



**Rural Municipality of Morell  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 19, 2023**

**Present:**

**Mayor** David MacAdam

**Councillors:** Marla Drake, Chris Dunn, Garry MacAdam, and Heather Sampson

**Not in Attendance:** Danny Kelly and Vince Trombetta

**CAO:** Amanda Benedict

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairperson David MacAdam called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be accepted as presented.

2.1 moved by Chris Dunn

2.2 seconded by Heather Sampson

2.3 2023-06-19 motion carried

**3. Declaration of Conflict:**

Section 2.3 of the Municipalities Act, which maintains that 'No member of council shall derive and profit or financial gain from his/her position as a member of council and where a member of council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Council meeting be adopted as read.

3.1 moved by Chris Dunn

3.2 seconded by Garry MacAdam

3.3 2023-06-19 motion carried

**5. Correspondence:**

- Morell & Area Learning Centre and the Morell Rural Consolidated School regarding the past year that they have been the target of vandalism and theft. They have needed to purchase security cameras. They are imploring community members and leaders to pass on the issue with other community residents so as the community as

a whole will be aware of the situation and do its part to help keep it from continually happening.- This has been shared on the website and Facebook

- There was a request by phone from Tony Steed on Sunrise Drive, requesting assistance in purchasing a pole for a speed limit for the road. It's a private road but they have been getting increasing amounts of traffic that are speeding. –This area falls outside the Municipality boundaries.
- A number of phone calls from people outside of the Municipality in regards to controlled fires and assistance with the Fire Department. -They have been provided contact information and online directions of who to connect with. Our office has been in touch with members of the Fire Department to try and connect to develop content that can be shared online.
- Carol McGrath (a Morell resident) in behalf of the St. Peter's Senior's Group made a request to use the Park Pavilion for a picnic space for the seniors for free.- A discussion was had about senior's groups using the park and it was discussed allowing them to use the space going forward for free, but senior's groups would have to pay a nominal deposit of \$25, which will be returned after the event.
- Mario Nova was requesting any public documents with surveys of his property. -- There are no such documents at the office to be provided.

## 6. Councillor Reports:

### a. Gary MacAdam:

- i. Call to a miscellaneous fire on Creek Road. A number of power poles were sparking. When salt spray builds up to a point on the lines, they start to arch. Fire Department cannot do anything due to the electricity running.
- ii. Forest fire in Bangor. Charcoal on the ground from beekeepers set dry grass alight. Three hours to get it out. St. Peter's Fire Department did back up with tanker.
- iii. A structure fire across the bridge at the MacLaren's, caused from cigarette butt in mulch.
- iv. There was an MFR cardiac arrest, Walter Bradley, 45 minutes, but unfortunately he didn't make it.
- v. Two weeks ago, they had a tour of Mussel King to do a pre-incident setup tour/plan. This allows them to know how to navigate the building.

### b. Heather Sampson:

- i. DJ reported 2 plugged pumps in the previous 2 weeks at the lift station and one in May. It's primarily from wipes being flushed.
- ii. No word back yet from Pat Hughes regarding the sewer on the Red Head Rd before the paving is completed

**c. Chris Dunn:**

- i. Few ball teams using field.
- ii. Need e-transfer numbers for sending money.
- iii. He got the hot dog buns and hot dogs booked for June.
- iv. Tommy Vale is going to play music.
- v. Lion's Club received a request regarding the bathrooms at the park. They want to know if they can or we can put a door in for people to access bathrooms for people to change
- vi. Rink Board is wanting to know if NCI Rink upgrades had started. –Yes the upgrades had started. Contract had been given and work has started. APM MacLean's Construction got the contract.

**d. Marla Drake:**

- i. Morell & Area Development Corp.
  1. Met and working on their survey. They had put out around 600 and at that time they had received about 154 responses. They will likely be meeting around the responses mid-July and releasing information sometime in September.
  2. They have a new treasurer, Denis Clough is retiring and Lucien Rossignol has volunteered to take on the role.
  3. She (Marla) is going to put Danny Kelly in contact with Bruce Smith and Jolla Chance on some tree programs.
  4. Flowers were added onto orders with the Co-op
  5. Questions are coming from survey responses regarding the EMO, should there be more communication developed around this for the general public in the area and not just the Municipality
  6. Request from an MADC board member to see if they can weed and care for flower beds in front of Welcome Centre. Agreed that Mike would be appreciative of the volunteer work as summer students only started today.
  7. Signage for amenities and businesses are completed and paid for. They will likely begin putting them up soon.

