



Rural Municipality of East St. Paul
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025 - Council Meeting - 05:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Carla Devlin
Deputy Mayor Brian Imhoff
Councillor Orest Horechko
Councillor Brian Duval
Councillor Charles Posthumus

IN ATTENDANCE: Suzanne Ward, Chief Administrative Officer
Kerry Floren, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT:

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - AMENDED**
- 2025-063 2.1 **RESOLUTION: Adoption of the Agenda - AMENDED**

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended as presented.

ADD:

Item 9.2.1 Manitoba Water Services Board Technical and Financial Assistance Request

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**
4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**
- 4.1 ~ **February 25, 2025 Planning Meeting**

2025-064 4.1.1 **RESOLUTION: Confirmation of the February 25, 2025 Minutes**

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Meeting Minutes of the February 25, 2025 Planning meeting, be approved.

Carried

5. **DELEGATIONS**
- 5.1 ~ **Saibal Basu, Stantec Consulting RE: Water & Wastewater Regional Study Review**
- 5.1.1 ~ **Nathan Wittmeier, Manitoba Water Services Board RE: Water & Wastewater Regional Study Review**

6. BY-LAWS

6.1 ~ Speed Limit By-law 2025-04 (1st Reading)

2025-065

6.1.1 RESOLUTION: Speed Limit By-law 2025-04 (1st Reading)

Councillor Posthumus
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2025-04, being a By-law of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul to establish the maximum speed limit on a highway or portion of a highway under the responsible traffic authority's jurisdiction be given 1st reading.

Defeated

7. POLICIES

8. FINANCES

8.1 ~ Schedule of Accounts

2025-066

8.1.1 RESOLUTION: Schedule of Accounts

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the schedule of accounts dated March 11, 2025 amounting to \$1,150 be confirmed as paid.

Carried

8.2 ~ Schedule of Accounts (paid since February 11/25)

2025-067

8.2.1 RESOLUTION: Schedule of Accounts (Paid Since February 11, 2025)

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the schedule of accounts paid since the February 11, 2025 meeting of Council amounting to \$637,817.73 be confirmed as paid.

Carried

8.3 ~ Payroll

2025-068

8.3.1 RESOLUTION: Payroll

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the net payroll and Council indemnities for the RM of East St. Paul for February 14 to March 11, 2025 amounting to \$207,784.06 be approved.

Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 OPERATIONS

9.1.1 ~ Installation of Flashing Lights in School Zones

2025-069

9.1.1.1 RESOLUTION: Installation of Flashing Lights in School Zones

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Duval

Note: Administration was given direction to provide options for school zone lighting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

OPTION A:

Council approve the purchase of 4 Solar-Powered LED Blinker Signs for the Birds Hill and Robert Andrews school zones for the total cost of \$8,649.60 plus applicable taxes.

OPTION B:

Council approve the purchase of 4 Blinker Beacon Solar LED lights for Birds Hill and Robert Andrews school zones for the total cost of \$17,514.80 plus applicable taxes.

OPTION C:

Council approve the purchase of 2 Solar-Powered LED Blinker Signs for the Birds Hill Elementary school zone for the total cost of \$4,324.80 plus applicable taxes.

OR

Council approve the purchase of 2 Blinker Beacon Solar LED lights for Birds Hill Elementary school zone for the total cost of \$8,757.40 plus applicable taxes.

OPTION D:

Council authorizes Public Works to install signs displaying the word "NEW" above the updated school zone speed limit signs to enhance awareness.

Defeated

9.1.2 ~ Gateway Road Closure - Mulder Road to Spatuck Road

2025-070

9.1.2.1 RESOLUTION: Gateway Road Closure - Mulder Road to Spatuck Road

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve to extend the closure on Gateway Road, with further review.

Carried

9.2 UTILITIES

9.2.1 ADD: Manitoba Water Services Board Technical and Financial Assistance Request

2025-071

9.2.1.1 RESOLUTION: Manitoba Water Services Board Technical and Financial Assistance Request

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally request technical and financial assistance from the Manitoba Water Services Board for the Pre-Design, Environmental Assessment Process, and Functional Design of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The total cost of \$600,000 will be shared equally between the RM of East St. Paul and the Manitoba Water Services Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the funds be borne from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Reserve Fund.

Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

11.1 ~ Saibal Basu, Stantec Consulting RE: Water & Wastewater Regional Study Review

11.2 ~ Nathan Wittmeier, Manitoba Water Services Board RE: Water & Wastewater Regional Study Review

12. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

12.1 Mayor - Carla Devlin

February 12 – March 11, 2025

Over the past several weeks, I have participated in a number of meetings and events to advance community priorities, foster regional collaboration, and support ongoing planning and infrastructure initiatives. Below is a summary of key activities during this reporting period:

- **February 13:** Participated in a Council briefing to prepare for the upcoming meeting with Minister Simard.
- **February 14:** All of Council met with Minister Simard at the Manitoba Legislative Building to discuss **Bill 4** and its implications for municipalities.
- **February 19:** Attended two virtual sessions:
 - *FCM Canada–USA Relations Session*
 - *John Q Public Inc. Board Meeting*
- **February 20:** Participated in the *CPR/WMR Board Meeting* to review transportation and regional development matters.
- **February 25:** Took part in a Council briefing in preparation for upcoming discussions.
- **February 26:** Attended the *Regional Wastewater Study Meeting* with Stantec and the Water Services Board to discuss long-term infrastructure planning.
- **March 6:** Participated in the *Manitoba Recreation Conference*, engaging with municipal leaders and recreation professionals on community wellness and infrastructure.
- **March 10:** Attended the following meetings:
 - *Finance and Audit Committee Meeting* (John Q Public Inc.)
 - *Wastewater/Water Meeting* to continue discussions on servicing needs.
- **March 11:** Chaired the *Council Meeting*, which included a presentation and review of the Water and Wastewater Study by Stantec and the Water Services Board.

12.2 Ward 1 - Brian Imhoff

13-Feb-25	Council Briefing
14-Feb-25	Meeting-Minister of Municipal Relations
19-Feb-25	FCM – Canada/US Relations
25-Feb-25	Council Briefing
25-Feb-25	Planning/Council Meeting
26-Feb-25	Council Briefing
5-Mar-25	Manitoba Planning Conference
6-Mar-25	Manitoba Planning Conference
7-Mar-25	Manitoba Planning Conference
10-Mar-25	Business Development Meeting
5-Mar-25	Planning Meeting
11-Mar-25	Regular Council Meeting

12.3 Ward 2 - Orest Horechko

14-Feb-25 Meeting with Minister (G.Simard)
5-Mar-25 Manitoba Planning Conference
6-Mar-25 Manitoba Planning Conference
7-Mar-25 Manitoba Planning Conference
10-Mar-25 Council Briefing (Developer)
11-Mar-25 Regular Council Meeting

12.4 Ward 3 - Brian Duval

- Council prep meeting for meeting with Minister
- Meeting at Legislature with Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Red River Planning Board meeting
- Open House meeting/discussion with residents
- Briefing of Council on school zones
- Briefing from Stantec on Draft Report of East St. Paul Regional Water/Wastewater Study
- Meeting with prominent land developer
- Two Council meetings

12.5 Ward 4 - Charles Posthumus

5-Mar-25 Manitoba Recreation Conferance
6-Mar-25 Manitoba Recreation Conference
7-Mar-25 Manitoba Recreation Conference
10-Mar-25 Council Briefing: Sewer Plant upgrade
11-Mar-25 Meeting with Resident at RM office
11-Mar-25 Regular Council Meeting

13. IN CAMERA

13.1 ~ Business Development Matter

2025-072

13.2 RESOLUTION: In Camera

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now move In Camera as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss (legal, personnel and/or business development) matters.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed while In Camera are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

Carried

2025-073

13.3 RESOLUTION: Out of Camera

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now moves Out of Camera and resumes the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

2025-074

13.4 RESOLUTION: Regular Council Meeting Date Changes

Councillor Duval
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regularly scheduled Council meetings be rescheduled to take place at 9:00 AM, instead of 5:30 PM, on the following dates:

- April 8, 2025
- May 13, 2025
- June 10, 2025
- September 9, 2025
- October 14, 2025
- November 4, 2025

Carried

2025-075

13.5 RESOLUTION: Land Acquisition

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul recognizes the strategic importance of acquiring certain lands for municipal purposes;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that the purchase of the land legally described as River Lots 101 and 102, Plan 12761 (RL 101/102 PA 12761) is in the best interests of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the agreed purchase price for the said land is Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) CAD;

AND WHEREAS the funds for this purchase shall be borne from reserve funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the purchase of RL 101/102 PA 12761 for \$7,500,000.00 and authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute all necessary documents and take all required actions to complete the transaction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality's legal counsel be directed to finalize the Offer to Purchase and any other relevant agreements in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

2025-076

14.1 RESOLUTION: Adjournment

Councillor Posthumus
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned, the time being 8:27 pm.

Carried



Carla Devlin
Mayor



Suzanne Ward
Chief Administrative Officer