

Rural Municipality of St. Laurent  
Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2019

**AMENDED MINUTES**

*\*Indicates amendment*

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

Res #357/2019 Mathews - Kerbrat  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as presented.

....Carried

**Adoption of Minutes**

Res #358/2019 Mathews - Bruce  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of:  
- Regular Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2019  
be hereby adopted.

....Carried

**Committee Reports:**

CAO (Hilda Zotter)  
Since last council meeting:

- Board of Revision on November 21 – hearing of 6 Appeals – all the orders have been sent out now. I just have a few supplementary tax bills to revise.
- November 22 – I was part of a meeting with MMF for updates to their projects. I will let Cheryl report on this.
- I attended the AMM Conference last week.
- November 28 – I was part of a meeting with Mark Talbot, regional director for Highways for an update on their activities here. I'll let Frank or Cheryl report on this.
- This Monday and Tuesday we all continued with our strategic planning sessions with Ernie. I think we made some big steps forward in identifying priorities and how we are going to work on making things happen.
- Paul is working on getting the coffee room set up; I believe the install of the coffee machine is tomorrow.
- Tax sale is on Friday at 10:00 a.m. – if we can all be in attendance.
- Our Christmas party is on Friday evening – dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Remember to bring a wrapped gift if you are participating in the gift exchange.
- Next week, a few of us will be attending the LiDAR workshop in Portage.

MEC and ACAO (Paul Belair)

- None

EDO (Guy Dumont)

- None

Public Works (Dean Appleyard)

- None

Fire Department (Roger Leclerc)

- None

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert)

- None

Councillor Phil Mathews

- Attended the Strategic Planning session on Monday and Tuesday, was very good with lot of ideas.

- Attended the AMM Conference and participated in the Code of Conduct session
- Picked up the new truck

#### Councillor Jerry Combot

- Attended the Tourism Meeting, they reviewed their finances and discussed how to get more people interested.
- Attended the Strategic Planning session on Monday and Tuesday, went very well and currently working with Guy on the cell phone signal issues.
- Went with Phil to pick up the new truck

#### Councillor Frank Bruce

- Christmas lights are up and just waiting on hydro to switch them on, any day now.
- Attended the Strategic Planning Session on Monday and Tuesday - very helpful.
- Attended the AMM Conference and attended the Monday morning RCMP Division D meeting, which we discussed the mental health issues that are putting pressure on staff resources as well as how they are currently understaffed.
  - Went to the session which discussed drainage fees that may go up considerably.
  - Visited the AMM Trade show and received some interesting information regarding a product called DiamondGrid. It is less expensive than concrete and maybe useful in our community. Plan on a test pilot with the material next year, most likely at the post office. Will discuss further at the committee meeting.

#### Councillor Laurent Kerbrat

- \*Attending the Senior Resource meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, next meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- They are working on a date for their Christmas lunch

Reeve Cheryl Smith

- Met with MMF on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss updates on their projects.
  - Golf Course – agreement by-law regarding taxes for the next 3 years
  - Very large complex, they are hoping to place some VLTs in there and currently working with the province
  - They are looking at a full-time Golf Course Manager
  - Looking at possible reno to old club house as residential to have the Manager live year-round to assist with security.
  - Currently looking at 50 trailer park spaces, with possible to 150
  - Senior Housing – March completion
  - Underground Hydro for Senior Housing scheduled for February
  - Will look at road maintenance agreement with RM
  - Met with the Project Manager, very knowledgeable and currently has 8-10 people working at the project site
  - Mentioned that any contractors in the community interested on any of the work can contact MMF
- Information received from the province in regards to the Lake Manitoba-Lake St. Martin channel currently on hold. Funds will go to Capital Regions and the balance can be applied for by municipalities for flood mitigation and better drainage.
- Community halls will now be considered exempt from property taxes, it was confirmed that Legion hall will be exempt.
- Attended the AMM Conference
  - Great discussion regarding Building Sustainable Fund, encouraging municipalities to apply beginning in January.
  - Participated in the Code of Conduct session; concerns raised if 1 member of council places a complain and the additional council members after investigation do not comply what can be done. It was noted that if the recommendations from the investigator is not adhered to that an individual can then appeal to civic court and that the investigation report can be used.
  - Hilda and I were able to speak to the minister in regard to cannabis; There are 3 phases, it was noted that step 3 is going to take place in 2020. I contacted the CAO of Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis to discuss that one of our business owners has successfully completed Phase 1 and 2 and would like for them to consider them for Phase 3.
  - Spoke with Minister Clarke in regard to the Heritage Centre, she requested a letter which has been sent.

- Attended the breakfast with the Ministers, spoke with Minister Eichler to see if he could assist with getting our business owner their licence to sell Cannabis.
  - Met with Manitoba Infrastructures to discuss the Maintenance Road Agreement, it is currently at a standstill.
  - Frank pointed out that it would be a better option for us to rent our equipment for future road repairs.
  - Met with Hilda to review legal matter (to be discussed in-camera)
- Met with the RCMP Division D prior to the AMM Conference. Requested more visibility in the community and advised them of the number of speeding semi-drivers going through town. Noted their understaffed Division which should be 10 people but currently is at 5 people. Requested information on theft regardless of the value, it is important and we are aware of the actions. Want the community to know that regardless of how small or big the theft is that it important that action is taken.

