



Rural Municipality of St. Laurent
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2025

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, in the Council Chambers, located at 16 St. Laurent Veterans' Memorial Road, St. Laurent, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Richard Chartrand, Councillors, Tom Johnson, Perry Gaudry, Yves Combot and CAO, Billie Jean Oliver.

Regrets: Councillor Maurice Leclair

Call to Order

Reeve Richard Chartrand called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Res # 23/2025 Johnson - Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for today's date be hereby adopted as amended.

...Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Res # 24/2025 Gaudry - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of listed below are hereby approved by Council as circulated:

- Council Meeting – January 2, 2025

...Carried

Committee Reports

CAO (Billie Jean Oliver) Since the last meeting:

- Copy Attached
- Attended Council Meeting on January 2, 2025
- I have been working on the year-end process for Payworks, MEBP and now WCB
- We welcomed our new office clerk, Katirina Zotter. Thank you to Bernice and Paul who have been working to train Katirina
- Attended the meeting with the AMM Executive, the Interlake Director and members of the Council
- Attended a meeting with Tammy, the Rec Director, and Ian Goodall-George from the Interlake Recreation Association

Councillor Yves Combot

- Attended AMM delegation meeting
- Meeting and discussions with the Fire Department

Councillor Tom Johnson

- Attended AMM meeting
- Attended Oak Point Community Club meeting. Will be holding monthly prize bingos, we are just waiting on the licensing and are going to be held on the first Sunday of each month; will be holding our Old Time Dances on the third Sunday of each month beginning in April;

Councillor Perry Gaudry

- Attended AMM Meeting;

- Attended Seniors Resource meeting. They removed their belongings out of the Neil Gaudry Centre garage. They are struggling with volunteers being available; there were two resignations; discussed how to encourage volunteerism. Seniors Resource requested prizes for their prize bingo; They also requested a presentation on the PCH

CAO to reach out to contact at PARRKA to get some presentation information.

Reeve Richard Chartrand

- Attended AMM Meeting
- Attended the Northwest Interlake Health Advisory Committee. There was some really great discussion and information provided:
 - o EMS Regional Manager attended;
 - o Ambulance in our region requires 8 paramedics to be operational and we currently have 4; we will be getting 4 more approximately in March;
 - o Coming is a pilot project with Advanced Paramedics. This is like a doctor on wheels. They will tour the Interlake and alleviate some of the workload on the paramedics that would normally attend wellness calls etc.
 - o Discussions were held regarding adding ambulance bays at our station and at the Lundar station.
 - o There is a program for reimbursement for FD attending lift assists. It is up to \$400 per call and is retroactive for 2024. CAO has been directed to contact the EMS co-ordinator to get information on process and procedures to complete these submissions.

Public Works/WTS – (presented by Reeve Chartrand)

- Christmas lights are coming down;
- Grader is being repaired;
- Regarding the WTS there was a question raised regarding sides being put on the trailer used for the garbage pick-up. It would allow more to be hauled at one time and reduce the number of trips to a specific area;

Fire Department (Melissa Buors) – as indicated above by Councillor Combot;

Economic Development (Denise Allard) – as attached

By-law (Sophie Skierszkan) – as attached

MEC (Melissa Buors) - Not Currently

Rec Commission (Tammy Hiebert) – Not Currently

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

Res # 25/2025 Johnson - Combot

WHEREAS payroll processing for all departments is now done electronically through Payworks, which no longer requires physical cheques to be prepared.

Payroll	Admin #1	\$19,287.23
Accounts Payable	34759 - 34787	\$175,737.26
Previous Accounts Payable by Resolution dated 2024-12-18	34748 - 34750	16,660.04

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable as listed above is hereby approved for payment.

