

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Friday, March 15, 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, Denis Robert, Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Sieg Neumann.

School
Division

Prior to the start of the meeting, council held a lengthy discussion on the financial situation of the Morris Macdonald School Division, the potential deficit of the School Division and what action the involved Municipalities may discuss taking.

Council Members Sieg Neumann, Leo Kornelsen and Herm Martens excused themselves from the meeting for a short time. Deputy-Reeve then chaired the meeting at this time.

Valley
Library
2002
Budget

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#44/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris accept the 2002 budget proposal of the Valley Regional Library with the R. M. of Morris contributing \$7,235.00 and being so approved conditional to the Town of Morris contributing their indicated allocation.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Reeve Herm Martens then returned to the meeting at this time.

PVDC
Marketing
Campaign

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#45/02. Resolved that we participate in the Pembina Valley Development Corp. - 2002 Marketing Campaign and authorize a membership of \$500.00 be paid.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Councillor Leo Kornelsen returned to the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and Councillor Sieg Neumann returned at 10:15 a.m.

PVDC
Business &
Retention
Project

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#46/02. Resolved that we agree to participate in the P.V.D.C. Business and Retention Proposal project and agree to a fee of \$3,857.92 to be paid over 2 years in equal installments.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, then met with Council and presented a map for proposed drainage works for the 2002 year. Following a review of that map, he indicated that the Kronsgrat Drain is in need of upgrade and serious repairs.

The Province is placing road restrictions on their road on Monday and wanted to know if Council wanted the Municipality to put up its 95% restriction signs. It was generally agreed that these Municipal road restriction signs should go up at the same time.

He gave Council proposed estimates on upgrading the roads to the hog barn proposal from Mr. Luke Bartel. Whether from the east or from the west, the cost to upgrade the road from dirt to gravel, including culverts, was approximately \$60,000.00 from either direction.

Don Harder Delegation

He then asked whether we were proceeding with our Prairie Grain Roads projects in 2002. There is Road 2E (Riverside Road), approximately 7 miles, and Road 9W, approximately 6 miles, that have been approved. Council consensus was that we would proceed with the projects and determine final approval upon the receipt of the tender bids.

The Gravel program for 2002 was also presented to Council. There are approximately 232 miles of gravel roads in the municipality.

Also discussed was the aspect of having a reduction in the number of graders in use on our roads and the new areas that each grader would cover. It would mean a reduction to 3 graders operating most of the year in the Municipality. It was mentioned that we should be purchasing the extended warranty for the John Deere motor grader as soon as possible.

The security at our water plants was also mentioned and there are bars on the windows and the doors are dead bolt locked.

Request to
Province -
Blackhurst
& Kronsart
Drains

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#47/02. Whereas the Blackhurst Drain and the Kronsart Drain are in need of immediate maintenance and cleanout work to provide adequate and proper drainage along those drains;

Therefore Be It Resolved that we request the Department of Conservation to immediately undertake such works during the 2002 construction year.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

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

Delegation

Council then met with Brian Osborne, Les McEwan and Bill Turner of the Deerwood Conservation District.

Mr. Brian Osborne told Council that the Deerwood Conservation District started in 1984 and has a 29 sq. mile watershed project involving 44 landowners on the South Tobacco Creek watershed area. Federal and Provincial agencies have been involved in their projects. They are proposing a water management on the Tobacco all the way to the Red River which would involve the R. M. of Morris. They indicated that they have also spoken to the R. M. of Roland and seemed to have a positive response from them. This proposed project involves creating a waffle effect of water flows along the Tobacco Creek drain. However, it was mentioned that most of the projects that they are involved in involve studying different issues and not much towards construction projects.

Mr. Les McEwan indicated that they are negotiating with the Province on their projects and they have been negotiating for approximately 12 months. The project of headwater retention along the Tobacco Creek must involve the R. M. of Roland and the R. M. of Morris. Within any conservation district, they would likely require different regulations for different areas. They believe that projects such as this would have a value for flooding and future development along the area. They suggested that any arrangements have a 3 year agreement. Any projects which are done upstream do have a benefit in the R. M. of Morris. A 3 year arrangement is proposed to cost \$10,000.00 per year. Council verbally indicated that they were interested and receptive to the proposal of our involvement, however, they felt that further consideration should be given to the proposal.

