

## Rural Municipality of St. Laurent

Regular Meeting

April 5, 2017

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### AMENDED AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Confirmation of Minutes
  - Minutes of March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting
4. Finance & Accounts
  - Accounts Payable to April 5, 2017
  - Website Upgrade
  - Funding request – Oak Point Community Club
  - Handivan Charter – Volunteer Award Dinner, April 25
  - RM Contribution to Canada 150 Celebration
  - Disaster Management Conference – May 31 to June 2, 2017, Winnipeg
  - Fire Department – Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs Conference – Winnipeg June 1 to June 3
  - Fire Department – Recerts of CPR & First Aid
  - Fire Department – Purchase of Supplies
5. Committee Reports
  - Tom Johnson
  - Monte Carrier
  - Frank Bruce
  - Laurent Kerbrat
  - Cheryl Smith
  - Media Report
  - CAO
  - MEC
  - EDO
  - Public Works
  - Fire Department
6. Zoning & Subdivisions
  - 7:00 pm – Presentation of draft Zoning By-Law No. 5/05 Amendment – WIPD

7. Delegations

- 7:30 pm – Status of Proposed Fish Plant - Community Development First

8. Transportation & Public Works

- GPR Project Management and Consulting – Geoff Reimer, Drainage Consultant

9. New & Unfinished Business

- Community Futures – Investment Review Committee Appointment
- Lake Francis Wildlife Management Area Working Group Committee – RM representative appointment
- Handivan – increase of annual contribution
- WIPD – increase of annual contribution
- *AMM June District Meetings*

10. Correspondence/Minutes from others

Correspondence/Information:

- AMM Annual convention – new resolutions
- AMM – dropped resolutions
- Letter from Keystone Ag Producers – March 18, 2017
- New 2016 Census population data – pop. Increase from 1305 to 1338

Minutes:

- IERHA – Board of Directors Meeting – Feb 23/17
- Prairie Rose School Division – Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights – Mar 20/17
- Prairie Rose School Division – Board Meeting – Mar 6/17

11. Committee of the Whole in Camera

- Personnel
- Legal

12. Adjourn



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MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Laurent Kerbrat, Monte Carrier and Tom Johnson, and CAO Hilda Zotter.

Absent: Councillor Frank Bruce.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #83/2017                      Johnson - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Res #84/2017                      Johnson - Carrier  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2017 be hereby adopted as circulated.

....Carried

Finance & Accounts Payable

Res #85/2017                      Carrier - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable to April 5, 2017 written under cheque numbers 25423 to 25461 and totaling \$44,846.39 be hereby approved for payment.

....Carried

Res #86/2017 Johnson - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** the RM of St. Laurent owns the property in Oak Point known as the Oak Point Community Hall and which facility is operated by the Oak Point Community Club.

**AND WHEREAS** RM staff and council have reviewed the request for financial assistance and financial information provided by Oak Point Community Club.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the RM review the feasibility of ownership and maintenance of the facility and call a community consultation on an emergency basis to determine interest and issues moving forward.

....Carried

Res #87/2017 Carrier - Johnson

**WHEREAS** Marion Furey is to receive the "Making a Difference" volunteer award at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Award Event being held in Winnipeg on April 25, 2017 and a large group of people from the community, comprising mostly of seniors, wish to attend the event in support.

**AND WHEREAS** this event presents a good opportunity for the promotion and use of the West Interlake Handivan service to which the R.M. annually contributes funds.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** the cost of the rental of the Handivan for this event would be \$308.00 and would provide transportation for as many as eighteen people and the RM has been asked to sponsor the cost of this rental.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the disbursement of \$308.00 for the above-noted purpose.

....Carried

Res #88/2017 Johnson - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** the RM is actively planning a Canada 150 Celebration event for July 1, 2017, and by resolution, has appointed a Canada 150 Celebrations committee to plan the event, and has set up a separate bank account to facilitate the receipt of funding and other revenue and disbursement of funds related only to the event.

**AND WHEREAS** initial funding will be required from the RM for this event in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover the expense of deposits for securing items such as food and entertainment and for purchase of supplies.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the RM's contribution of \$10,000.00 toward the event and that the funds be transferred from its general operating account to the RM's Canada 150 Celebrations account.

....Carried

Res #89/2017 Carrier - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** quotes have been received for the placement of a sign beside the Rec Centre which would promote the RM's participation in the Canada 150 celebrations and our community's recreation and tourism opportunities.

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of the sign would be \$1570.70, which includes applicable taxes.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the purchase of the sign funded from the remaining 2016 Municipal Programs Grant in the amount of \$1,000, and the remainder from the 2017 Municipal Programs Grant in the amount of \$570.70 for a total of \$1570.70.

....Carried

Res #90/2017 Johnson - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** the 2017 Disaster Management Conference is being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from May 31 to June 2, 2017.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the attendance of Reeve Smith and MEC Paul Belair at said event.

....Carried

Res #91/2017 Kerbrat - Carrier

**WHEREAS** the 2017 Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs Conference is being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from June 1 to June 3, 2017.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the attendance of Fire Chief Real Fontaine and Deputy Fire Chief Roger Leclerc at this event.

....Carried

Res #92/2017 Johnson - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** the St. Laurent Fire Department requires supplies and the Fire Chief has obtained competitive quotes for such supplies.

**AND WHEREAS** the supplies needed and costs would be as follows:

2 helmet lights	\$250.00 plus tax
5 pairs of Firefighter's socks	<u>\$ 85.00 plus tax</u>
TOTAL:	\$335.00 plus tax

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the purchase of the said items in the amount of \$335.00 plus tax.

....Carried

## Committee Reports

### Councillor Tom Johnson's Report

- Handivan - hired Arlene Darknell from Eriksdale as the new coordinator, possible grant to purchase a new handivan, one that will be easier to park and enable locking in wheelchairs, and priced out cost of trade in for the older handivan.

### Councillor Monte Carrier's Report

- WIPD – discussed issues with revised municipal contributions, no vote yet. 3 possible scenarios based on assessments, usage and population. Either way our RMs contribution will increase. Discussed the potential of increasing the cost of permits as there has been no increase since 2004.
- Economic Development – meetings to discuss possible public docks, public facilities for visitors and residents, ALC and Welcome Centre expansions, and partnership projects. More info will be provided once they have specifics.

### Councillor Frank Bruce's Report

- No report at this time.

### Councillor Laurent Kerbrat's Report

- Handivan - Attended meetings with Tom Johnson. They would like suggestions on how to make this work for all parties.
- Recreation - Attended open house for St. Laurent arena to view renovations to date.
- Future meetings planned with St. Laurent Rec Centre and WIPD.

### Reeve Cheryl Smith's Report

- Met with RM's lawyer to discuss the revised lease with IERHA at the ALC.
- Met with RM's accountant to review the 2017 budget. Waiting on a few items to finalize.
- Also attended meetings with the Canada150 committee. Things are moving forward with planning the event. The community is coming together to help. Monetary and In-Kind Donations are starting to come in from local organizations, businesses and individuals. Bricks are being purchased to form a path to the new monument that will be unveiled at the event. Benches will also be sold and put up around the monument area and some people are requesting to put them up at other locations in the community.

- Met with Regional Consultant for Recreation Regional Services to discuss the Rec Director position.
- Also worked and met with staff on various files.

#### Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- CJOB Winnipeg – radio interview scheduled for April 6, 2017.

#### CAO report

- Attended meetings with Lawyer and Accountant.
- Public hearings for the finalized budget is set for May 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the RM Council Chambers.

#### MEC report:

- Continuing research and training. Completed ESS 100 and Incident Command Centre online courses.
- Met with Penny Byron, MEC during 2011 and 2014 flood emergencies, to get her input on activities and procedures.
- Has toured parts of the town to check water levels and has also met with some individuals with concerns.
- EMO opening a Municipal Emergency Coordinator Centre and wants daily updates.

#### EDO report:

- Working on new monument to be erected and the Canada 150 celebration.
- Meeting with Interlake, Indigenous and Municipal Relations and potentially holding a consultation regarding the old fire hall.
- Received quotes from the architect for next steps on the museum. Once drawings are ready they can be tendered out to contractors.
- Household hazardous waste program is still in the paperwork process. They will contact Dean or Roger to discuss training and implementation.

#### Public Works report (Dean Appleyard):

- Has done a lot of steaming of culverts and ditch drainage.
- Some graveling and culvert repair. Hoping to repair damaged signs shortly and start grading roads once conditions are right.
- Reviewing a drainage issue at Venice Road. May need to get advice from drainage consultant Geoff Reimer. Will have to get information from WIPD in regards to whose property it is.

*Committee reports to be resumed after scheduled delegation.*

Zoning & Subdivisions

7:00 pm - Cherie Millar from the West Interlake Planning District presented to Council on the draft amendment to zoning by-law no. 5/05 regarding secondary suites. CAO to review further before first reading.

*Committee reports resumes:*

Fire Department Report:

- Attended mutual aid meeting with Roger where the topic of discussion was MPI claims. There seem to be issues with the program that need to be fixed. He may seek assistance from Laura Allard from MPI.
- Grass fire season is upon us. Real and Roger have already received calls for permits and have issued some.
- EMRs are active and have been responding to quite a few medical calls with the help of the fire department. Seems to be some good interest in the new EMR recruiting session.
- Real announced that he is stepping down as fire chief effective June 30, 2017. Roger Leclerc will be stepping in as Fire Chief.

Transportation & Public Works

Res #93/2017                      Johnson – Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** the RM's Public Works Committee has met with drainage consultant, Geoff Reimer, on March 13, 2017.

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Reimer's familiarity with the area and prior experience would be an asset to be utilized as needed by the RM.

**AND FURTHER WHEREAS** Mr. Reimer has provided a quote of \$80.00 per hour or a daily rate of \$500 per day along with other types of quotes depending on scope of project and as outlined in his email to the RM dated March 13, 2017.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the hiring of Geoff Reimer as drainage consultant on an as-needed basis.

....Carried

New & Unfinished Business

Res #94/2017                      Carrier - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** Councillor Monte Carrier and EDO Tiffany Desjarlais are representatives of the RM on the Community Futures board with Monte Carrier being on the



Investment Review Committee which sits prior to regular Community Futures meetings.

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Carrier has difficulty attending the Committee meeting due to prior commitments and wishes to appoint Ms. Desjarlais, with Councillor Frank Bruce as an alternate, to the Investment Review Committee in his place.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the appointment of Tiffany Desjarlais to the Investment Review Committee and Councillor Frank Bruce as the alternate, (with Ms. Desjarlais and Mr. Carrier to remain as representatives of the RM on the regular Community Futures board).

....Carried

Res #95/2017                      Johnson - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** the Lake Francis Wildlife Management Working Group met on March 15, 2017 so as to establish a new committee which would meet regularly to discuss management of the water levels of Lake Francis.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the appointment of Councillors Monte Carrier and Frank Bruce to the Lake Francis Wildlife Management Working Group Committee.

....Carried

Res #96/2017                      Kerbrat - Carrier

**WHEREAS** the West Interlake Handivan Association has provided the R.M. with a letter advising of a levy payment increase from \$2.00 per capita to \$2.50 per capita which would affect the R.M. budget with an increase from \$2,610.00 to \$3,262.50.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the levy increase for the 2017 budget year.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs the CAO to review the feasibility of the program and provide recommendations for the 2018 budget year.

....Carried

Res #97/2017                      Carrier - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** the St. Laurent and District Recreation Commission Agreement Between Partners (R.M. of St. Laurent, R.M. of Portage La Prairie and Prairie Rose School Division) signed on April 15, 2005 and attached to By-Law No. 2/05 as Schedule A is in need of amendment to better fit the needs of the parties and the community.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct the CAO to amend the Agreement Between Partners and provide same for council review, and for review to the R.M. of Portage La Prairie, and the Prairie Rose School Division.

....Carried

Res #98/2017

Kerbrat - Carrier

**WHEREAS** Jane Chartrand resigned her position as Recreation Director with the St. Laurent and District Recreation Commission in October of 2016.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct the CAO, Hilda Zotter, and EDO Tiffany Desjarlais to work with Ian Goodall-George of Recreation and Regional Services Interlake, Indigenous and Municipal Relations, to advertise for the position of a new Recreation Director.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the hiring committee for the Recreation Director be comprised of Councillor Laurent Kerbrat (Recreation and Culture Committee Chair), EDO Tiffany Desjarlais, and Ian Goodall-George.

