



RM OF MORRIS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2012



Greetings From The Reeve



The end to a busy and generally productive season is approaching rapidly. Your Council, CAO and Administration Staff and Public Works Employees have been making every effort to serve the residents and rate payers of the RM of Morris in the most effective way.

Effective means of communication is important. In addition to phone and personal contact we will be creating an entirely new website that will allow us to present news and information in a timely manner. The website will also be more interactive and will allow for contact with both Facebook and Twitter. Residents will be able to sign up for instant news updates such as flood or snow storm information. The launch date for the new site will be the middle of November. We will provide additional information on our current website.

Council and Administration will be presenting information regarding present and future residential development in the community of Rosenort. The meeting will be held in the Rosenort Credit Union basement on October 23, 7:30pm. This will be an opportunity for council and staff to present plans and to respond to any questions or concerns.

Operational planning for the 2013 season has begun with a focus on continuing an effective drain maintenance plan as well as a more effective process for meeting the needs of our urban communities. We encourage all residents to provide suggestions and concerns to us in order that we and our staff will be able to serve you more effectively. We encourage you to use our 'Concern' forms so that staff can more effectively identify and respond to problems. These forms are available on our

website, at our office or from any council member.

If you have any questions or concerns of council please contact us by phone or e-mail. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Reeve Ralph Groening

Drainage Report

The last 18 months has been drier than we have seen for many years. As the RM, we have been working hard to use these drier conditions to continue to work on our drainage program. Weather permitting, we should be able to finish up our drain program that was published late last winter. We currently have 2 high hoes operating to get it done. Another big accomplishment this summer was the reconstruction of the Provincial 4N drain, by the province. That should be a big improvement for those farming from Pleasant Valley West. If you have any new requests for drainage or culvert extensions that you want done, fill out a drainage request form, which are available from the office or online, and get them into the office by Nov 1. After this date it might not get into our program for next year.

Last year council also decided to get more aggressive with mowing bulrushes. We bought a skid steer loader and mounted a mower in front. This allowed us to get into areas that a tractor could not. Over 100 miles were done last year. This year we are again working on getting more done. We have the skid steer going again and also put our bi-directional tractor with mower in ditch bottoms. If we get an extended season this fall, we can maybe reach 175-200 miles. If you as farmers can help us by mowing ditches around your property it would be appreciated.

Report From The CAO



As the saying goes "Time flies when you are having fun!" It seems like just a brief time ago that I started here in the Rural Municipality of Morris, however it has already been almost six months. I have really appreciated meeting many new people and even getting to know some of you. From my perception, there are many great people here in the Rural Municipality of Morris and the Municipality is served by an excellent group of elected representatives as well as a great staff. So I want to say thank you for the great reception that I have received to date – it truly has been enjoyable to take on this new role!

For your information, one item that was included in the 2012 Financial Plan was that of doing a 'facelift' and some renovations to the Administration Office. We are happy to announce that this work will finally take place in November of this year. During the change period we in the Administration Office will actually be operating out of the basement here in the Municipal Office. So if you need to come see us we will be downstairs.

A second item of interest for you will be the unveiling and launching of our new web site. We are anticipating that the new site will be up and running sometime in the middle of November. Stay tuned for more details.

A third item of interest for you is the installation of an electronic metering system for our three bulk water facilities in Rosenort, Sperling and Lowe Farm. We have mailed information to all existing bulk water customers informing them of the

changes. For those of you who use these bulk water systems you will need to contact the Administration Office to obtain a Bulk Water Card. There will be an initial fee of \$100.00 that will be applied against your account and then any purchases thereafter will be invoiced on a quarterly basis. This is another step that is being taken in order to reduce the amount of water losses that the Rural Municipality of Morris has experienced in the past.

Finally, just a quick reminder that the Tax Bill due date is October 31st, 2012. In order to avoid any penalty charges, please ensure that we receive payment before closing on the 31st.

Larry Driedger
Chief Administrative Officer

Reminders



TAXES

2012 taxes are due on October 3rd, 2012.

WATER BILLS

Third Quarter water bills are due October 31st, 2012.

ADDRESS CHANGE— Council and staff would like to remind all homeowners and landlords to please remember to contact the R.M. office with any change of information. Including change of address, final water meter readings, and change of tenants in rental properties. Landlords are financially responsible for any outstanding bills on their property.

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Council Meetings

- November 14
- December 12
- January 9, 2013
- February 13, 2013

Board of Revision

-November 14, 2012

Rosenort Informational Meeting

October 23rd, 2012,
7:30pm at the RCU

After Hours
Public Works
Emergency Line
Water Works:
204-746-2412

Up Coming Events

October 26

- Lowe Farm Fall Supper
5pm - 7pm

December 7 & 8, 2012

- Annual Dessert & Dinner
Theatre in Morris

December 1, 2012

- Breakfast with Santa
in Morris



- PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADVISE THE R.M. OFFICE IF YOU ARE MOVING. CHANGES TO YOUR ADDRESS & CHANGE OF RENTER AT 746-7301, SO WATER BILLS/TAXES CAN BE ADJUSTED.



- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL IN YOUR LAST WATER METER READING WHEN YOU ARE MOVING



Public Works Report

Drainage: The Drainage Program is slowly coming to an end for 2012. Approximately 8 miles are left to do which we should be able to finish. Later this winter we will again send out a drainage map proposal.

Mowing: We have again been mowing ditch bottoms and have completed approximately 150 miles. We will mow ditches as long as weather permits. The RM added another mower to help out with mowing. I would like to say a big Thank You to all those that took the time to mow some of their ditches!

Roads: Our gravel program went well this year. Roads were gravelled in a reasonable amount of time with more gravel being put on the heavier travelled roads. This should show an improvement. With the dry summer it was difficult trying to maintain our gravel roads. The RM is stock piling 12-15,000 tonnes of gravel for repairs for the next year. We also have some crushed rock on hand. The RM has purchased 2 front mount mulchers for the graders. They have been a big asset for maintaining our dirt roads.

Water Works: The RM again has been busy with the installation of a sewer line north of the tracks in Sperling. We also added a sewer line from River Road South to the lift station on the north side of town. This will help reduce the pressure for those residents in that area. Installation of water and sewer seems to on-going with all the new housing in the towns and rural hook-ups. To date we have done a total of seventeen. Seven in Rosenort, three in Lowe Farm, three in Sperling and three in the rural area with five more pending.

**Again, a reminder to all residents to refrain from dumping or blowing snow onto our road allowance. This can be dangerous to our operators and equipment.

I would like to thank the Staff for a job well done!

Alvin Wiebe
Public Work Supervisor



BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2013 assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Morris has been delivered to the Municipal office at 207 Main Street North in Morris, MB and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be in accordance with section 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act:

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of the Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)

43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought.
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed by delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the municipal office on or before October 29th, 2012.

The Board of Revision will sit on Wednesday November 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council chamber of the Rural Municipality of Morris to hear applications for revisions to 2012 assessments and 2011 supplementary tax notices.

Dated this 4th day of October 2012
Larry Driedger, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of Morris

RM of Morris Office Notes

Animal Control: For people that have more than 2 dogs, and plan on selling them, a onetime fee of \$150.00 for a Conditional Use (*Kennel Fee*) is necessary. Please keep your dogs in your yard.

New Office Renovations: We expect renovations to start in November. The Office Staff will be working down in the basement while renovations are being done.

Special Certificates: We offer Free Special Certificates for Anniversaries 50 years and up, 90th Birthdays and Centennial Farms. If you, or anyone you know is celebrating one of these occasions, please call our office.

ONLINE BANKING

If you process your payments online, please make sure you choose the correct name. If you see Town of Morris under your selected payees, please **DO Not Use** that name. Your payment will go to the Town, and will cause your payment to be late with the RM of Morris and penalties will be added.

Please note, we do not deal with TD Bank for online payments.



Landfill Hours

DAYS	Rosenort	Lowe Farm
Monday	9am - 5pm	CLOSED
Tuesday	9am - 5pm	1pm -5pm
Wednesday	9am - 8pm	CLOSED
Thursday	9am - 5pm	10am-8pm
Friday	9am - 5pm	CLOSED
Saturday	9am - 5pm	9am-3pm

Main Phone Line: 746-0417 at Rosenort

FEES	
Scale per ton	\$25.00
1 Ton Truck	\$25.00
Half Ton Truck	\$10.00
Car with Trailer	\$10.00
1-5 Bags	\$5.00

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