#### Media Report (Reeve Smith)

- Had an interview with Stonewall Argus, some of the topics were; the AMM Conference and how it went and whether the resolutions meant anything to us – they did mean a lot to our RM in regards to sharing the profits from the sale of Cannabis and credit for the PST. This is important for retail in our community and economic growth, example the spin off could be a Sobeys' grocery store.

#### Finance & Accounts

Res #359/2019

Mathews - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable to December 3, 2019, written under cheque numbers 28277 to 28315 and totaling \$672,849.59 be hereby approved for payment.

.....Carried

Res #360/2019

Bruce - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Fire Department Christmas Party be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Garden Restaurant.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Fire Department to purchase food for up to 30 people at \$143.95 (for 10) x 3 = \$431.85, plus non-alcoholic beverages, gratuity and applicable taxes.

.....Carried

Res #361/2019                      Mathews - Kerbrat

WHEREAS Loretta Sigurdson is organizing the 2019 Christmas Hamper collection and distribution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve that monetary donations for the purchase of food for the Christmas Hampers be accepted by the R.M. with charitable donation receipts issued to the donor.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the payment of these funds to Loretta Sigurdson for purchases towards the Christmas Hampers.

.....Carried

Res #362/2019                      Kerbrat - Bruce

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

- a. From Ruth Baxter in the amount of \$100.00 to the Oak Point Community Club for the hall rebuild;
- b. From Fred Burdett in the amount of \$1000.00 towards the Oak Point Community Club for the hall rebuild;
- c. From Aurele and Stella Remillard in the amount of \$100.00 towards the Oak Point Community Club for the hall rebuild.
- d. From an anonymous donor in the amount of \$100.00 towards the Christmas Hamper Drive 2019 to be paid out to Loretta Sigurdson.
- e. From the St. Laurent Co-operative Recreation Centre Inc. in the amount of \$200.00 towards the Christmas Hamper Drive 2019 to be paid out to Loretta Sigurdson.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the above payments be made.

.....Carried

## **Zoning and Subdivisions**

Public Hearings:

- None

Regular Matters:

- None

Notices:

- None

**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS**

- None

**New and Unfinished Business**

Res #363/2019

Mathews - 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 2019, meaning that the first year from 2019 that taxes are in arrears is 2018.

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 2018 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 2018 or prior years' arrears be held on Friday, December 4, 2020 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

Res #364/2019

Kerbrat - Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the holiday hours as set out below for RM office staff, public works department and Waste Transfer Site employees to comply with the Employment By-Law and Union Agreement as applicable with the exception that Public Works staff uses banked time for 4 hours on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 4 hours on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and office staff uses 4 hours bank time on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

<b>December 2019</b>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> WTS CLOSED	<b>17</b> WTS OPEN 8 - 5	<b>18</b> WTS CLOSED Council Meeting	<b>19</b> WTS OPEN 8 - 5	<b>20</b> WTS OPEN 8 - 5	<b>21</b> WTS open 8 - 4
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> WTS Closed for Garbage Pick-up Office and Public Works Open	<b>24</b> Office, Public Works and WTS Closed	<b>25</b> Office, Public Works and WTS Closed	<b>26</b> Office, Public Works and WTS Closed	<b>27</b> WTS Closed for Garbage Pick-up Office and Public Works Open	<b>28</b> WTS open 8 - 4 Office and Public Works Closed
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> WTS Closed for Garbage Pick-up Office and Public Works Open	<b>31</b> Office open 8:30 to Noon Public Works and WTS closed all day				

<b>January 2020</b>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Office, Public Works and WTS Closed	<b>2</b> WTS Closed for Garbage Pick-up Office and Public Works Open	<b>3</b> WTS OPEN 8 – 5 Office and Public Works Open	<b>4</b> WTS open 8 - 4 Office and Public Works Closed

.....Carried

**Correspondence/Information/Minutes from Others**

**Correspondence/Information:**

- Manitoba Government – Building Sustainable Communities Program
- Manitoba Relations - Proposed Subdivision
- Integration of the Snopass
- Bell – Radio Discount Update
- AMBM – 10 Recommendations for Prosperous Bilingual Communities



Minutes:

- WIWCD – October 17, 2019
- WIPD – November 19, 2019

**Committee of the Whole in Camera**

Res #365/2019                      Mathews - Kerbrat

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

.....Carried

Res #366/2019                      Mathews - Bruce

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

.....Carried

Res #367/2019                      Mathews - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn into CDC meeting.

.....Carried

**CDC Matters** (Keep as separate minutes)

Agenda Items:

- Short Notice Approval
- Electronic Sign
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Res #368/2019                      Mathews - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CDC meeting close and that Council reconvene into regular meeting agenda.

.....Carried

Res #369/2019

Bruce - Combot

WHEREAS the electronic scrolling sign which is located outside at the St. Laurent Co-operative Recreation Centre, is owned by the R.M. of St. Laurent Community Development Corporation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT as of the date herein the R.M. staff be authorized to manage the electronic sign as required.

.....Carried

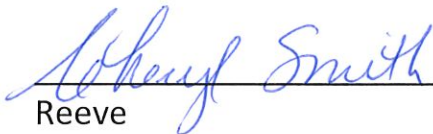
**Adjourn**

Res #370/2019

Mathews - Kerbrat

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:35 a.m.

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Reeve

  
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CAO