

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

Agenda

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#15/02. Resolved that the agenda for the February 13, 2002 regular meeting be now accepted as presented and as may be amended.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Councillor Sieg Neumann then advised Council on issues of the School Division. The proposed name for the Division could be either Red River Valley S. D. or River Valley School Division. For the issue of the ward boundaries their was proposal being considered of having 7 trustees and 9 trustees.

Minutes

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#16/02. Resolved that the minutes of the January 9, 2002 regular meeting and the January 10 and January 29, 2002 special meetings be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Water Plant Meeting in Roland, MB

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#17/02. Resolved that Don Harder and Allan Recksiedler be authorized to attend the PVWC meeting in Roland, Man. On February 22, 2002 for emergency and security of water plants.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Weed Dist. Supervis. Meeting

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#18/02. Resolved that Denis Robert and Leo Kornelsen be authorized to attend the Weed Supervisors meeting on March 20, 2002 in Holland, Man.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Insurance

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#19/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris accept the basic insurance coverage including there being a deductible of \$2,500.00 per claim.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at approximately 1:10 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., Reeve Herm Martens then excused himself from the Chair to sit in the audience for his Conditional Use Application.

Deputy-Reeve Ralph Groening then chaired that portion of the meeting.

Conditional Use 1/2002 Hearing

Council then held a hearing for a Conditional Use Application No. 1/2002 applied for by Hermart Farms. Present for this hearing was Herm Martens, Luke Bartel and Nathan Bartel.

Cond. Use
1/2002
Hearing
Continued

Mr. Herm Martens then spoke on behalf of this application and then handed out a map indicating the neighbours that he has contacted regarding this barn proposal. Another map indicated the yard site showing the two existing barns and the proposed connecting building that need to be done for the project. He stated that there would be substantial changes needed to the insides of the 2 barns. The barns currently have pits and the manure is piped to a lagoon on the property and the manure from the lagoon is incorporated into the ground by injection. He stated that all shares of Hermart Farms are owned by family members and that this is truly a family farm. The existing lagoon would have approximately a 2 year storage and the new proposal has similar animal units and the capacity should be similar. He has 150 acres at the site for manure disposal. He indicated that he has never done straw on the lagoon. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Delegation

Council then met with the Veterinary Services Commission, represented by Jack Lewis of Crystal City, Everett More of Virden, Judy Reimer of Vita, Terry Marten of Portage la Prairie and Glenda Cheskew of Inglis.

The R. M. of Morris had sent in a letter in August, 1998 indicating our withdrawal from the St. Pierre Veterinary Clinic Board. At that time, the Commission was to arrange a meeting with the R. M. of Morris to further discuss situation. They said that because of the confusion at the time regarding the St. Pierre Vet Clinic, that meeting was not held and the Commission did nothing with our desire to withdraw from the St. Pierre Veterinary Clinic Board. Therefore, from a legal standpoint, the R. M. of Morris still belongs to the St. Pierre Veterinary Clinic.

The St. Pierre Veterinary Clinic now has a new veterinarian and has been operating for 2001 and has case loads information which is as follows:

R. M. of Franklin	285	R. M. of Morris	118
R. M. of Tache	10	R. M. of Ritchot	75
R. M. of Hanover	163	R. M. of De Salaberry	576
Village of St. Pierre	106	Other	85

The case loads information is the number of visits in the various municipalities.

It was felt that the Government Veterinary Clinics have had their day and in many instances are no longer needed. There are private clinics that are financially viable and Government Clinics are subsidized. They stated that they wanted the new St. Pierre Vet. To show his capabilities. In the Province there are 28 Veterinary Districts and there are also 14 private clinics for large animals. There were 32 Veterinary Districts a few years ago.

The R. M. of Morris has very few farms that have horses or cattle that may use this service. It was asked if the rates are cheaper than a private clinic and it was believed that rates could be similar. A veterinarian in a district must provide the service while the private veterinarian need not respond to any call.

It was questions as to how many locations were in the 118 case loads and Council felt that they needed to know this information prior to giving further consideration to our situation of staying or withdrawing from the St. Pierre Veterinary Clinic. The Commission stated that they would attempt to provide the information as to how many clients were part of our case load.

It was mentioned the Veterinary Districts have served the Province well over the many years. However, it was questioned as to whether the Districts should be consolidated into a multi-municipal clinic. In the past 10 years, many changes have taken place and there will be more or greater changes in the next 10 years.

The R. M. of Morris still belongs to the St. Pierre Veterinary Clinic and Council was asked to reconsider their withdrawal from this Clinic.

Culverts

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#20/02. Resolved that we now authorize the purchase of the following culverts from Westman Culvert:

20	-	450mm x 4m x 1.6
20	-	450mm x 9m x 1.6
12	-	600mm x 4m x 1.6
10	-	600mm x 8m x 1.6
10	-	600mm x 10m x 1.6
3	-	750mm x 4m x 1.6
3	-	750mm x 10m x 1.6
3	-	900mm x 12m x 1.6
9	-	1200mm x 15m x 1.6
6	-	1600mm x 15m x 2.0
2	-	900mm x 12m x 2.0
2	-	1800mm x 15m x 2.0

Carried. For 7
Against 0

By-law
1560/02

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:

#21/02. Resolved that By-law No. 1560/02, having been read a first time, be now given 2nd and 3rd reading and passed in Council as a whole, rules suspended.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Travel
Guide
Advertise.

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#22/02. Whereas the Pembina Valley Travel Guide has requested our advertising in this magazine;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris discontinue advertising in this magazine.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

The issue of gravel pricing was then discussed and it was mentioned to Council that Lavallee Trucking has accepted the adjustment for fuel costs over \$.55/litre. It was estimated that this would cost \$.02/tonne for each cent over \$.55/litre.

Gravel
Cost
Prices

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#23/02. Whereas Lavallee Trucking has made an offer to provide our gravel requirements for the R. M. of Morris;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris accepts the offer from Lavallee Trucking with their being a \$.25/tonne increase on the 2001 rates and that this be for a 3 year term starting in 2002 and also that the Municipality agree to compensate Lavallee Trucking for diesel fuel costs at \$.02/tonne for every \$.01/litre cost above \$.55/litre.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Council discussed our road calcium placement at yard sites in the Municipality and it was felt that we would continue the program and that the cost our stay at \$200.00 per site. This would be further mentioned in an upcoming newsletter.

MEMO
Assistance
Request for
Rain Damage

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#24/02. Whereas heavy rainfalls on June 28, 2001 caused damage in the R. M. of Morris;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris request Disaster Financial Assistance from the Province of Manitoba for the damage caused by the heavy rainfalls in this Municipality on June 28, 2001.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Caretaker


Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#25/02. Resolved that our Office Building Caretaker be paid the amount of \$575.00 per month for care taking duties, commencing January 1, 2002.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:

That this meeting be now adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator.