

## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 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, Leo Kornelsen, Denis Robert Sieg Neumann.

### Agenda

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#35/02. Resolved that we now approve the agenda for the March 13, 2002 regular meeting as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

### Disc Purchase

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#36/02. Resolved that we authorize the purchase of a 10 foot Hutch Master Disc. from The Tractor People Ltd. at a cost of \$4,000.00.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

### Drain Work 2002 Prop.

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#37/02. Resolved that we now approve our 2002 Drainage Works proposal as presented by our Water & Soil Management Committee.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

### Drain Works on Dept. of Highways Roads

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#38/02. Resolved that the Department of Highways be notified, requesting permission to undertake drainage works along the following locations:

River Lot	354 to 368	1 mile
River Lot	448	1 1/4 mile

and that the R. M. of Morris be compensated for this work.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

### Drain Works on Dept. of Highways Roads

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#39/02. Resolved that the Department of Highways be notified requesting their permission to undertake drainage works along the following locations:

PR 336	W. of Sec. 20-5-2WPM	1 mile
PR 336	E. of Sec. 19-5-2WPM	1 mile
PR 336	E. of Sec. 6-5-2WPM	1 mile
PR 205	N. of Sec. 24-6-2WPM	3/4 mile
PR 205	N. of Sec. 22-6-2WPM	1 mile
PR 205	N. of Sec. 21-6-1WPM	1 mile
PR 205	N. of Sec. 22-6-1WPM	1 mile
PR 330	W. of Sec. 26-5-1 EPM	1 mile
PTH 23	S. of Sec. 3-5-2WPM	1 mile
PTH 23	S. of Sec. 2-5-2WPM	3/4 mile

and that the R. M. of Morris be compensated for this work.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Drain Works  
on Prov.  
Drains

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#40/02. Resolved that Manitoba Conservation be notified of intended drainage works along the following locations:

Section 33-4-2 WPM            North outside drain along the Shannon Drain  
Section 35-4-2 WPM            South outside drain along the Shannon Drain  
Section 31-4-2 WPM            North outside drain along the Shannon Drain  
Blackhurst Drain along Section 27-6-1WPM to Section 33-6-1EPM  
and that the R. M. of Morris be compensated for this work.

Carried.            For 7  
                         Against 0

Drain Works  
on CPR Line

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#41/02. Resolved that C.P.R. be notified of intended drainage work along both sides along the railway line through Section 28-4-1 EPM and that the R. M. of Morris be compensated for this work.

Carried.            For 7  
                         Against 0

Hog Barn  
Discussion

At this time in the meeting, Council held a general discussion of hog barns. Issues of when Council should be deciding on barn applications, what time period should be held between the hearing and the actual decision on the application. There should also be a registration for those attending the hearing and indicating the wish to make a presentation or not.

School  
Division

Council also held a discussion concerning the Morris Macdonald School Division budget and the operational events of the division.

Cond. Use  
Hearing  
5/2002  
J. Siemens

At 10:00 a.m., a public hearing was held for Conditional Use No. 5/2002 applied for by James Siemens for a 1550 sow farrow to isowean hog barn operation on the NW of Section 5-5-2 EPM.

Present for this hearing were James Siemens, Jeff Senebald, Harry Braun, Ernie Braun, Leighton Siemens, Luke Bartel and Eric Edel.

Mr. James Bartel informed Council that he plans to build a 1200 sow farrow to isowean hog operation and to convert an existing 350 sow farrow to weanling hog barn to that of a 350 sow farrow to isowean. He indicated that the existing barn is old and may be discontinued in the future. This is a family owned operation. He also mentioned that he had made direct contact with his neighbours on this barn proposal.

Mr. Harry Braun told Council that he is a close neighbour to this proposed operation and is opposed to this being built. The location of his yard will definitely be affected from the smell from this barn operation.

Councillor Neumann questioned if they had enough manure spreading land area. They require approximately 350 to 400 acres to spread the manure and what cover they currently used on their lagoon.

Mr. Siemens stated that the old barn was built in 1978 and will stay in operation until the repairs and upkeep of it become a problem and at that time they will decide on the future of that barn.

Mr. Braun indicated that he currently smells the existing operation 1 to 2 days per month.

