



Mossey River Municipality

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council May 15, 2025 - 05:00 PM

Present: Reeve Reynold Sahulka
Councillor Larry Pascal
Councillor Barry Heppner
Councillor Greg Boyko
Councillor Riley Chartrand - Participated via teleconference
Councillor Ivan Fleming
Councillor Angel Johnson - Arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Loretta Woytkiewicz
Assistant CAO Donna Ainscough

1 Call the Meeting to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Reeve Sahulka at 5:02 p.m.

2 Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-121

Moved By: Councillor Boyko

Seconded By: Councillor Fleming

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the May 15, 2025 meeting of Council be adopted and the order of the Agenda is authorized to be altered as required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Approval of Minutes

Resolution No. 2025-122

Moved By: Councillor Pascal

Seconded By: Councillor Heppner

Be it resolved that the readings be waived and that the minutes of the following meetings be accepted and approved as circulated:

1. May 1, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council

CARRIED

4 Delegations

4.1 5:05 p.m. - Public Works Report - Gerry Vermette

4.2 5:30 p.m. - Ashley Haigh, Burns Maendel Consulting Engineers Re: Class 6 & 7 Soils

5 Finances

5.1 List of Accounts

Resolution No. 2025-124

Moved By: Councillor Pascal

Seconded By: Councillor Chartrand

Be it resolved that the general and payroll accounts for payment, having been examined and approved by the finance committee, be hereby approved as follows:

General: Cheque # 7976 - 8011 \$56,940.86

Voided Cheques: 7984

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 Councillor Reports

6.1 Reeve Sahulka

I attended the May 1,2025 Regular meeting of Council, as well as the Construction committee meeting, and the meeting with the Harbour Board. I helped out with part of setting up the docks, and have been to the site several times to check on the progress.

On May 6th, 2025 I attended an EMO meeting at New Horizon's Senior Centre.

6.2 Councillor Chartrand

Attended previous council meeting that was held on May 1st, 2025 as well as the Dauphin Vet Board meeting.

6.3 Councillor Johnson

May 1,2025 - I attended the Regular meeting of Council.

May 6,2025 - I attended an EMO Meeting that was held at the New Horizons Senior Centre.

May 10,2025 - I attended the Hospital Board Meeting.

6.4 Councillor Fleming

I missed the May 1,2025 Council meeting due to being sick. I did attend the Construction Committee meeting as well as the meeting with the local Harbour Board on May 8,2025.

6.5 Councillor Boyko

I attended the May 1,2025 regular meeting of Council as well as the Construction Committee meeting that was held on May 8,2025.

I have had several discussions with people regarding the absence of graders out in the rural areas. The graders should have been out this week prior to the rain as some roads are starting to get pounded out.

6.6 Councillor Pascal

On May 1,2025 I attended the regular meeting of Council, on May 6, 2025 I attended the EMO meeting at the senior centre, and on May 8,2025 I attended the Construction Committee meeting as well as the Harbour Board meeting.

6.7 Councillor Heppner

I attended May 1st,2025 Council meeting.

May 7th,2025 I attended the Westlake Watershed meeting in Alonsa.

May8th,2025, I attended a dock and construction meeting from 2-4 p.m.

May 15th, 2025 I will be attending the regular meeting of Council.

7 Unfinished Business

7.1 Drainage restrictions to development class 6 & 7 soils

Resolution No. 2025-123

Moved By: Councillor Heppner

Seconded By: Councillor Johnson

WHEREASin the Province of Manitoba, reconnaissance soil surveys were completed between 1926 and 1996 and detailed soil surveys were completed between 1972 and 2022, classifying surface soils by their agricultural capability in accordance with the Canada Land Inventory; and

WHEREASthe soil classifications from the Canada Land Inventory referenced in the Planning Regulation, the Water Rights Regulation, and the Nutrient Management Regulation are defined as: the mineral soils are grouped into seven classes according to their potentialities and limitations for agricultural use. Where Class 6 soils are capable only of producing perennial forage crops, and improvement practices are not feasible and Class 7 soils have no capability for arable culture or permanent pasture; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Environment and Climate Change through the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch regulate drainage within the Province of Manitoba through the Water Rights Act; and

WHEREAS all persons including municipalities must obtain a valid and subsisting license as per the Water Rights Act; and

WHEREAS development of land cannot take place without obtaining a valid drainage license to construct pertinent development features such as roads and ditches; and **WHEREAS** the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch, as of 2019, has implemented an internal policy in which drainage licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils cannot be approved, for registrable or licensable projects; and

WHEREAS the term “registerable project” is defined, separately from other licensable projects for drainage works, in the Water Rights Act. These are typically minor or less impactful drainage projects, often involving surface or subsurface drains. Registration allows for a streamlined process compared to full licensing, but still ensures compliance with regulations; and

WHEREAS licensable applications for water control works are not restricted on Class 6 and 7 soils, only “registerable projects” are restricted per the Water Rights Regulation; and

WHEREAS municipalities recognize the need to restrict development in environmentally sensitive areas and critical/significant wildlife habitats such as wetlands and habitats for migratory species; and

WHEREAS The Planning Act, The Planning Regulation, The Environment Act, The Water Protection Act, The Water Rights Act, The Water Rights Regulation, and The Nutrient Management Regulation do not restrict the issuance of Water Control Works Licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils; and

WHEREAS the municipalities recognize that some subclasses of Class 6 and 7 soils are strongly associated with the presence of wetlands, however development of wetlands is already limited per the Water Rights Regulation; and

WHEREAS many subclasses of Class 6 and 7 soils are often viewed as desirable for rural subdivisions, lakeside cottage developments, and campgrounds due to their lack of agricultural capability, including soils which: - have a restricted rooting zone depth for crops, that contain poisonous plants to farm animals, are heavily forested, are affected by drouthiness (sandy and gravely soils), that have high salinity, have high groundwater table, are too stony to permit cultivation, and have a topographic slope of greater than 31%; and

WHEREAS the Canada Land Inventory soil classification system used in the reconnaissance and detailed soil surveys was published in 1965, this classification speaks only to agricultural uses, and predates current drainage practices and drainage regulations by 60 years; and

WHEREAS the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch is applying this internal policy to all undeveloped lands on Class 6 and 7 soils, regardless of current zoning designations; and

WHEREAS many municipalities are experiencing significant loss of developable land, portions of which have already been designated/zoned for development, from the implementation of this internal policy; and

WHEREAS this internal policy is unnecessarily restricting development and the potential for increased tax-base of municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to only enforce current limitations published in the Acts and Regulations, and remove the internal policy denying Water Control Works Licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils; and **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Manitoba engage AMM to participate as stakeholders in the preparations of future internal policies within the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch to adequately evaluate the impact of these internal policies on growth and future development.

CARRIED

7.2 Employee Benefit Plans Review
Resolution No. 2025-125
Moved By: Councillor Johnson
Seconded By: Councillor Fleming

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of Mossey River Municipality does hereby approve the proposal from Western Financial for Health & Dental Benefits to change from the current Plan 1 to Plan 3 effective July 1, 2025.

CARRIED

7.3 2025 Public Works Projects Approval
Resolution No. 2025-126
Moved By: Councillor Boyko
Seconded By: Councillor Pascal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of Mossey River Municipality does hereby approve the 2025 Public Works projects as per the attached listing and estimate in the amount of \$73,355.29.

CARRIED

7.4 MEBP Employer Contribution Approval
Resolution No. 2025-127
Moved By: Councillor Fleming
Seconded By: Councillor Johnson

WHEREAS Mossey River Municipality recently ratified a new collective agreement with the Operating Engineers of Manitoba Local 987 on behalf of all employees belonging to the bargaining unit effective January 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS Mossey River Municipality recently renegotiated the employment contracts of the non-unionized employees effective January 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS Mossey River Municipality has agreed to change the portion of employee benefits paid by the employer to 65% while the employee will pay the remaining 35%. The employee benefits affected by this change are Group Insurance, Disability Insurance and the applicable RST. This change is effective January 1, 2025.

CARRIED

7.5 Grader Tender Approval
Resolution No. 2025-128
Moved By: Councillor Heppner
Seconded By: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of Mossey River Municipality does hereby authorize the purchase of a 2025 Komatsu GD655-7 Grader from SMS Equipment Inc complete with quick attach lift group, 12' postless wing, 9' vee plow, mold board extension and one snow plus tire and rim for the purchase price of \$616,403.20 (taxes included) as per the attached tender.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds are to be transferred from the Equipment Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Public Dock Update

- Public Dock Update 1
- Public Dock Update 2
- Public Dock Update 3
- Public Dock Update 4
- Public Dock Update 5

8 New Business

8.1 Manitoba Good Roads Association

8.2 Green Team 2025

Resolution No. 2025-129

Moved By: Councillor Boyko

Seconded By: Councillor Pascal

WHEREAS the Mossey River Municipality has been approved for Green Team Funding in the amount of \$ 6,115.48, and
WHEREAS Council agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in the Letter of Agreement, and
WHEREAS there will be two positions available, approximately from July 2, 2025 to August 22, 2025, and
WHEREAS the CAO and Public Works Supervisor have conducted interviews for the position,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the hiring of Ethan Sahulka & Talon Solomon in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Letter of Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 South Bay Committee Request

Resolution No. 2025-130

Moved By: Councillor Heppner

Seconded By: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the South Bay Committee's request to utilize the South Bay school yard for their annual Fathers Day picnic.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Ethelbert & Districts Veterinary Services

Resolution No. 2025-131

Moved By: Councillor Boyko

Seconded By: Councillor Fleming

Be it resolved that Council for the Mossey River Municipality hereby authorizes signing the Veterinary Services District Agreement between the Municipality of Ethelbert, The Mossey River Municipality and the Rural Municipality of Mountain, as per a copy of the attached agreement.

Be it further resolved that council authorizes the annual levy payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 towards the Ethelbert & Districts Veterinary Clinic.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 2025 Culvert Purchase Approval

Resolution No. 2025-132

Moved By: Councillor Fleming

Seconded By: Councillor Boyko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of Mossey River Municipality does hereby approve the purchase of culverts from Atlantic Industries Limited in the amount of \$23,295.70 excluding taxes as per quote # E2025-1680-R00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 In Camera

9.1 In Camera In
Resolution No. 2025-133
Moved By: Councillor Heppner
Seconded By: Councillor Fleming

Be it resolved that Council dissolves into a committee as a whole in camera to discuss issues in a closed session in-camera at 7:30 pm
And as per section 83(1)(d) of the Municipal Act each member of Council is to keep in confidence the matters discussed to keep confidential until the matter is discussed at a meeting of the Council or if a committee conducted in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 In Camera Out
Resolution No. 2025-134
Moved By: Councillor Heppner
Seconded By: Councillor Pascal

Be it resolved that the Committee revert back to the regular open council meeting out of camera at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Correspondence

10.1 Government

- Letter from Honourable Minister Glen Simard – May 7, 2025

10.2 Municipal

- AMM Advisory – Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation
- AMM Advisory – Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Funding, By-Law-Template, and FAQ for Municipalities
- AMM News Bulletin – May 2025
- Parkland Immigration Update

10.3 Other

- MVSD News Digest – May 2025
- Prairie Mountain Health Plus Newsletter – May 2025
- Community Futures Parkland Newsletter

11 Adjournment
Resolution No. 2025-135
Moved By: Councillor Heppner
Seconded By: Councillor Johnson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of Mossey River Municipality does hereby adjourn their May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council at 8:45 p.m. to meet again on, June 5, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chief Administrative Officer

Reeve