



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2022

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, February 2, 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. Vern Coutu arrived at 10:25 a.m.

Regrets: Phil Mathews

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #25/2022 Bruce - Combot

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

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #26/2022 Combot - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2022
- Special Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2022

be hereby approved by Council as circulated.

....Carried

Committee Reports:

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Set a date for PW meeting; Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the policies for snow clearing and driveways.
- T-4's are almost completed.

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- Starlink will be sending the contribution agreement – Statement of work to be signed and sent back. RM will provide the link to Starlink.

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Went to look at a front one -way blade. Assisted the Public Works with install of the plow. New plow needs a little bit of adjusting, riding up and down on top of the snow.
- Made an appointment with Sterling to look at a V-plow.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Attended the special meeting for the purchase of grader.
- Prairie Rose School Division, closed all schools on January 27, 2022, but RM roads in St. Laurent were opened in a timely fashion.

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Couple Zoom Meetings with the IERHA. Zoomed with Greg Reid from IERHA and CAO regarding the St. Laurent Health Clinic and lease.
- Fire department meeting with council; discussed miscommunications regarding Highway 6 incident. Discussed policy moving forward. Positive meeting.
- Discussed Fire department 2022 Budget; list provided by Fire department.
- Reeve extends her thanks to Deputy Fire Chief Matt Riding and the CAO for their extensive research that was done concerning budget preparations and funding opportunities for the fire department.
- Bylaws being reviewed; and a Zoom meeting to be held with Owen Fergusson, Department of Justice on February 8, 2022.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Community Connector, Marlene Combot, did an excellent job on CTV News.
- Hoping that this will assist with future sustainability opportunities for said position.

Finance & Accounts

Res #27/2022

Bruce - Combot

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

Res # 29/2022 Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS the RM requires a snow bucket for the public works tractor.

AND WHEREAS two quotes have been received, and the quote from Leo’s Sales & Services which is \$3500.00 plus applicable taxes and delivery to St. Laurent is the most favorable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the purchase of a 2022 HLA 108” Snow Bucket from Leo’s Sales & Services in the amount of \$3,500.00 plus applicable taxes and delivery.

....Carried

Res #30/2022 Combot - Coutu

WHEREAS a quote has been received from Cummins Sales and Service to repair the emergency electric ALC generator in the amount of \$2,331.85 plus applicable taxes.

AND WHEREAS the estimate has been reviewed by Council with the result that it is determined that the repairs are to be completed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendations by Cummins Sales and Services.

....Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Res #31/2022 Coutu – Bruce

WHEREAS the Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant is available to Municipalities and is offered by the Intact Public Entities organization to assist with ensuring resiliency to fire and flood events.

AND WHEREAS the RM’s Fire Department has put together a grant application for the installation of additional Dry Hydrants throughout the RM, including modification to the pump trailer which would also assist in times of flood events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Fire Department submitting application for said grant.

....Carried

New and Unfinished Business

Res #32/2022

Bruce – Combot

WHEREAS the RM requires a policy that addresses COVID Vaccination and Testing to ensure the health and safety of its employees, council, and the public.

AND WHEREAS the RM's legal counsel has drafted a COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy for Council's review and approval.

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

....Carried

Res #33/2022

Coutu - Combot

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 2021, meaning that the first year from 2021 that taxes are in arrears is 2020.

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 2020 or prior 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 2020 or prior years' arrears be held on Friday, November 25, 2022 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.

....Carried

Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Lake Manitoba/ Lake St. Martin – Outlet Channels Project

Minutes:

- None

Committee of the Whole in Camera

- None

CDC MATTERS

- None

RM (CDC MATTERS)

- None

Adjourn

Res #34/2022

Combot - Coutu

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

.....Carried



Reeve



CAO