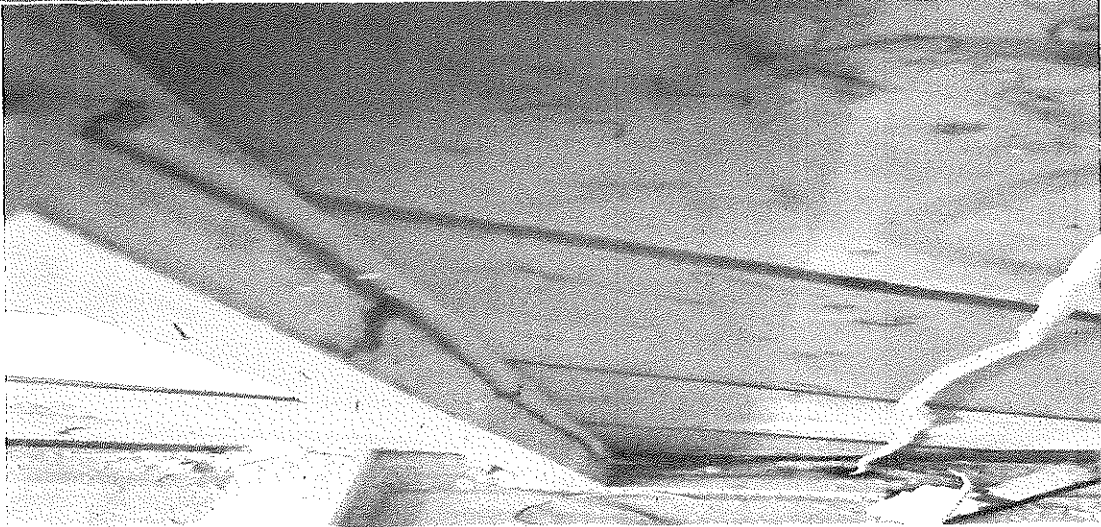
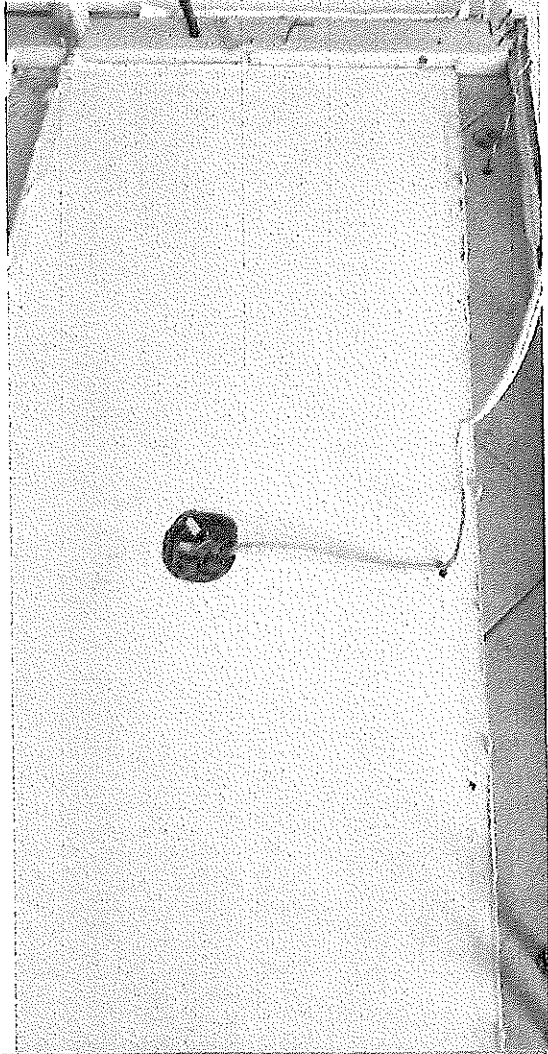
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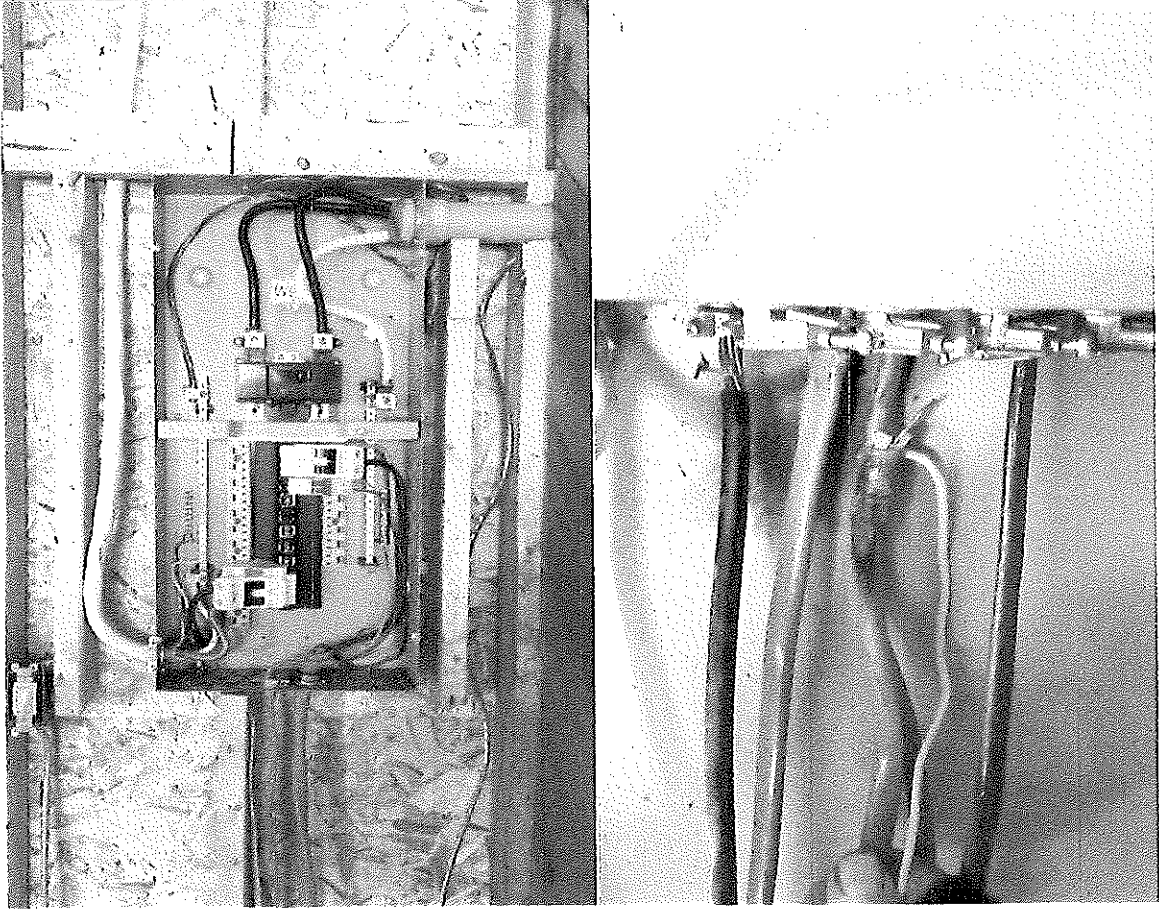
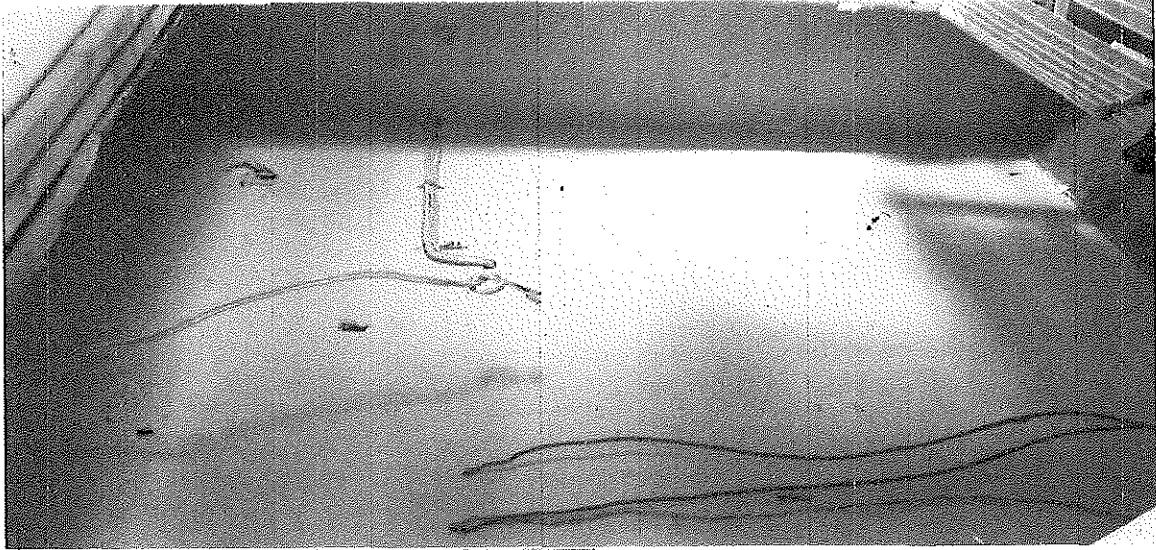
A very positive meeting was held with the Deputy Minister and staff of the Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Department. The conclusion was that they really liked our museum idea and wanted to move forward quickly in the hopes of having a feasibility study done within the next 90 days. Jacqueline Bedard from ANA will be working closely with me in the next few weeks to see the process through.

