



*Rural Municipality of Morell
Councillor and Administrator Reports for
September 18, 2023*

1. **Garry MacAdam**, Fire Department Report:

- 1.1. There was a near drowning incident. An initial drowning victim was pulled out by a bystander, which then became compromised. A third person was able to assist with a paddle board. The second victim needed additional care. Their vitals were taken. Riptide was the cause.
- 1.2. There was a call to a Cardiac Arrest. They were able to get a pulse after working on the patient, but later they passed away.
- 1.3. There were 3 alarms from onsite alarm systems: Wyman's, Crowbush Resort, and Trout Lake Lane. They all ended up as false alarms.
- 1.4. There was a baler fire at Lakeside in a field. People on site had fire extinguishers and were able to separate the tractor from the baler.
- 1.5. The Fire Department performed additional training in preparation for storms.
- 1.6. The Fire Department sourced a free commercial stove for the Fire Hall kitchen. They are having it inspected to confirm it's operational.

2. **Chris Dunn**

- 2.1. Ball season is winding down, with only one team left playing, a school team.
- 2.2. The Rink is planning to be open as of October 21st.
- 2.3. October 1st is the expected date for completion of the renovations of Phase 3.
- 2.4. The Rink is looking for additional funds for starting up this year. This needs to be addressed to the NCI and not directly to the Municipality.
 - 2.4.1. **Action Item:** Deputy Mayor Danny Kelly stated he would look into this.
- 2.5. During the report it was discussed there was an outstanding bill for the Rink that was accidentally sent to the Municipality instead, as it was signed by someone for the Municipality.
 - 2.5.1. **Action Item:** The Municipal Office will look into who signed for it, get clarifications, and correct the clerical error.
- 2.6. Also, during the report, it was discussed that MRSB provide services helping to source funding streams. The unofficial quote for such services was around \$6000. No action was taken on this item.

3. Danny Kelly

- 3.1. Updated Council that the NCI intends to be dissolved as of Oct. 1, 2023, as soon as the renovations have been completed.
- 3.2. During the report, it was discussed whether there would be any possible conflict of interest for the Acting Mayor Danny Kelly being on the NCI Board. But since the NCI will be dissolved shortly and according to the Municipality's Procedural Bylaw 24.1 and in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, the Mayor or Acting Mayor sits as "a member of every Standing Committee or other organization which the Council or Mayor establishes pursuant to the Municipal Government Act and when in attendance the Mayor, subject to Section 115 of the Act, possesses all the rights, privileges, and powers and duties of the other Members of the Committee," there should be no conflict.

4. Marla Drake

- 4.1. There is a STEP information meeting in St. Peter's Bay coming up on Wednesday, September 20th, from 7-9 p.m. It will be helping with the strategic planning for tourism for the Morell community in general, St. Peter's Bay, and Mount Stewart.
- 4.2. The work is being done with Point's East Coastal Drive, Active Communities, and other groups. Initially, it was to do a strategic plan for Rossiter Park, but rather than compete with other local communities such as St. Peter's Bay, this will now be done inclusive of the other areas and with more strategy. It will be connecting with stakeholders throughout these areas.
- 4.3. During the report, there was a discussion regarding Food Trucks and requests to set up Food Trucks on Municipal Properties. Concerns about liability issues if set up on Municipal properties, whether the properties can be used for commercial purposes, and other factors were discussed.
 - 4.3.1. **Action Item:** Deputy Mayor Danny Kelly stated he would look into this with the Insurance Company and Matt Bradley regarding any legal issues. This will be added to next month's Agenda to be discussed further.
- 4.4. MADC, students from the Morell Regional High School, and other local volunteers helped with the set up for the Orchestra at the Kelly Green Park.

5. Heather Sampson, Sewer System Report:

- 5.1. There was an incident on Friday, September 15, where Chapman's Paving Ltd. Paved the Red Head Road without notice. They paved over 3 manhole covers and filled the main line at the start of the Red Head Road with asphalt and had not notified the Municipality. Heather Sampson is using some of her report time to allow NoraLynn Dunn to present on the subject.
 - 5.1.1. NoraLynn Dunn provided a detailed description of the events of Friday, September 15, which directly impacted her due to the location of her property. Due to the asphalt blocking the line it backed up into her property. Her back up valve was not able to deal with the pressure. Mike MacDonald assisted her and later DJ Dunn with assistance was able to clear out some of the asphalt to remove the pressure.
 - 5.1.1.1. **Action Items:** The Municipal Office is to compile the claims and expenses due to Chapman's Paving work. The Office needs to find the contacts and confirm repayment for expenses including NoraLynn Dunn's.

5.1.2. NoraLynn Dunn discussed that there was a secondary issue that has been ongoing over the years that due to the location of her line, she has had numerous situations that have caused a backup in her basement.

5.1.2.1. **Action Items:** Need updates on the progress of the Wastewater System Upgrades and if this project can address some of the issues that is affecting NoraLynn Dunn's property. The Office needs to get NoraLynn's contact information and provide continual updates on the situation to her.

5.2. There was an issue with the United Church's sewer on their end. They hired a company to have the work fixed themselves. The Municipality only needs to deal with hooking it up to the main line and cover that work.

6. Vincenzo Trombetta

6.1. He has moved the Land Planning Issue to 'New Business' and will address it there.

7. Amanda Benedict, CAO

7.1. Attended a meeting with Municipal Affairs and the CAOs from St. Peter's Bay and Mount Stewart regarding a proposal by Municipal Affairs of possible service sharing between the Municipalities.

7.1.1. Attended the Association of Municipal Administrators, some items discussed:

7.1.2. Number of CAO turnover

7.1.3. Shortfall of Planners, Development Officers, and Property Inspectors, which complicates issues for smaller Rural Municipalities.

7.1.4. Potential funding avenues for Planners

7.1.5. Issues facing Municipalities regarding unsightly and hazardous properties.

7.2. The Gas Tax accounts have been combined into one account to fulfill some of our requirements for continual funding from the Gas Tax

7.3. We have received our delayed claim back from ICIP for expenses for the Phase 3 Rink Renovations, which they are covering.

7.4. We received a single quote for Wi-Fi services for Rossiter Park from Eastlink. It didn't include install and would require digging a trench. Costs ranged from \$89.95/month to \$269.95/month plus installation charges.

7.4.1. **Action Items:** Valuable to get quotes from Starlink and Bell, perhaps a few others to see a range of prices, before looking into it any further.

7.5. There are 2 outstanding tenants' rents from the Professional Building before it sold. They didn't provide payment to Mayhem Holdings (new owners) the following month and were missed.

7.5.1. **Action Item:** They will need to be invoiced by the Municipal Office and the rents be separated between the Municipality and Mayhem Holdings depending on date of sale.

7.6. Proposed to Council for approval to get a Corporate Credit Card for purchases for the Municipality Office and for the Community Maintenance.

7.6.1. Moved by Vincenzo Trombetta

7.6.2. Seconded by Heather Sampson

7.6.3. [2023-9-18] motion carried.