

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 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: Sieg Neumann, Lionel Wiens, Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Denis Robert.

At the start of the meeting, all members of Council took the necessary Declaration of Office and the Declaration of Qualification for their position as a member of the Council of the R. M. of Morris.

Prior to the start of the meeting Pastor George Toews gave a brief dedication prayer.

Committee
Appoint.

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#198/02. Resolved that the Committee appointments for the period until the 2003 Organization Meeting in November, 2003 be now made as follows:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Member</u>
Deputy-Reeve Roads Committee	Barry Fraese	Ralph Groening Lionel Wiens Sieg Neumann
Water & Soil Management	Ralph Groening	Leo Kornelsen Denis Robert
Finance Committee	Sieg Neumann	Ralph Groening
Equipment Committee	Denis Robert	Leo Kornelsen
Protection Committee	Leo Kornelsen	Lionel Wiens Barry Fraese
Employee Relations	Lionel Wiens	Ralph Groening Leo Kornelsen
Building Maintenance Welfare Committee	Denis Robert	Sieg Neumann Herm Martens Ralph Groening
Livestock Committee	Sieg Neumann	Leo Kornelsen Ralph Groening
Water Works Committee	Ralph Groening	Leo Kornelsen Barry Fraese
Private Dyke Committee	Leo Kornelsen	Denis Robert
	Carried	For 7 Against 0

Organizat.
Appoint.

Mover by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:

#199/02. Resolved that the following members be appointed to the following various organizations for the period until the 2003 Organization Meeting:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>
MEMO Control Committee	Herm Martens Ralph Groening
Rosenort C.C.D.	Leo Kornelsen
Lowe Farm/Kane C.C.D.	Ralph Groening
Joint Morris C.C.D.	Denis Robert Sieg Neumann Byron Edel
Sperling C.C.D.	Barry Fraese Bill Tjaden
Aubigny C.C.D.	Denis Robert
Pembina Valley Dev. Co-Op	Herm Martens
Alternate	Ralph Groening

Pembina Valley Water Co-Op		Herm Martens
	Alternate	Ralph Groening
Lower Red River Valley Water Comm.		Herm Martens
	Alternate	Ralph Groening
Morris Manor Governing Board		Barry Fraese
Red River Basin Board		Herm Martens
	Alternate	Ralph Groening
Triple "R" Dev. Corp.		Herm Martens
	Alternate	Lionel Wiens
Morris Montcalm Weed Cont. Dist.		Denis Robert
		Leo Kornelsen
Landfill Committee	Chairman	Denis Robert
		Lionel Wiens
		Leo Kornelsen
Valley Regional Library Board		Ralph Groening
Valley Agricultural Society		Ralph Groening
Red River Valley Health Foundation		Barry Fraese
Morris Area Recreation Commission		Ralph Groening
Morris Ambulance		Barry Fraese
Red River Coalition		Herm Martens
Community Dyke Committee – Aubigny		Denis Robert
	- Riverside	Leo Kornelsen
	- Rosenort	Barry Fraese
LUD of Rosenort		Ralph Groening
North West Water Management Assoc.		Ralph Groening
	Alternate	Herm Martens
Joint Ventures Initiatives		Sieg Neumann
		Herm Martens
		Ralph Groening
Morris New Arena Board		Sieg Neumann
Building Inspector Committee		Herm Martens
		Ralph Groening
And That the Reeve is to be ex-officio representative on all Community Dyke Committees.		

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Signing
Authority

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#200/02. Resolved that the Reeve and Municipal Administrator shall be signing authority for the Rural Municipality of Morris and that Ralph Groening, Deputy-Reeve, shall also have signing authority in the absence of the Reeve and also that Shannon Hesford have signing authority in the absence of the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Board of
Revision

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#202/02. Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris be hereby now appointed as the Board of Revision for the R. M. of Morris with Reeve Herm Martens as Chairman and Grant Macaulay appointed as recording Secretary.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Prior to the start of the Board of Revision, all persons present, who would be making presentations before the Board, were sworn in or affirmed. Those persons included Jim Hunt and Darryl Wheeler of the Municipal Assessment Branch. Also present were Bill Dickson, Maurice Vermette, Midge Anderson, Ruth Murray.

Delegation
B. Dickson

Bill Dickson – spoke to the Board that he owns the SW of Section 14-5-1 WPM and that there is a private dyke on the property approximately 15 rods into the field. There is 4 rods of field that is not useable. The assessment on this property is \$123,700. (2002). He also owns the NW of Section 12-5-1W which has an assessment of \$106,900. (2002) and he questioned why the NW of 12 has a lower assessment, a full quarter and no wasteland.

The Assessor indicated that the dyke is approximately 3 acres and recommended a reduction of \$2,200.00 on the property. Council also requested to know why there was the difference in the assessment amounts.

Delegation
M. Vermette

Maurice Vermette – informed the Board that he owns property in River Lot 446 and the Province expropriated land for the community dyke and basically split in half doing this. His total land area should be 1.85 acres and not 2.48 acres as shown on the assessment notice. The 2.48 acres is assessed at \$4,100.00. Some property is inside the dyke and some is between the dyke and the river and he feels that the property outside should have little or no value.

The Assessor advised that the land is 1.85 acres and was assessed at 1.85 acres, however, because of an error the number of acres were not changed. The property is split approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inside the dyke and $\frac{1}{2}$ outside the dyke. The outside area has a minimal value and they would recommend an assessment adjustment to \$3,100.00.

Delegation
M. Anderson
T. of Morris

Midge Anderson, representing the Town of Morris, spoke to the Board on the matter of the old Morris Landfill site. They were requesting an assessment adjustment on this property because of its former use and that the property has no real value. She also mentioned that the annexation of the property into the Town of Morris would be something to consider further.

The Assessor stated that the property is 17 acres in size but that it does have little to no value. Currently it is assessed at \$350.00 per acre and it could be considered as bush land and could be reduced to \$150.00 per acre.

Midge Anderson, representing the Town of Morris, spoke to the Board concerning the matter of the Morris Golf Course. The Golf Course is in the name of the Town of Morris and some of that land is in the R. M. of Morris. This property is now taxed and because of the financial struggles that the Golf Course is having, it was requested that there be an assessment adjustment for the property or a tax adjustment for the property. It was stated that the golf course was struggling and needed all the support available and was felt that the property should be exempt from taxation or consideration given to the expropriation of the property to the Town of Morris.

The Assessor informed the Board that golf courses are rated on a per hole basis. The clubhouse and shed should be in Class 60. The total assessment for the property is \$258,700.

On the matter of the appeals by Deloitte Touche, most of those appeals had been withdrawn and the Board was not required to consider those appeals any further. However, there were two properties remaining in their appeal listing.

The Board and the Assessors discussed the appeals of these two Midland properties.

The Assessors stated that they were recommending an assessment reduction because of the because of the properties and the lack of business convenience because of the locations.

The Board stated that they were not supportive of this reasoning for a reduction of assessment.

The Board then commenced to give consideration to each appeal as listed on the agenda and decided upon each appeal as is stated on the meeting appendix A to these minutes.

Board's
Appeal
Decisions

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:

#202/02. Resolved that the Board of Revision of the R. M. of Morris now adopts the appeal decision made and as indicated in Appendix "A" to these minutes.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Board
Adjourn

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#203/02. Resolved that the Board of Revision of the R. M. of Morris be now adjourned and resumes as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Council
Accepts
Board's
Decisions

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#204/02. Whereas the Board of Revision for the R. M. of Morris made decisions relating to the assessment appeals made to the Board:

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris hereby accepts these decisions and that all of these changes be made in the 2002 assessment roll and that they be noted as appendix "A" to these minutes.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

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

Agenda

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:

#205/02. Resolved that the agenda for the November 13, 2002 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#206/02. Resolved that the minutes of the October 9, 2002 regular meeting and the October 10, 17, 2002 and November 5, 2002 special meetings be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Golf
Course
Tax Adjust.

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#207/02. Whereas the Riverview Golf and Country Club has made application for a taxation concession on their property in the R. M. of Morris;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we now agree to cancel the amount of taxes above the amount of the equivalent of the farm land taxation for the property and that requests in future be again requested from the Riverview Golf and Country Club.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Firemen
Compensat.
Rate

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#208/02. Resolved that we agree to pay our volunteer firemen of Sperling, Rosenort and Lowe Farm the amount of \$10.00 for each practice and emergency that they attend and that this is to be effective as of January 1, 2002.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Committee Reports

Denis Robert – Aubigny Dyke with one crossing yet to do.
Ralph Groening – Drainage, the GPS system and the drainage situation in the Tobacco and 4N Drainage areas.
Barry Fraese – Sperling Recreation Dist.

Legal
Advise for
Non-Comply
Fees

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#209/02. Resolved that we hire the services of Mr. Bruce Gregory to develop and create by-laws for fines/charges for the non-compliance of municipal regulations.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Dinner
Theatre

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#210/02. Resolved that we authorize the purchase of Dinner Theatre tickets for employees and Council and spouses for the event at the Big "M" Centre on November 29, 2002.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Christmas
Hams

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#211/02. Resolved that we authorize the purchase of hams as a Christmas gift to our employees and Council.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Moved by Sieg Neumann
That this meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on Thursday, November 14, 2002 to continue the agenda of the November 13, 2002 regular meeting.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator

APPENDIX "A"

**BOARD OF REVISION
NOVEMBER 13, 2002**

Appeal 1

W. H. Dickson Roll No. 43600 SW 14-5-1W
2003 Assessment 30 L 121,100.

Complaint: The assessment is too high due to the dyke on the south side of the property and the inconvenience of farming around this dyke.

Decision of the Board: That the assessment be reduced by \$2,200.00.

Appeal 2

Maurice Vermette Roll No. 278300 Pt of RL 446
2003 Assessment 10 L 4,100.

Complaint: The assessment is too high due to some of the property being inside the dyke and some being outside of the dyke.

Decision of the Board: That the assessment be sustained.