....Carried

### Correspondence/Minutes from Others

#### Correspondence/Information:

- AMM Annual convention – new resolutions
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- Letter from Keystone Ag Producers – March 18, 2017
- New 2016 Census population data – pop. Increase from 1305 to 1338

#### Minutes:

- IERHA – Board of Directors Meeting – Feb 23/17
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- Prairie Rose School Division – Board Meeting – Mar 6/17

### Delegations

7:30 pm – Status of Proposed Fish Plant – Community Development First Members of the CDF management team presented on the status of the proposed Sweetwater Fish processing facility project. To date they have received letters of support from the Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade, the National Indigenous Council and others. They also reported that private funding is in place for the project but they are still looking to purchase appropriate land that will meet the environmental requirements and the building/space needs for a 150,000sq ft building plan. It is their hope to be ready to start processing by late 2020. CDF to manage and operate the facility initially. Training will then be provided to other personnel and eventually engage personnel from St. Laurent and surrounding areas. The plant plans to include water and waste water treatment plants, offal processing, canned fish, smoked fish, hatchery, etc. It hopes to be

processing up to 100 million pounds of fish at year 3 of operation. Meat will come largely from Manitoba but may need to look to Saskatchewan and Ontario as well.

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #99/2017                      Johnson - Kerbrat

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

....Carried

Res #100/2017                     Johnson - Kerbrat

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

....Carried

Res #101/2017                     Kerbrat - Carrier

**WHEREAS** a one-year performance evaluation has been completed by the CAO and the Chair of Personnel, Reeve Smith, for Economic Development Officer, Tiffany Desjarlais.

**AND WHEREAS** the said performance evaluation has been discussed with council and a wage increase of \$1.00 per hour is recommended, effective April 9, 2017.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize a wage increase for Tiffany Desjarlais of \$1.00 per hour effective April 9, 2017.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Ms. Desjarlais is now a full-time employee of the R.M. of St. Laurent and has completed her probationary period as of today's date.

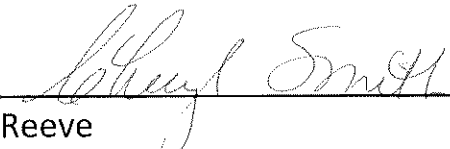
....Carried

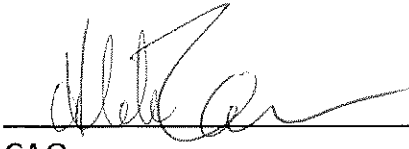
Adjourn

Res #102/2017                     Johnson - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

....Carried

  
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## Rural Municipality of St. Laurent

### Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

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### AMENDED AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Confirmation of Minutes
  - Minutes of April 5, 2017 Regular Meeting
4. Finance & Accounts
  - Council Indemnities and Expenses
  - Accounts Payable to April 19, 2017
  - Financial Statements ending March 31, 2017
  - Oak Point Community Club – Outstanding Hydro bill
5. Committee Reports
  - Tom Johnson
  - Monte Carrier
  - Frank Bruce
  - Laurent Kerbrat
  - Cheryl Smith
  - Media Report
  - CAO
  - MEC
  - EDO
  - Public Works
  - Fire Department
6. Zoning & Subdivisions
  - Desjarlais – subdivision approval
7. Delegations
  - 7:15 p.m. – RCMP – Community Report
  - 7:30 p.m. – Proposed Fish Plan – Presentation with Eva Luk

8. Transportation & Public Works

— R.M. of Woodlands — Venice Road South

9. New & Unfinished Business

- Confirmation of funds toward Economic Development – re AMBM Activities Report
- Invitation for Signing and Launch of West Interlake Regional Strategy – Monday April 24, 2017
- The 2017 AMM June District Meetings Resolutions – For discussion only
- Disaster Management Conference attendance

10. Correspondence/Minutes from others

Correspondence:

- Invitation for Signing and Launch of West Interlake Regional Strategy – Monday April 24, 2017.

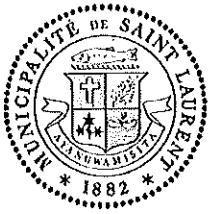
Minutes:

- Community Futures – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2017
- Prairie Rose School Division – Board Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2017
- Western Interlake Planning District – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2017
- St. Laurent Fire Department Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2017
- Prairie Rose School Division – Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights – April 10, 2017

11. Committee of the Whole in Camera

- Legal

12. Adjourn



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MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Laurent Kerbrat, Monte Carrier and Tom Johnson, and Assistant CAO Karen Leclerc.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #103/2017                      Johnson - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Adoption of Minutes

Res #104/2017                      Johnson - Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2017 be hereby adopted as circulated.

