



*Rural Municipality of Morell
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023*

Present: **Deputy Mayor:** Danny Kelly
 Councillors: Chris Dunn, Garry MacAdam, Heather Sampson, Vincenzo Trombetta, and
 Marla Drake
 CAO: Amanda Benedict

1. Call to Order:

Chairperson Deputy Mayor Danny Kelly 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 [2023-09-18] Motion carried

3. Declaration of Conflict

Section 2.3 of the Municipalities Act, which maintains that 'No member of council shall derive 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 August 21, 2023, Council meeting be adopted as read.

4.1 moved by Chris Dunn

4.2 seconded by Heather Sampson

4.3 [2023-09-18] Motion carried.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Email regarding an update on the status of the clean-up of PID 182360

5.1.1. This property was given a 30-day notice last Fall.

5.1.2. **Action Item:** The Municipal Office will look into the official owner of the property and contact them directly regarding the upkeep. If additional action needs to be taken, it will be with the official and legal owner of the property. The Municipal Office will look further into this item and update the Council when completed.

5.2. A request was made to the Council for a letter of support for providing additional housing within the community but not directly within the Municipality. Jeremy Pierce is looking into building 2 properties on Coffin Rd. with an intent to build duplexes to help with the housing shortage. No motion was made formally, but the Council was in full agreement that a letter of support could be drafted for later review.

5.2.1. **Action Item:** The Municipal Office will draft a letter of support for the Council and put it forth for Council approval.

5.3. David MacAdam has sent a formal letter stepping down as the Mayor of the Rural Municipality of Morell, effective as of September 18, 2023. David MacAdam served diligently as the Mayor for 8 years.

5.3.1. **Action Item:** An application to nominate David MacAdam for the FPEIM Bruce H. Yeo Memorial Award. This is an award to recognize outstanding contributions to Municipal Government in PEI. It will be completed by the Municipal Office, Deputy Mayor Danny Kelly and Council members and sent in.

5.4. Effective of September 18, 2023, Deputy Mayor Danny Kelly will now serve as the Acting Mayor until a time for a By-Election for Mayor can be held.

6. Councillor Reports

Garry MacAdam -No action items or motions

Chris Dunn -2 action items, no motions

6.1. 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.

6.1.1. **Action Item:** Deputy Mayor Danny Kelly stated he would look into this.

6.2. 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.

6.2.1. **Action Item:** The Municipal Office will look into who signed for it, get clarifications, and correct the clerical error.

Danny Kelly -No action items or motions

Marla Drake -1 action item, no motions

6.3. 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.

- 6.3.1. **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.

Heather Sampson -2 action items, no motions

- 6.4. 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.

- 6.4.1. **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.

- 6.5. 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.

- 6.5.1. **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.

Vincenzo Trombetta -No action items or motions

7. **Administrator Report** -2 action items, 1 motion

- 7.1. 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.

- 7.1.1. **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.

- 7.2. 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.

- 7.2.1. **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.

- 7.3. Proposed to Council for approval to get a Corporate Credit Card to be used for purchases for the Municipality Office and for the Community Maintenance.

- 7.3.1. **Motion** moved by Vincenzo Trombetta

- 7.3.2. Seconded by Heather Sampson

- 7.3.3. [2023-9-18] motion carried.

8. **Financial Report**

- 8.1. The Sewer, Festival, Gas Tax, Rink Renovation, and Municipal accounts have all been reconciled and balanced.

9. Old Business -1 action item, 1 motion.

- 9.1. Ballfields Project update: The new field is in. There are a couple of bent pole s to be fixed. Dugouts will be worked on this weekend. There are new holes that need fixing. Grass is growing well and is looking good.
- 9.2. McGuire Point -revisiting the fact that there has been an offer to purchase.
9.2.1. Discussion points included its great greenspace on the river within the Municipality and it would have to be a public sale if it were to be sold.
9.2.2. There was a decision by the entire council not to proceed with a motion for a sale at this time.
- 9.3. Rink Update for NCI. The matting went in last week, additional paint was needed and that was completed. Everything is on track for Phase 3 renovation to be completed by Oct. 1. They will need to have ice put in before opening. Discussion that the NCI will fund a Grand Opening, which can invite all levels of Government, Credit Union, and the Council for a ribbon cutting.
9.3.1. **Action Items:** Deputy Mayor Danny Kelly or Heather Sampson will talk with Sherri at the Credit Union about a Grand Reopening of the rink and update on this as it gets planned.
Motion to have a grand reopening and invite members from Government and the Credit Union.
9.3.2. Moved by Vincenzo Trombetta
9.3.3. Seconded by Heather Sampson
9.3.4. [2023-9-18] Motion carried.

10. New Business -No action items, 2 motions

- 10.1. Tender for Lighting at Church Diamond
10.1.1. Cost of lights is \$340,000.
10.1.2. There were 2 quotes on the installation of the lights (total costs, lights, labor, and man hours), Hanson Electric \$620,000 and MacEwan Electric \$598,000
Motion is moved to accept MacEwan Electric as the contractor.
10.1.3. Moved by Chris Dunn
10.1.4. Seconded by Garry MacAdam
10.1.5. [2023-9-18] Motion carried.
- 10.2. Land planning item presented by Vincenzo Trombetta.
Small rural Municipalities do not have the money to hire planners, development officers, and inspectors. This is an ongoing challenge, not just due to the cost but the availability. The Province has moved back the date for Land Plans to be completed by until 2025. If the Municipality creates the bylaw without proper planning, it will be harder to amend it later. With the additional time given, there can be more research and strategy done in advance.
Motion by Vincenzo Trombetta to delay developing the Land Plan Bylaw further in accordance with the deadline being moved to 2025.
10.2.1. Moved by Chris Dunn
10.2.2. Seconded by Garry MacAdam
10.2.3. [2023-9-18] Motion carried.

11. **Next Meeting** is Monday October 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
12. **Adjournment** Motion to adjourn moved by Vincenzo Trombetta

Danny Kelly, Chairperson Signature: _____

Date: _____

Amanda Benedict, CAO Signature: _____

Date: _____