**e. Dave MacAdam:**

- i. Baseball field have been flat and drainage. Work has started on the field. They are going to Hydro seed it. Fire Department will mist it every couple days if it is dry out. After hydro seed is completed they will be coming in with the fencing.
- ii. Medical Building sale went through. Delays due to buyer's lawyer's additional requests.
- iii. Small flower bed outside building will be turned back to grass, bigger flower bed will be maintained
- iv. Insurance will have premium readjusted due to Medical Building sale
- v. Purchase of trailer for Mike for maintenance didn't go through due to the fact that the size wasn't correct

- vi. Summer students have started. Discussed that it would be better to have students earlier in the year to assist Mike in maintenance.

## 7. Administrator Report:

- a. Mike MacDonald had noted that there was an increased amount of trash and vandalism
- b. Ballfield application had been submitted
- c. We were approved for the CCBF Lion's Ballfield Relocation project application
- d. Applied for a Canada Day Event Food Permit
- e. Applied for access to MAPCO
- f. Summer students hired for Welcome Centre. Marla & Heather assisted in reviewing applications and Heather assisted in interviews. We hired Maria Cheeseman, a University Student with a background in tourism jobs and has sign language skills, and Kate MacLaren a high school student who speaks French as a second language. They both did really well in their interviews.
- g. Walk-In Clinic meeting with Tara with Health PEI, staffing issues and optimizations that would improve the clinic. They are no longer access clinic through the Welcome Centre, they now will have keys and access it through the Municipal Office access door. This adds more of a privacy and separation from the Welcome Centre. The door between the clinic and the welcome centre will now be locked for safety. Tara discussed possibility of looking into office getting volunteers to provide Maple access similar to that of the Library. They are adding Skip the Waiting Room, they will have a few spots saved for seniors and other walk-ins. It was noted by Council members that previously in years past the NP could average 23/24 people during clinic but now it seems to be only a few people. Could this be looked into as to why it's happening?
- h. Added on online banking to have access to view accounts. Cannot make payments from this service but will be able to see account information more easily.
- i. MRSB provided some training this past month.
- j. Canada Day event planning is going on. Both inflatables are booked, we added on the insurance to that. Tom & Brooklyn Vail will be performing. Mussel King is providing mussels at a discounted rate for the event. Cupcakes are coming from Bishop's Rest. Holy Cow and MooTown Dairy are donating ice cream. Will check if summer student will do face painting and another to monitor one of the bouncy castles. Face painting supplies will need to be picked up. Marla volunteered to monitor the other bouncy castle. Knights of Columbus are volunteering to steam the mussels and Chris will be BBQing. Heather and Amanda can monitor the space and take care of garbage. Mike will be picking up and delivering the inflatables. The food safety plan had to be created for the event, which was printed off and made available to council members.
- k. Requested that Council members start to use the [info@morell.ca](mailto:info@morell.ca) to email the office and share it where possible about the change of email addresses for the Municipal office.
- l. Online Calendars have been created and available for Council members to access in regards to events that affect them, such as use of the Welcome Centre space in the off season.

- m. Had reached out to L'Nuey regarding Indigenous Week/Month and signs for the area. Waiting to hear back from them.

**8. Financial Reports:**

Balanced and reconciled.

**9. New Business:**

- a. Parking Lot at the Fire Hall, when the paving at the Red Head Road is completed, will the parking lot be completed. Such as paved right up to the door. Could look into if some of the infrastructure money be used for paving. Could it be tied into when the government is here to pave on the Red Head Road. Will there be paving done at the Ballfield?
- b. Ballfield the school is wanting a new camera due to ballfield changing issues with where they are located. He will be sending in a quote.
- c. Wi-Fi and cameras at the Rossiter Park, can we look into options for getting them there. One suggestion was a tower on top of park, or router-to-range extender network systems from Rink.
- d. Discussion about a Flag Policy. Discussion around having a Flag Policy that only allows for Provincial and Canadian flags. Decision to keep policy simple as to not create issues down the road. The policy will only allow for Provincial and Canadian flag and Legion flags to be in Municipal properties. Also will need to get a new flag to replace the Ballfield's flag that tattered. Marla will look into where to source it.

It was duly moved and seconded that a flag policy be created to be limited to the Canadian Flag, the Provincial Flag, and the Legion's Flag.

4.1 moved by Garry MacAdam

4.2 seconded by Heather Sampson

4.3 2023-06-19 motion carried

**10. Old Business:**

- a. Update on Ballfield was provided in Dave MacAdam's report.
- b. Update on Sale of 25 Sunset Crescent was provided in Dave MacAdam's report.
- c. Update on Canada Day was provided in CAO report.

**11.** Next Meeting is Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**12.** Motion to Adjourn by Chris Dunn and seconded by Garry MacAdam.

David MacAdam, Chairperson

Signature:

*David MacAdam*

Date:

*Aug 21, 2023*

Amanda Benedict, CAO

Signature:

*Amanda Benedict*

Date:

*Aug 21, 2023*