



**Rural Municipality of Morell
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 21, 2023**

Present:

Mayor David MacAdam

Councillors: Chris Dunn, Garry MacAdam, Heather Sampson, and Vince Trombetta

Absent: Marla Drake, Danny Kelly

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 Garry MacAdam

2.3 [2023-08-21] 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 June 19, 2023 Council meeting be adopted as read.

3.1 moved by Chris Dunn

3.2 seconded by Heather Sampson

3.3 [2023-08-21] motion carried

5. Correspondence:

- Rainbow Beginnings 2.0 Request to have Rossiter Park open throughout the summer- This was discussed at a previous meeting that public access throughout the summer couldn't be allowed as previous destruction to the property and interference at rental events. Porta-potties were provided for access to the public for washrooms.

- Morell and Area Early Learning Center request to use Rossiter Park space for washrooms and change rooms for youth during the summer.

There was a discussion made about the possibility of providing the space during next summer for day cares in the morning, depending on maintenance and scheduling rules. To be looked into prior to next summer season with local groups to get approval of the Municipality.

- Owen Parkhouse, as representative of Legion Branch 26, requested for National Legion Week to use the Rossiter Park Space for a meet and greet and to recognize National Legion Week locally and fly the Legion Flag.

It was motioned that the Rossiter Park fee would be waived for the event, that they could fly the Legion Flag at the space, and post the event on our website and Facebook page.

4.1 moved by Chris Dunn

4.2 seconded by Garry MacAdam

4.3 [2023-08-21] motion carried

6. Councillor Reports:

a. Chris Dunn:

- Rink Renovations hoping to be on track to be completed by October
- Fees to be sent by etransfers, can use the info@morell.ca for now
- Talk about ball fields lights

b. Gary MacAdam:

- 4 motor vehicle accidents and a couple of roll-overs.
- 6 medical first-responders, there were 3 cardiac arrests in five days, with additional 3 after that.
- There were 2 fires, 1 in our jurisdiction and the other was a mutual aid structure fire in East River.
- There were 2 alarms, one at Wyman's and one at a private residence, both false alarms.

c. Heather Sampson:

- DJ Dunn recommended Kyle Compton to replace Randall Parkman after he had stepped down. There wasn't previously time for DJ to train someone, but now he recommends hiring him as he can soon train him. Motion was made to hire him.

4.1 moved by Vincenzo Trombetta

4.2 seconded by Chris Dunn

4.3 [2023-08-21] motion carried

- Larry McGuire had a sewer issue on August 10th. They flushed the line, it was not an issue on the Municipality's side, but on the resident's side. Larry will be putting in a new line from his house to the Municipal Sewer line.

- there were 2 days of flushing to do to the mainline of the lagoon and a couple of the other lines, DJ will provide a confirmation date to get that done
- The road to the lagoon needs to be widened to get the big flusher truck down there
- Sydney MacEwen got approval to sidewalk paving of Red Head Rd. Possibly look at doing it early next year. Still to be confirmed the timeline of when it is happening. Will want to put sewer lines in before paving.

d. Vince Trombetta:

- challenges on the planning by-law
 - getting access to the map, which we now have
 - the need for creating definitions and being clear on them
 - we need a planning committee which needs to be run by a Council member and with at least 2 other people
- date for completing the 5 year plan has been moved to be done by 2025
- a by-law needs to be completed after the plan, but the Council needs to know the repercussions of creating the by-law now, as once the by-law is passed we (the Municipality) would need to make all the decisions and we are not set up for that capacity currently. It would take a full-time employee to manage and enforce it.

e. Dave MacAdam:

- He wants the Council to contemplate using existing poles for lights at the ball field or get new ones. A decision will have to be made prior to putting tender out. The poles now have been in use for the last 25 years, they could be good for another 20 years, but new ones will have longer longevity, but they will cost additional \$150, 000. Funding has been approved, and will be able to get new lights installed, but will need to decide if replacing the poles.
- There is a camera request from the high school as with the new ball field it will affect the span of vision of the camera. Possibly additional cost of \$100 for a new one. Will be updated later, possibly covered by the funding for the field.
- MacGuire's Point, should it be sold off. There has been interest in the land. It is landlocked, but it is accessible by river. If it is to be sold it would need to be put out to tender to the public to be open out.
- David MacAdam has announced that he is stepping down from the position of Mayor. He will stay on until Deputy Mayor Danny Kelly is back to take over temporarily. An election will need to take place within 6 months from the written notice of stepping down from the Mayor position.

7. Administrator Report:

- Chris Blaisdell had a conversation regarding possibility of EMO funding for generators, but plan to discuss further on what additional possible funding for the EMO space in the future

- Firehall provided training on the AED and some informal first aid training to CAO and Welcome Center student employees, the Fire Hall also provided an AED case to the building
 - Created a document to be posted at different buildings regarding issues with sewers and flushing, Heather Sampson will be dropping it off at the various buildings for posting
 - 22 Rossiter Park rentals for summer to date
 - Canada Day expenses around \$2100, but had additional large bouncy castles and items that can be used for multiple years to offset the cost
 - Only have a Food License for Rossiter Park when the Municipality has events
 - The waiver for Rossiter Park has now included a note about that any licenses or permits are the responsibility of the renter not the Municipality
 - CCBF funding reports need to be adjusted, working with Curtis Lumsden to clarify and update.
 - Audit documents done with Jennifer Phelan and Linda Hicken in advance of the Audit that's scheduled for second week of September
 - We can put a grant application in for the Soccer Association early next year to get the funding for new sports equipment. This will have to be revisited for the spring.
 - Rent provided to the Municipality for 25 Sunset Crescent by Murphy's Pharmacy and property tax for the 15 days of June we still had possession needs to be provided to Mayhem Holding Inc. A motion to be made to provide this has been moved.
- 5.1 moved by Chris Dunn
 5.2 seconded by Heather Sampson
 5.3 [2023-8-21] motion carried

8. Financial Reports:

- a. Community:
- b. Sewer:
- c. Festival:

9. New Business:

- a. McGuire Point possible sale, would have to be put to tender and made public if plans were to sell it. Will revisit topic

10. Old Business:

- a. Update on Ballfields, they had started fence, needed to adjust distances as there was an error with their findings with GPS.
- b. Culture Center update was with ArchWorks and are waiting on them to complete plans before moving forward
- c. Flag policy is determined that only the Canada Flag, the PEI flag, and the Legion flag may be flown on Municipal Flag Poles.

11. **Next Meeting** is Monday September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

12. **Adjournment** Motion to adjourn moved by Chris Dunn

Danny Kelly, Chairperson


Signature: _____

Date: _____

Amanda Benedict, CAO

Signature: _____

Date: _____


16 Oct 2023
Amanda Benedict
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