

## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members present: Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Stan Siemens, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese, Sieg Neumann.

### Agenda

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#1/02 Resolved that the agenda for the January 9, 2002 regular meeting be now accepted as presented and as may be amended.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

### School Div Committee

Council then held a lengthy discussion on the issues of the Morris Macdonald School Division and the Elected Official Advisory Committee. Most of this discussion concerned the potential Board representatives for the new amalgamated Division.

### Appointment to Advisory Committee

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#2/02 Resolved that Councillor Sieg Neumann be appointed as a representative of the R. M. of Morris to the Elected Officials Advisory Committee for the Morris Macdonald School Division and that Reeve Herm Martens wishes to resign from this Committee and that this change of representative is to be effective immediately.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

### Report on School Div.

Councillor Neumann reported that he had already attended an Elected Officials Advisory Committee meeting. Discussion at that meeting concerned repayment of ETEC funds to the Province, the past audit reports and the reaudit of the Division. It is believed that the RCMP are investigating the ETEC situation. Other discussions concerned the general operation of the Division and the establishing of a Steering Committee for the amalgamation of the two divisions.

At 10:30 a.m. Reeve Herm Martens and Councillor Sieg Neumann excused themselves from the meeting, for a period of time, to meet with Mayor Dale Hoffman concerning this Steering Committee.

### Weed Dist. Payment

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#3/02. Resolved that we now make a payment to the Morris Montcalm Weed Control District in the amount of \$15178.98 as an advance on their 2002 levy requirement.

Carried. For 5  
Against 0

### Seminar

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#4/02. Resolved that our Municipal Administrator and Shannon Hesford be authorized to attend an MMAA seminar on Municipal Legal Issues, Elections and Agreement in Winnipeg on January 18, 2002.

Carried. For 5  
Against 0

Snow  
Mobilers

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#5/02 Whereas the Snowmobilers of Manitoba Inc. have snowmobile trails in the R. M. of Morris extending from the Sewell area to the Morris area and that this trail follows Municipal road allowances;

And Whereas a right-of-way agreement is requested to be entered into for these snowmobile trails and that Snowmobilers of Manitoba Inc. is responsible for maintaining liability insurance coverage for this course;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris agree to enter into such a right-of-way agreement and that the Reeve and Municipal Administrator be authorized to sign such necessary documents.

Carried. For 5  
Against 0

Reeve Herm Martens and Councillor Sieg Neumann returned to the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Foreman  
Report

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, then met with Council.

He indicated that drainage work was shut down on January 4, 2002 but there was still some minor work to be done under the bridge on PR 422. There was some discussion of the spreading of the dirt taken out of the ditch along the Anderson Drain. It was felt that there should be discussion with the Province on the matter that they undertake the spreading or hauling of this excavated dirt.

The Municipality should also bill to Dept. of Conservation for the work done by the Municipality on the Shannon Drain.

On the matter of gravel for our roads, Lavallee Trucking is requesting a 3 year deal with a \$.25/tonne increase and is to have an added charge during those 3 years for fuel costs above \$.50/litre for diesel fuel.

On the Rosenort Dyke Diversion, there will be snow problems for those crossings and it is doubtful that we will be able to keep these crossings open.

Employees have built and put together a snowblower for the small tractor.

He indicated that we should be purchasing additional warranty for the John Deere grader which would cost \$11,675.00 if the machine is not traded in.

Mr. Harder then listed a number of planned repairs to our equipment over the winter months as well as building a cab for the small tractor.

For employees positions, there was a reclassification of some positions and those employees are to be advised of this change and that we would be advertising these positions because of their change.

Don is going on holidays from February 2 to 16, 2002 and Andy Friesen will be in charge while he is on holidays.

Peter Wiebe has now retired as of December, 2001.

There was some discussion on the proposed salary increase.

There is shelves being built and painting being done in the water treatment plants at Rosenort and Lowe Farm.

There are 9 more bridges scheduled to be replaced in 2002 at an estimated cost of \$37,000.00 (less discount).

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Delegation

Staff Sgt. Len Del Pino, of the Red River RCMP Detachment met with Council. He is the new Staff Sgt. at Morris and he discussed by RCMP background prior to his posting in Morris. He also mentioned the operation of the detachment and answered questions of Council.

Minutes

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:  
#6/02. Resolved that the minutes of the December 12, 2001 regular meeting and the December 14, 2001 special meeting be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Culvert  
Prices

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann;  
#7/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has received price quotations for the supply of culverts for the 2002 year;  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the council of the R. M. of Morris accept the quotation from Westman Steel Ind. At a rate of 38% discount, FOB Morris, for culvert and coupler purchases in the year 2002 as per their letter of January 3, 2002.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Road  
Signs  
Order

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:  
#8/02. Resolved that we now order the following road signs for the Municipality:

10	Stop Signs	RA-1
2	Stop Signs	R-1/st
4	No Thru Road	RV-15
32	Gravel Ends	
6	Dead End	TC-30
20	Km/Hr	RB-7

Carried. For 7  
Against 0


Provisional  
Estimates

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:  
#9/02. Whereas Section 157 of the Municipal Act requires the Council of the R. M. of Morris to make an interim operation budget for the corporation until the adoption of the annual estimates;  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the following interim operating estimates for all operation and capital expenditures be now adopted:

Government Services	200,000.00
Protection Services	50,000.00
Environmental Health Services	30,000.00
Transportation Services	400,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Ser.	10,000.00
Environmental Dev. Services	10,000.00
Economic Dev. Services	150,000.00
Recreation & Cultural Services	50,000.00
Fiscal Services	1,000,000.00

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:  
That the meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on January 10, 2002 to continue the agenda.

  
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Reeve

  
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Municipal Administrator