....Carried

Councillor Frank Bruce noted that absences to meeting should be recorded as regrets when prior notice is given by the person not in attendance. Absences would pertain to no attendance and no prior notice given.                      ....all agreed

Finance & Accounts Payable

Res #105/2017                      Carrier - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for April 2017 and Expenses for March 2017 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Tom Johnson	Frank Bruce	Laurent Kerbrat	Monte Carrier
Monthly Indemnity	480.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00
Meetings/ Meals	300.00	150.00	400.00	350.00	400.00
Hourly	-	-	120.00	-	-
Conferences	-	-	-	-	-
Mileage	-	71.10	138.15	166.05	29.25
Deductions	-15.76	-7.84	-18.48	-	-12.54
Reimburse/ adjust	16.62	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$780.86</b>	<b>\$588.26</b>	<b>\$1,014.67</b>	<b>\$891.05</b>	<b>\$791.71</b>

....Carried

Res #106/2017

Kerbrat - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT accounts payable to April 19, 2017 written under cheque numbers 25462 to 25511 and totaling \$55,787.82 be hereby approved for payment.

....Carried

Res #107/2017

Johnson - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2017, be adopted as presented.

....Carried

Res #108/2017

Johnson - Kerbrat

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent owns the property in Oak Point known as the Oak Point Community Hall and which facility is operated by the Oak Point Community Club.

AND WHEREAS the Oak Point Community Club approached the RM of St. Laurent for financial assistance to restore the hydro to the building and get it operational again.

AND FURTHER WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent held a community consultation to determine the feasibility of ownership and maintenance of the facility where the community demonstrated concern to keep the facility operational.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM provide payment of the outstanding hydro bill in the amount of \$2,797.96.

....Carried

Reeve Smith added that the Consultation held on April 13, 2017 resulted in a very positive outcome. Oak Point Community Club and residents of Oak Point showed a

lot of willingness to get the hall running again and will be endeavouring to hold an Annual General Meeting to discuss further activity plans and present to Council on what's doable for their community.

Question raised by Councillor Johnson as to why the RM wasn't contacted by Hydro if the property is owned by the RM of St. Laurent. Council directed RM staff to contact Manitoba Hydro to discuss.

Councillor Bruce suggests adding a note in the RM Newsletter that anyone can make a donation to this organization through the RM office in order for donors to receive a charitable tax receipt.

### Committee Reports

#### Councillor Tom Johnson's Report

- Oak Point Community Club's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

#### Councillor Monte Carrier's Report

- WIPD committee held a vote on the budget format in favor of remaining as status quo.

#### Councillor Frank Bruce's Report

- Inspected Venice Road S. There are about 8 holes. Public Works could take care of most of the repairs with asphalt and aggregate. It will be less costly and hopefully it will fix the issue.
- Public Works department working on plugged or collapsed culverts throughout the Municipality.

#### Councillor Laurent Kerbrat's Report

- The St. Laurent Senior Resource Council's Old Time Dance held on March 19, 2017 at the St. Laurent Rec Centre was a success. They raised about \$1300. Next one scheduled for June.

#### Reeve Cheryl Smith's Report

- Attended AMM Mayors, Reeves and CAO's meeting as well as the Municipal Officials Seminar in April. There were good discussions and networking with other RM's and Towns. Looking to present resolutions in partnership with some of them in regards to reducing red tape for non-profit groups whereas they would not have to do a full audit but that the government would accept



a notice to reader; and also discussions to change the water sampling/testing to every 3 years as opposed to every year to alleviate costs.

- Spoke with the Reeve of Portage La Prairie to confirm relationship with RM of St. Laurent and both being part of the Recreation Commission. RM of Portage will contribute in-kind toward infrastructure use in the community of St. Ambroise.
- Reeve of Cartier, Portage and a councillor from St. Francois Xavier approached Reeve Smith to discuss lake levels. They agreed that the flood of 2011 has taught them a lot and that they are now more conscious and knowledgeable about flowing too much water through the portage diversion. They are all hoping to work together so that Lake Manitoba does not go over the 814 flood mark.

#### Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Has done 3 reports with TV and Radio mostly pertaining to the proposed Fish Plants and upcoming Canada 150 celebrations in St. Laurent on July 1, 2017.

#### CAO report

- No report. CAO away at this time.