Appeal 3

Town of Morris Roll No. 256100 Pcl A-10368
2003 Assessment 30 L 6,000.

Complaint: That the assessment is too high and requests a rebate from 2000 and 2001 for prior years.

Decision of the Board: That the assessment be sustained and that there be no tax rebate for prior years.

Appeal 4

Town of Morris Roll No. 256625 Pt. RL 347
2003 Assessment 30 L 11,000.

40	L	4,100.
	B	14,300.
60	L	4,000.
	B	29,800.
70	L	23,000.
	B	172,500.

Complaint: That the assessment is too high and the property is being operated as a non-profit organization.

Decision of the Board: That the class 40 be changed to class 60 and that the assessment amounts be sustained.

Appeal 5

Ervin Friesen
Withdrawn

Appeal 6

Ervin Friesen Roll No. 201120 Lot 10-2-15124
Withdrawn

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Appeal 7

Leroy Friesen
Withdrawn

Roll No. 188390

Lot 1 - 17199

Appeal 8

Christal Dueck
Withdrawn

Roll No. 202860

Lot 2 - 21171

Appeal 9

Midland Manufacturing

Roll No. 199620

Lot 6-5176

Lot 5-7945

2003 Assessment

60 L 9,900.
B 661,400.

Complaint: That the assessment is too high relative to other property assessments and classification of property is incorrect.

Decision of the Board: **That the assessments be sustained.**

Appeal 10

Midland Manufacturing
Withdrawn

Roll No. 200340

Lot 1 - 9962

Appeal 11

Midland Manufacturing
Withdrawn

Roll No. 199600

Lot 5/6 - 5176

Appeal 12

Midland Manufacturing
Withdrawn

Roll No. 199580

Lot 5 - 5176

Appeal 13

Midland Manufacturing
Withdrawn

Roll No. 199540

Lot 3 - 5176

Appeal 14

Midland Manufacturing
2003 Assessment

Roll No. 199520

Lot 2-5176

60 L 5,600.
B 113,000.

Complaint: That the assessment is too high relative to other property assessments and the classification of the property is incorrect.

Decision of the Board: **That the assessment be sustained.**

Appeal 15

Midland Manufacturing
Withdrawn

Roll No. 200360

Lot 2 - 9962

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Appeal 16

Midland Manufacturing Roll No. 200380 Lot 3 - 9962
Withdrawn

Appeal 17

Midland Manufacturing Roll No. 198960 Lot B - 26736
Withdrawn

Appeal 18

Midland Manufacturing Roll No. 199380 Lot 11 - 5115
Withdrawn

Appeal 19

Lloyd Rhymer	Roll No. 251300	NW 20-6-2E
2003 Assessment	30 L 98,300.	
	B 1,200.	

Complaint: That the barn has been demolished on the property and the assessment should be removed.

Decision of the Board: That the building assessment be deleted.

Appeal 20

Leslie Dyck	Roll No. 112950	E1/2 of NE 15-5-2W
2003 Assessment	10 L	700.
	B	40,500.
	30 L	42,400.

Complaint: The buildings have been removed from the property in June, 2002 and the assessment should be removed.

Decision of the Board: That the building assessment be deleted as of June, 2002.

Appeal 21

Lonnie Friesen	Roll No. 182940	Lot 2-34449
2003 Assessment	10 L	800.
	B	87,400.
	30 L	47,600.
	B	29,700.

Complaint: There should be an assessment change due to the amalgamation with Roll No. 182950.

Decision of the Board: That the land assessment for this property be increased by \$1,000.00.

Appeal 22

Lonnie Friesen	Roll No. 182950	Lot 5-16158
2003 Assessment	30 L	2,100.

Complaint: That there should be an assessment change due to the amalgamation with Roll No. 182940.

Decision of the Board: That the assessment on this roll no. be deleted.

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Appeal 23

David Ritchot	Roll No. 265300	Pt. of RL 463
2003 Assessment	10 L	11,000.
	B	78,500.
	30 L	6,100.
	B	21,400.

Complaint: The farm building be reclassified to residential and some of the buildings should be removed from assessment.

Decision of the Board: **That class 30 buildings be deleted and that class 10 buildings be increased by \$13,100.**

Appeal 24

P&B Chartier Farm	Roll No. 265350	Pt. of RL 463 & 465
2003 Assessment	30 L	87,400.

Complaint: Due to a subdivision of this property with Roll No. 265400 the acreage was incorrect and needs to be corrected.

Decision of the Board: **That the property be increase by 21.13 acres and that the land assessment be increased by \$14,100.00.**

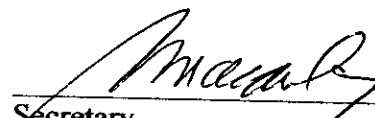
Appeal 25

David Ritchot	Roll No. 265400	Pt. of RL 463 & 465
2003 Assessment	30 L	16,900.

Complaint: Due to a subdivision of this property with Roll No. 265350 the acreage was incorrect and needs to be corrected.

Decision of the Board: **That the property be decreased by 21.13 acres and that the assessment be decreased by \$13,000.00.**


Chairman


Secretary