



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LAURENT

Regular Meeting
December 19, 2018

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Cheryl Smith, Councillors Frank Bruce, Laurent Kerbrat, Jerry Combot and Phil Mathews, and CAO Hilda Zotter.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Res #358/2018 Mathews - Kerbrat
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

....Carried

Report – MLA Derek Johnson

MLA Derek Johnson congratulated council on their election and re-election. From time to time Mr. Johnson visits council to discuss any concerns and to pass along any new information. Some of the topics touched on:

Re: PR415

- PR415 to be tendered on MERX on December 21, with tendering to close January 15, 2019.

Re: Cannabis

- Further work and planning being done on licencing of cannabis sales. Approximately 94 applicants have met the financial requirements and background checks. No timeline indicated however as to approval and implementation period.

Re: Internet and cell service

- Reeve Smith voiced her concerns about poor cell and internet service in the area and in so many parts of the area, posing a safety concern.

Re: Grant/funding to RMs

- The provincial government is continuing to work on changes to the grant and funding available to RMs. Applications to be submitted, then the Province will look at where it can be granted. One application rather than several. Looking at federal leveraging as well.
- Roads and bridges program now deleted however they are looking at a multi-year funding model which will be easier to budget for over a greater period of time. This new program was presented and discussed at AMM. Rural and Northern is probably the category we will work in.

Re: Electoral Boundaries

- Now includes Gimli and Winnipeg Beach – quite a few changes.

Confirmation of Minutes

Res #359/2018

Mathews - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2018 be hereby adopted as circulated.

....Carried

Committee Reports

CAO (Hilda Zotter)

- Since the last meeting of December 5, 2018 – we have had a by-law meeting on December 6 to review the Indemnity and Remuneration structure for council members. Beginning in 2019, non-accountable allowances paid to elected officers will now have to be included in their income. This change was stated in the 2017 federal budget in June of 2017. This council has operated at an extremely low rate for many years and is far surpassed in rates by all other RMs in the Province. With new changes and more taxes being taken off, the take home pay is affected. An increase at this time is justified.
- Good news for the people waiting for PR415 to get opened – Kelvin Shuvera, MI regional director advised early this week that the project tender is on MERX on December 21 with a planned closing date of January 15.

- We had a tax sale date set for December 7th however we did not have any properties go into the sale – all have either paid their arrears or have made payment agreements. The new tax sale will be set for December 6, 2019. Any properties in arrears for 2017 taxes will be in danger of tax sale if not paid up by end of March, 2019. We usually start with about 100 at the beginning of the year, and end up with about half a dozen that enter into payment agreements with us. We haven't had a tax sale for quite a number of years. We are not required to issue warning letters however we have chosen to write the warning letters and draft up agreements and it has worked well in reducing the number of properties in arrears and going to tax sale.
- Christmas party was great and well-attended. A big thank you to Karen for organizing everything and to MTT for a great meal.

MEC (Paul Belair)

- No report at this time.

EDO (Tiffany Desjarlais)

- No report at this time.

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- No report at this time.

Fire Department

- No report at this time.

Councillor Phil Mathews

- No report at this time.

Councillor Jerry Combot

- Missed last meeting
- Met with Lundar and District Vet Committee – they are in talks right now with Woodlands vet to take over the Lundar clinic. Finances are not yet worked out. The services are needed in the area and are well-used. It is almost impossible to hire a new vet – only a small handful graduate from the Saskatoon college.
- Picked up a furnace for the Waste Transfer Site sorting shelter. Will track down some wire to get it hooked up.

Councillor Frank Bruce

- Received a call from Manitoba Hydro – they advised they are installing a 3-phase line down Twin and Venice South. Timeline for completion is in about a year.
- Took a drive to determine locations for new streetlighting – especially at corners of Highway 6 and Ludovic and Highway 6 and Ducharme, Welcome Centre/Post Office access; Oak Point Vet's Memorial and Highway 6. Applications will likely need to be made to both MI and Manitoba Hydro.

Christmas Lights (Frank Bruce)

- No Christmas Light tenders received, but will continue to work on this project to have ready for Christmas of 2019.

Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- Attended Seniors Resource meeting this morning – discussed possibility of St. Laurent getting own van – perhaps something for the EDO to look into. Issue with the current system is that people wanting service in St. Laurent have to pay mileage from Lundar where the vans are housed.
- Seniors Resource putting together plans for a hearing test day.

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Attended inaugural AMBM meeting after elections.
- Attended first AMM Board of Directors meeting as Interlake Director. There is a lot of material to cover. Review being done of the Transportation Modernization Regulations; looked at the new changes and implications regarding council indemnities. Message is that all RMs are affected and adapting and reviewing indemnities. AMM will also be staying on top of the new Fleetnet system or its replacement. We will need to start budgeting for this as this new equipment will be very expensive to replace our old system.

Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- No report at this time.

Finance and Accounts

Res #360/2018

Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for December 2018 and Expenses for

November 2018 be approved as follows:

	Cheryl Smith	Phil Mathews	Frank Bruce	Laurent Kerbrat	Jerry Combot
Indemnity	480.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00
Meetings/conf	900.00	750.00	850.00	700.00	450.00
Hourly	0.00	0.00	60.00	15.00	180.00
Mileage	45.00	260.10	114.30	305.55	141.75
Blue Cross (BC)	-	-344.80	-344.80	-344.80	-344.80
BC (paid by RM)	-	344.80	344.80	344.80	344.80
CPP Deduction	-33.32	-24.65	-31.54	-	-26.40
Reimbursed/ Deducted	75.79 -60.00	68.96 -60.00	86.00 -60.00	46.00 -60.00	0.00 -60.00
Totals	1407.47	1369.41	1393.76	1381.55	1060.35

...Carried

Res #361/2018 Bruce - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payable to December 19, 2018, written under cheque numbers 27234 to 27260 and totaling \$48,972.08 be hereby approved for payment.

...Carried

Res #362/2018 Combot - Bruce

WHEREAS charitable donations have been received by the R.M. of St. Laurent to be disbursed as follows:

1. The sum of \$200.00 to the St. Laurent Assisted Living Centre (Neil Gaudry Centre) in Memory of Berthe Lambert from:
 - a. Yolanda Lavallee - \$25.00
 - b. Denise Boyer - \$25.00
 - c. Donna Bruce - \$50.00
 - d. Rita Lauzon - \$50.00
 - e. Patricia Millar - \$50.00
2. The sum of \$250.00 to the St. Laurent Minor Hockey Committee from Randy and Cheryl Smith
3. The sum of \$250.00 to the St. Laurent Minor Baseball Committee from Randy and Cheryl Smith.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the above payment be made the respective donees.

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Zoning and Subdivisions

Public Hearings:

- None

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

Delegations

7:00 p.m. – Willie Schon – re: Manipogo Golf Course

The shareholders of the Manipogo Golf Course are all looking at retiring from the care and management of the Golf Course – everyone is getting up in years. Feelers have been put out to sell the Course, however no one has shown any interest as of yet. The shareholders are asking the R.M. to look at options so as not to lose the Golf Course as such infrastructure is vital in maintaining and growing a community. There is still a debt owing to creditors which has steadily been paid down over the years; there are a lot of assets; a large tract of land for potential expansion such as more holes and possible campground. The Golf Course did very well before the flood, however, as with most aspects of life in the R.M., took quite a hit from the flood of 2011 as people were re-building, not golfing.

RM to form a committee that would gather and review information and look at options.

Transportation and Public Works

- Agenda item tabled.

New and Unfinished Business

Res #363/2018

Mathews - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1/2019 being a by-law to provide for the indemnity and remuneration of Council Members be hereby given first ready.

...Carried

Res #364/2018 Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS the Metis Heritage Centre (MHC) Policy Committee has been formed in March of 2018 to develop policies regarding the acceptance, care, handling, exhibition of exhibits and development of other related museum administration matters, and has representation from various interested individuals and organizations in the community.

WHEREAS the Father Guy Lavallee Metis Local (one of the groups represented) has had some recent changes on its Board and new representatives on the MHC Policy Committee are to be appointed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the appointment of Chair Juliette Lavallee and Vice-Chair Ben Allard Jr. to the MHC Policy Committee.

...Carried

Res #365/2018 Combot - Kerbrat

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 2018, meaning that the first year from 2018 that taxes are in arrears is 2017.

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 2017 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 2017 or prior years' arrears be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 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.

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Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others

Correspondence/Information:

- Letter to Reeve from Minister of Infrastructure re PR415 dated December 5, 2018
- PRSD Pulse – December 2018
- IERHA – Community Update – Winter 2018/2019

Minutes:

- Prairie Rose School Division – Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights – December 3, 2018
- Community Futures West Interlake – Regular Board Meeting – November 14, 2018
- Prairie Rose School Division – Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights – December 17, 2018
- Prairie Rose School Division – Board Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2018

Committee of the Whole in Camera

Res #366/2018 Mathews – Kerbrat
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in Camera.

...Carried

Res #367/2018 Mathews – Combot
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee rise and that Council reconvene once again.

...Carried

Res #368/2018 Mathews – Kerbrat
WHEREAS the R.M. has been approached by the Manipogo Golf Course shareholders to look into transfer of ownership to the R.M.
AND WHEREAS a committee should be formed to research options and feasibility of such transfer of ownership.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all of Council and the CAO are the appointed members of the Golf Course Committee.

...Carried

Adjourn

Res #369/2018 Mathews – Bruce
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

...Carried

Reeve

CAO