#### MEC report:

- Continues to send daily water reports to the province. They are just monitoring at this time.
- Met with Reeve Smith and Councillor Bruce to discuss pre-preparation scenarios in case of flooding. This includes creating a list of suppliers and contacts for materials that may be needed (i.e. Sand); determining area needs, access points and other resources, etc.
- Needs to ensure contractors have proper paperwork in place such as insurance and workers compensation. Also ensure that gravel pits, etc have the necessary permits.
- Looked into ice buildup concerns. It doesn't appear to be an issue this year.
- Has been reporting/updating on facebook to keep people in the loop and hopefully at ease.

#### EDO report:

- Working on the Canada150 and getting paraphernalia available at the event. We are getting donation of flags from MMF (Metis) and possible the MLA for

Interlake Derek Johnson. Unable to obtain a Canadian Flag from MP James Bezan's office so we will have to buy.

- Canadian Heritage is providing history books for children in both official languages.
- Looking for someone to organize the kids' activities for the event. It was suggested to contact the schools. Baseball tournament for youth is still not confirmed.
- Working on the advertisement for porta potty maintenance workers for the summer months and for new permanent Rec Director. We are hoping to have the program running again for summer programming.
- Received approval from Green Team Manitoba for hiring of 2 green team employees in partnership with the St. Laurent Rec Centre.

Public Works report (Dean Appleyard):

- No report. Foreman, Dean Appleyard not present, sent his regrets

Fire Department Report:

- Fire Department requesting ditch cleaning be done as there was an instance where garbage from the ditch caused issues for the Stars helicopter who had to land for an emergency call.
- Looking into pricing for an anemometer device that measures wind speed and direction that would be for grass fires and also in helicopter scenarios.
- Doing research on dry hydrants information, set-up and costs. If it works well we can have some around the community.
- The fire department has been responding to grass fires and a few medical calls as of late and working on CPR/First Aid recertification.
- Headstart is doing a Touch A Truck fundraiser where they would need the firetrucks present on display.
- Discussed a request from a resident for tiger tubing. There are pros and cons to this feature but the cons are too risky. Also requested that this individual touch base with the RM/MEC for future information when it comes to flooding issues.
- He was approached by Kathleen Rummerfield to seek his advice on releasing lanterns for the Canada150 event. It is highly dependent on wind and grass conditions.
- He reported that his date of retirement will actually be May 31, 2017 and that Roger Leclerc, Deputy Fire Chief, will be stepping into the role of Fire Chief as of that date. He will not be attending the Fire Chief's conference.

## Zoning & Subdivisions

Res #109/2017                      Johnson - Kerbrat

WHEREAS a Subdivision Application under File #4178-17-5529 from Tiffany and Lee Desjarlais located at Lot 2 Plan 25440 in the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent has been received for review.

AND WHEREAS the intent of this subdivision is to subdivide one unused area into a lot for development purposes.

AND WHEREAS the government departments and the Planning Office have reviewed said application and have no comments or concerns because this is a simple subdivision that conforms to minimum size, and has frontage on municipal road.

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Community and Regional Planning Branch has reported no concerns with this application, subject to the RM being satisfied that the proposed subdivision is in compliance with the intent of the Development Plan policies and completes the following conditions:

- a. Written confirmation from the Municipality is provided confirming that taxes on the land to be subdivided for the current year plus any arrears have been paid or that an arrangement satisfactory to Council has been made.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has no concerns with the application and approves the said subdivision and directs the CAO to complete the above-noted conditions.

....Carried

## Delegations

7:15 – RCMP

Constable Andre Ducharme presented statistics to Council. Criminal activity is in decline so far but they are focusing on investigating the drug trade in the various areas of the detachment's jurisdiction. Some discussion on speed control in our area around the curves and in the school zones.

The RCMP asked to be made aware of any specific issues in the community as well as when there are special events as they can provide assistance for control (enforcement/safety). They are happy to work with communities when they can. They are attending schools annual to try to spread safety awareness and are looking to start training officers for quad and sled patrolling. They have their own boat now to respond to water emergencies. They will be looking at doing practice runs. RM of St. Laurent has various access points to the lake that is available for emergency personnel for that reason. The MEC will provide a list to the RCMP.

They are also working with Natural Resources to ensure that fishermen are complying with rules and regulations. The detachment clerk position in Lundar is vacant at the moment but they are looking to fill the position.

#### 7:30 – Proposed Fish Plant

KR Investments and other partners presented to Council on what their proposed agri-initiative of building a Fish Collection and Processing Plant in St. Laurent. They are currently looking at purchasing land out here and going through the proper channels for zoning and building, etc. Before they start building they would like to work out as many kinks and issues as possible. The main market they are looking at is China. Currently 80% of fish consumed in China is farmed and filled with antibiotics and steroids which the people are aware of but they have no other options available to them. The plant in St. Laurent hopes to offer better quality product and give them more options than just the Whitefish, Northern Pike and Lake Trout that is presently allowed in China. The processing plant would process the entire fish eliminating any waste. Wildnorth company will source the product from either FFMC or directly from local fisherman. They are firstly starting off on a smaller scale. Once they have identified the size of the building and all the components required, they will then be able to determine the number of jobs available. They are not looking to over promise and under deliver therefore they are doing their diligence and research to ensure the things run smoothly on a smaller scale first and then have the option for expanding. Not only will they be looking at the fish collection and processing, they will also be looking at fish farming, self-contained farming of vegetables with the potential to have St. Laurent branding, and future plans for solar powered plants and farms. They hope to build a viewing gallery to be able to show the buyers where and how the product they are buying is produced. They hope to work closely with the fisherman and to ensure that their culture and values is sustained.

#### Transportation & Public Works

None

#### New & Unfinished Business

Res #110/2017

Johnson - Kerbrat

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) requests confirmation from Council on budgeting towards Economic Development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirm the 2017 amount being \$43,640.00.

....Carried

Res #111/2017 Bruce - Carrier

WHEREAS Community Futures West Interlake has formed a committee, the West Interlake Regional Strategy and is holding an official signing and launch on April 24, 2017 in Lundar, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent is one of the participants on this committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Monte Carrier, Tiffany Desjarlais and Frank Bruce at this event.

....Carried

Res #112/2017 Johnson - Kerbrat

**WHEREAS** the 2017 Disaster Management Conference is being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from May 31 to June 2, 2017 to which Council has already approved the attendance of Reeve Smith and MEC Paul Belair.

**AND WHEREAS** the Chair of the Public Works, Transportation and Drainage Committee would also benefit from attending this conference.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the attendance of Councillor Frank Bruce at said event.

....Carried

Reeve and CAO will work together on resolutions to bring forward to the 2017 AMM June District Meeting.

### Correspondence/Minutes from Others

#### Correspondence:

- Invitation for Signing and Launch of West Interlake Regional Strategy – Monday April 24, 2017.

#### Minutes:

- Community Futures – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2017
- Prairie Rose School Division – Board Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2017
- Western Interlake Planning District – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2017
- St. Laurent Fire Department Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2017
- Prairie Rose School Division – Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights – April 10, 2017

### Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #113/2017                      Kerbrat - Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in  
Camera.

....Carried

Res #114/2017                      Kerbrat - Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee rise and that Council reconvene once again.

....Carried

Res #115/2017                      Johnson - Kerbrat  
WHEREAS a request for blanket insurance for usage of the R.M. road allowances  
for the purpose of an ATV Poker Derby to be held on May 13, 2017, has been  
received by Kelly McKay, the organizer of the event.  
AND WHEREAS the RM's insurance provider has advised that liability insurance for  
an event of this type is to be provided by the event organizer or the organization it  
is fundraising for.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the CAO/RM staff to provide Mr.  
McKay with a registered letter advising him that no blanket insurance can be  
provided for this event and that he is responsible for, but not limited to, damages  
that occur to RM, Crown, and private landowner property, and that he is also  
responsible for potential fires and clean-up of debris, and should obtain his own  
liability insurance coverage for this event.

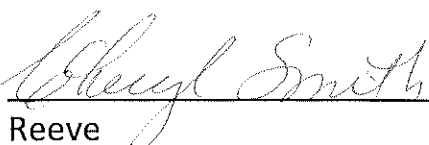
....Carried

Council acknowledged and reviewed correspondence from a land owner regarding  
apprehensions surrounding the ATV Poker Derby being held on May 13, 2017.  
Council provided direction to the CAO in responding to the concerned ratepayer.

Adjourn

Res #116/2017                      Bruce - Carrier  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

....Carried

  
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Reeve

  
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CAO