Under the umbrella of the CDC we have submitted 3 requests for funding. Two have been for the Museum project and one is for more portable washrooms. A 4<sup>th</sup> application for the Green Team will be completed and submitted within the next few days.

There is reported wind damage to the fabric building at the Waste Transfer Station. We believe it dates back to the wind storm of Thanksgiving Day morning. We have asked our insurers to send an adjuster to have a look and assess the damage. Originally we thought only one support had come loose, but our own investigation leads us to believe the damage may be significant. This leads me to wonder if this type of building is suitable for our environment and if we should hold off on buying another one for the public works and fire department for the short term.

Work continues at a swift pace across the street. All demolition is complete and interior framing has been done. We have run into a major issue with the existing electrical which will have to be rectified. It appears the previous owner wired a number of circuits using orange electrical cord and wired in fixtures without any boxes. One of these circuits had already overheated. One of the electrical panels was un-grounded and connections were loose leading to arcing and a number of wires melted. Electrical permits have been pulled and the wiring will be remediated to meet code.





Acting CAO Report – December 16, 2015

Reviewed Final Assessment Roll to make sure all the revisions have been entered.

Contacted our insurance broker to confirm that wind damage to the EcoCentre building can be claimed. They will be getting in touch with us soon to schedule a visit from an adjuster.

Our staff Christmas Dinner was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at MTT.

Worked on CAO advertisement – was in this Saturday's edition of the Winnipeg Free Press, and will run in the French newspaper, La Liberte, on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for resumes is January 22, 2016.

Office – second remittance of school taxes has been done. Karen is working on the December newsletter as well as the "Year in Review" sheet.