...Carried

Res # 26/2025 Combot - Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities for January 2025 and Expenses for December 2024 be approved (electronically through Payworks) as follows:

	Richard Chartrand	Tom Johnson	Moe Leclair	Yves Combot	Perry Gaudry
Indemnity	1000.00	900.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
Hourly	238.00	28.00	42.00	210.00	168.00
Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	5.50	12.10	34.10	76.45	16.50
Phone	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Blue Cross (BC)	-469.49	-469.49	-469.49	-469.49	-469.49
BC (paid by RM)	469.49	469.49	469.49	469.49	469.49
CPP Deduction	-56.31	-37.86	-32.75	0.00	-40.24
Fed/Prov Tax ded	-300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-50.00
Totals	887.19	952.24	843.35	1086.45	894.26

ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS

Notices:

- February 5th, 2025 @ 10:15am – VSTL-01-25 – 5559473 Manitoba LTD/Pitblado LLP, Johanna Theissen
- February 5th, 2025 @ 10:20am – CUSTL-01-25 – Ian King

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

- None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- None

OTHER DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS

- None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Res # 27/2025

Johnson - Combot

RECORDED VOTE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1/2025 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of St. Laurent to regulate the proceedings of a meeting and conduct of Council and Committees thereof, also known as the Procedures By-law hereby be given the third reading.

...Carried

	RICHARD	TOM	YVES	MAURICE	PERRY
FOR	X	X	X		X
AGAINST					

ABSTAIN					
ABSENT				X	

Res # 28/2025 Gaudry - Combot

WHEREAS the Manitoba Emergency Management (EMO) is inviting Reeves, Councillors, Chief Administrative Officers, Municipal Emergency Coordinators and has extended the invite to volunteers that will play a part in Emergency management to attend the 2025 Local Authority Workshops as follows:

- January 22, 2025, Thompson
- January 28, 2025, Gimli
- January 29, 2025, Beausejour
- February 7, 2025, Virtual – MS Teams

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Billie Jean Oliver, Richard Chartrand, Yves Combot, Melissa Buors of the 2025 Local Authority Workshops hosted by Manitoba EMO on January 28th, 2025.

...Carried/

Res # 29/2025 Johnson - Gaudry

WHEREAS AMBM will have the honour of hosting the Honourable Glen Simard, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations and Minister responsible of Francophone Affairs, for an exclusive roundtable discussion with our member municipalities.

AND WHEREAS AMBM is to designate three representatives to attend this special event, one spokesperson per municipality will participate at the round table. This event will be on January 30th, 2025, in the early evening at La Broquerie Hotel beginning at 5pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Richard Chartrand, Yves Combot and Billie Jean Oliver.

...Carried/

Res# 30/2025 Gaudry - Combot

WHEREAS the RM of St. Laurent Municipal Emergency Co-ordinator has received information regarding the benefits of belonging to the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Co-ordinators.

AND WHEREAS the membership to this association is \$300.00 annually.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve joining the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Co-ordinators.

...Carried/

Res # 31/2025 Johnson - Gaudry

WHEREAS The Council is being invited to participate in a crucial interview on climate resilience and mitigation. The research project is conducted through Brandon University, the Rural Development Institute, and Eco-West Canada, and

WHEREAS they would like to schedule a time to virtually interview as per outlined in the attached appendix 1.2 participants consent form.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint the following participation for the crucial interview on climate resilience and mitigation as follows Denise Allard, Richard Chartrand and Billie Jean Oliver dated on TBD at the time of TBD

...Carried/

Res # 32/2025 Johnson - Combot

WHEREAS membership renew to the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association allows for benefits of professional development seminars and webinars, forums with other CAO's, mentorship programs and other benefits; and

WHEREAS the cost for a membership is \$315.00 per year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the registration of the CAO as a member of the Manitoba Municipal Administrators association.

...Carried/

Res #33/2025 Johnson - Gaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Council Members, CAO to attend the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Annual Spring Convention being held on April 14, 2025 to April 16, 2025, located at RBC Convention Center, Winnipeg, MB. (Prices are not available yet).

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of the following council members, Richard Chartrand, Yves Combot, Perry Gaudry and Billie Jean Oliver.

...Carried/

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION/MINUTES FROM OTHERS

Correspondence/Information:

- Bulletin #2024-28 - Municipal and Northern Relations, Property Assessment Services Levy Increase
- Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba (RMHC)
- Bulletin #2025-02 Municipal and Northern Relations 2025 Manitoba Planning Conference
- AMM Convention Venue Locations 2024 Resolution Update
- AMBM Contribution to the RM of St. Laurent

Minutes:

- WIPD Regular Board Meeting December 17th, 2024

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CAMERA

- None

ADJOURN

Res #34/2025 Johnson - Combot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn at 11:35 hrs.

...Carried

Reeve

CAO