Mr. Siemens was questioned of whether he had looked at other sites and his response was that they had not. He added that the new barn would be much cleaner and should be a reduced smell and that straw cover will also be less odour. This is a family farm and much of the work at the barn will be done by family members. Some of the old barn buildings will no longer be used when the barn is converted to isowean. They plan to use the existing driveways into the yard. The existing lagoon is 100' by 175' and the barn is 300' by 125'. The hearing was then adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Cond. Use  
Hearing  
L. Bartel  
6/2002

At 11:00 a.m., Council held a conditional use hearing for application no. 6/2002. Present for this hearing was: Luke Bartel, Leighton Siemens, James Siemens, Jeff Senebald, Gary Plohman, Alvin Friesen, Melvin Toews, Twyla Bartel, Dave Waldner and Ray Waldner.

Mr. Luke Bartel had a written presentation and then read that presentation to Council. He informed Council of his plan to operate four (4) - 2500 isowean hog barns on this location and that he plans to purchase the south 80 acres of the SW 1/4 of Section 33-5-1 WPM and has written permission to spread the manure on the south half of that section. This proposed barn is 330 A.U. and is a one person operation and indicated that having to put a plastic tarp on the lagoon is very costly.

At the start of the meeting, Reeve Martens had announced that there were letters of objection and at this time he proceeded to read the letters of objection received from Gary Lewis and Manfred Bay concerning this barn application.

Councillor Groening then asked those in attendance what percentage of odour comes from the barn and what percentage from the lagoon. It was the general consensus that the vast majority of the smell comes from the lagoon and the smell that travels any distance comes from the lagoon.

Councillor Neumann questioned the access into this proposed site as currently it is a dirt road from all directions to that site. The proposed access from the east crosses a Water Resources bridge that is an old structure and its future life expectancy is questionable.

Councillor Groening indicated that the proposed access from the east currently does have washout problems in the spring months.

Mr. Alvin Friesen stated that he felt that the bridge in question was very solid and that grain traffic will also affect the bridge likely more than this hog barn. It was also pointed out that should the bridge become unsafe, farm traffic can use alternate routes on dry days, however, the barn operation would have no usable access.

Mr. Bartel indicated that he would consider access to the site from the west. He would not want to pay for road graveling from the west in the future should the bridge be a problem for access.

The hearing was then ended.

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

Cond. Use  
Hearing  
3/2002  
B. Loewen

Council then held a public hearing for conditional use application no. 3/2002. Present for this hearing was: Byron Loewen, Keith Loewen, Wally Friesen, Gerald Loewen, Carl Loewen, Ken Penner, Danny Loewen, Luke Bartel and Allan Loewen.

Mr. Byron Loewen then explained to Council that he was proposing to operate a 2,000 feeder hog barn on the SE of Section 26-5-1 WPM. He indicated that he had spoken to neighbours of the proposal. He was locating the operation in the location that would least affect the most neighbours. He indicated that there was a need to diversify in order to keep being able to farm. The future of this barn operation is for his sons.

Mr. Wally Friesen spoke raising the question of the construction of the barn and the venting in same being through the roof and out the sides and does one type provide a lesser smell than the other.

Mr. Loewen indicated that the venting through the roof is more costly and has little affect to the neighbours. It was mentioned that venting through the roof would likely benefit the residence in the yard site as the smell apparently does return to ground level some distance away from the yard site. He indicated that the road to the north is covered during flood, however the road to the south was not flooded.

Hearing  
Continued

Mr. Loewen indicated that he is planning to put straw cover on his lagoon. Mr. Gerald Loewen spoke that he experienced a minor problem with straw cover and that was getting a full cover on his lagoon as there were open areas appearing. However the return of the straw spreader closed these openings and he had no problems since. He believed that the straw made a difference in the smell from the lagoon.  
The hearing was then ended at 1:25 p.m.

Minutes

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:  
#42/02. Resolved that the minutes of the February 13, 2002 regular meeting and the February 14, 2002 special meeting be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

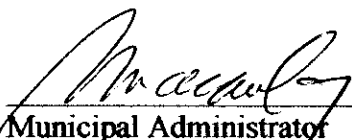
Henmar  
Dyke

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Ralph Groening:  
#43/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris concurs with the private dyke of Henmar Farms and has no concerns with the drainage aspects of this dyke at this time.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:  
That this regular meeting be now adjourned at 3:00 p.m. and Council agreed to meet again on Friday, March 15, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the remainder of the agenda.

  
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Reeve

  
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Municipal Administrator