Delegation

At 3:00 p.m., Council met with Mr. Bruce Mazinke concerning their conditional use proposal. He felt that there may have been some confusion on the requirements for his home yard barn lagoon. He had applied for a second hog barn in his home yard and did not build this structure. He wondered if Council's decision was based on their being 2,000 feeder pigs in the yard or their being and additional 2,500 feeder hogs. They did not build the second barn. They did put straw on the lagoon last year. He questioned Council's stipulation of a tarp on the home yard lagoon and whether there was confusion over the size of the operation in the yard. For his new barn on Section 23-4-1 WPM, he indicated that 2 rows of trees (3 varieties) have or soon to be planted and there is one row to be done in the near future. He questioned if there was such confusion, does he still need to put a tarp on the lagoon in the home yard. Council indicated that they would consider the matter at a later date.

Accounts

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#48/02. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for March 13, 2002 in the amount of \$124,087.92 plus the following additional account:
Burkes Motel & Diner \$83.07
Carried. For 7
Against 0

By-law
1559/02

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#49/02. Whereas By-law No. 1559/02, being a by-law for the rural water line debentures, was read a first time on January 10, 2002;
And Whereas By-law No. 1559/02 was approved by the Municipal Board under Order No. E-02-026;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris does now give 2nd and 3rd readings to By-law No. 1559/02.
Carried. For 7
Against 0

For the next resolution, Councillor Ralph Groening declared a conflict of interest concerning the fuel tenders and excused himself from the meeting for this issue.

Fuel
Tenders

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#50/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has received tender bids for the supply of diesel fuel for the period from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris accept the lowest submission bid being that from Lowe Farm Co-op according to their letter of February 21, 2002.
Carried. For 5
Against 1

Prairie
Grain Rds.
Projects

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#51/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has an approved project under the Prairie Grain Roads Program on Municipal Road 9W;
therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris agree to enter into an agreement with Prairie Grain Roads Program for the road 9W project;
And Further Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris proceed with requesting tender bids for projects of roads 2E and 9W and that PFRA be involved with this tendering process.
Carried. For 7
Against 0

JD Grader
Extended
Warranty

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#52/02. Resolved that we approve the purchase of extended warranty for our John Deere 772 CH motor grader at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Gravel
Program
2002

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#53/02. Resolved that the 2002 gravel program map be now accepted by Council and that any future alterations to the program be authorized at the discretion of the Roads Committee.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Flood
Claim

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#54/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has outstanding flood claims to be submitted to the Province of Manitoba;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris engage the services of Mr. Mel Knott to complete and submit our outstanding flood claims.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

At 4:45 p.m., Council Stan Siemens then excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Septic
Tank
Cleaning

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#55/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris request tender bids for the emptying of the septic tanks for the households and businesses in Lowe farm and Rosenort connected to the respective sewer and water systems.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Weed Dist
Budget

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#56/02. Resolved that the Morris Montcalm Weed Control District 2002 budget be now accepted by Council with the R. M. of Morris levy requirement being \$30,357.96.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Sperling
W & S Proj
Engineer

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#57/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris authorize that the Manitoba Water Services Board be authorized to engage the services of KGS Group for the Sperling sewer and water project;
And Further Be It Resolved that the Reeve and Municipal Administrator be authorized to sign the necessary agreement for the engagement of this engineering firm.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Donation

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#58/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris donate \$30.00 to the Alzheimer Society in memory of Therese Marion who was a prior employee of the Municipality.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Rosenort
Landfill
Dump Fees

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#59/02. Resolved that for large buildings being demolished, the following
rates be now established for semi-trailer loads:

Rosenort Landfill Site \$250.00 per load
subject to the acceptance of the Committee.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Sieg Neumann:
that this special meeting of the council of the Rural Municipality of Morris be
now adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator.