

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, November 14, 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, Sieg Neumann, Lionel Wiens, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese, Leo Kornelsen.

Subdivision
D. Froese
SW 11-6-2W

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:

#212/02. Whereas David L. Froese has made application for a subdivision of the SW ¼ of Section 11-6-2W under Planning File No. 4152-02-4514;

And Whereas this proposed subdivision is for the creation of a 7.8 acre yard site;

Therefore Be It Resolved that this subdivision be now approved subject to the following conditions:

1. That a variation order be obtained for the 7.8 acre parcel yard site.
2. That the owner shall be responsible for any additional driveway access required because of this subdivision.
3. That a Conditional Use Permit be required from the R. M. of Morris prior to any future use of the existing hog barn on the property.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Delegation

At 9:30 a.m., Mr. Ray Muller, Compliance Officer, met with Council at 9:30 a.m. to discuss non-compliance of certain hog barns. The hog barn construction currently taking place on the SW of Section 26-4-2 WPM has no building permit or conditional use order and a letter has been written to the owner indicating his non-compliance with this construction. A stop work order shall be issued after November 22, 2002 and that further non-compliance by this property owner will result in the Municipality taking the next course of action.

On the issue of the hog barn operation of Prairie Rose Finishers there were issues of non-compliance in that the lagoon was not properly covered and Council questioned whether a property manure management plan had been filed with the Province and also questioned the manner that the manure was disposed of this fall.

Prairie
Rose Barn

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#213/02. Whereas the operation of Prairie Rose Finishers hog barn operation, SW of Sec. 13-4-1W, has not undertaken straw cover on the lagoon and is in violation of the terms of the Conditional Use Permit; And Whereas Prairie Rose Finishers has submitted a performance bond amount to the R. M. of Morris;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris will retain a portion of the performance bond for non-compliance with the Conditional Use Permit for that operation.

Carried. For 5
Against 2

Prairie
Rose Barn

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#214/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris retain the amount of \$2,500.00 from the performance bond of Prairie Rose Finishers for non-compliance of no lagoon cover as stipulated in the terms of the Conditional Use Order for this barn operation.

Carried. For 6
Against 1

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Ray Muller then discussed his building permit reports and the amounts of different inspections for the various municipalities and how to possibly arrive at a fair comparison of his time.

At 11:30 a.m., Council met with Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman. Council discussed the new mower, which had just arrived, and the rental of the other mower. The rental unit is to be returned soon. For the situation of the water connection to the Alvin Weiss hog barns, the Municipality would need to hire a contractor for the project. For our drainage program, it is hoped that we will be able to complete most of the planned work. There is 48 miles of drainage work completed and 52 miles of drift dirt cleanout done. There is 66 miles of spreading done and most of the spreading is planned to be completed this year. There are 6 bridges yet to be removed this year and replaced with culverts. We are currently working on the bridge near the Ken Groening residence. There will be a total of 8 bridges being replaced this year. The motor graders will be on roads for another week and then it is planned that they will resume spreading of drainage dirt. Because of damage to Road 31N, Perimeter Concrete has agreed to pay towards the damage done.

There are a number of problems at the Sperling Reservoir and these problems relate to the pumps in the building.

There were also problems at the Lowe Farm water reservoir, and a bypass valve was installed that seemed to resolve the problem.

There is approximately 23 sq. miles of G.I.S. information done.

Mr. Ron Janke, who operated our G.I.S. unit has now been laid off as of October 31, 2002.

There was discussion on the Prairie Grain Projects.

For the proposed hog barn project of Ron and Keith Schroeder, Council was informed that approximately 3,000 tonnes of gravel would be needed on that road to maintain the road during construction.

Accounts

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#215/02. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for November 13, 2002 in the amount of \$2,089,974.73 plus an additional \$8,188.44.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Cond. Use
Hearing
Schroeder
15-5-2W
19&20/2002

At 1:30 p.m., Council held a public hearing for Conditional Use Application No. 19/2002 and 20/2002 as applied for by Ron Schroeder and Keith Schroeder.

Mr. Ron Schroeder spoke that they planned to construct 4 – 2000 feeder hog barns with 2 barns being on the NE ¼ and 2 barns on the SE ¼ of Section 15-5-2 WPM. He indicated that the Provincial Technical Review was a favorable report to this proposed project.

Mr. Reg Spears, of Elite Swine, then spoke in favor of the application giving a review of a written proposal to Council.

Mr. Dave Dueck told Council that he lives on the SW of Section 10-5-2W which is close to the proposed barns. He questioned the benefit of the shelterbelt planted for the project. The Technical Review does mention hog barns in the area but does not mention the size of each of these area barns. He feels that the owner should live close to the site.

Victoria Groening spoke that hog barns in the area have changed their life standards. The smell is so bad at times that they must stay inside for some relief. She questioned the health considerations of having these barns in the area. She feels that their health is suffering because of barns in the area and feels that they deserve a satisfactory and reasonable standard of life that they are not allowed because of the hog barns.

Cond. Use Hearing Continued

John Harder stated that he lives 2 miles away from these proposed barns and has no concerns. The manure spreading may help his land in the area.

It was stated that for cold storage, they would have a small building on the general site for the storage of dead animals.

Councillor Groening questioned the issue of straw management for the lagoon and what plans the owners had to have proper straw cover. Mr. Schroeder indicated that they planned to purchase their own blower for the operation and that straw cover must be maintained on the lagoon.

Councillor Fraese expressed a concern of a large hog barn 1.25 miles to the NW and also the Tobacco Drain and that it sometimes overflows it's banks and what direction does this overflow take.

It was stated that the overflows of the Tobacco normally are to the north east and that there should be no concerns for the hog barn that is 1.25 miles away.

Councillor Wiens asked if there were any conditions that might be implemented to support the project. Mr. Dueck noted that odor was a problem and that the owner does not live at this location. Ms. Groening stated that the applicants should notify area residents of their plans.

Councillor Neumann asked about the possible use of a plastic cover. The response was that they were very expensive and were not planned for this project.

Councillor Groening questioned the impact of smell on the area and how many days the smell would impact residents of the area. If the quality of life is not greatly impacted how can that be assured to the residents.

Mr. Spears stated that it would be good for the owner to notify the area residents of spreading plans. Given normal conditions, area residents may smell the barn 4 to 5 days per year.

Councillor Robert stated that there was a new product called a straw blanket available and questioned its potential.

Mr. Spears responded that they had looked at the proposal. There is a webbing on top and bottom of the straw to hold it in place with each blanket area being 16 feet wide. This product is currently very costly and would need to be replaced annually. The cost of this blanket is equivalent to the cost of a tarp over a 7-8 year period.

Councillor Fraese noted that the land spreading area does come close to Lowe Farm.

Ms. Groening stated that there are many existing barns in the area and would consideration be given to only 1,000 feeders each and have some compromise for further considerations in the future.

Mr. Dueck asked how many days it would take to empty the lagoons and he was answered that both site together should take no more than 4 to 5 days. Mr. Dueck asked if Council does take into consideration the other barns in the area.

Ms. Groening asked if Council was watching the barns in the area and what person is in charge.

Colleen Dueck told Council that they have a large yard and it take considerable time outside to properly look after their yard.

Reeve Martens then closed the hearing and advised the hearing participants that council would take all matters into consideration and would meet in the near future to consider this application.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., Reeve Herm Martens excused himself from the remainder of this meeting.

Graboweski
Progress
Payment

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#216/02. Whereas Graboweski Concrete and Supplies Ltd. has undertaken a certain amount of work in the water and sewer line connections for the households in Sperling;
And Whereas Graboweski Concrete and Supplies Ltd. is now entitled to a progress payment for the work done;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris authorize the payment of \$39,777.06 to Graboweski Concrete and Supplies Ltd for this work done to date.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

A.Weiss
Hog Barn
-Water
Connection

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#217/02. Whereas Elite Swine, on behalf of Alvin Weiss, has made application to connect his new hog barn to the rural water line system;
And Whereas Council approves of this application request;
Therefore Be It Resolved that Mr. Alvin Weiss's hog barn be connected to the water line system at a cost of \$8,000.00 with the R. M. of Morris arranging this connection at our convenience, and that the house be reconnected at a cost of the contractor expenses to do this reconnection with provision of connections depending on weather and contractor availability;
And Further Be It Resolved that the owner be also responsible for costs of the R. M. of Morris supervision of both of these line connections.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Variation
Board

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#218/02. Resolved that Council of the R. M. of Morris now become the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris to consider Variation No. 7/2002.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Variation
7/2002
W.Fulford
RL 338

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#219/02. Whereas William Fulford has made application for a Variation Order for part of River Lot 338;
And Whereas this application is for the creation of a 3.8 acre yard site and a 2.1 acre yard site;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now approve Variation Application No. 7/2002 subject to the following conditions:

1. That there be an agreement between the lot owners to maintain the dyke and that the agreement be registered on the respective titles.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Adjourn
Variation
Board

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#220/02. Resolved that the Variation Board does now adjourn and resume as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Councillor Groening then discussed the issue of the Morris Recreation Commission, its current situation and the questionable future of the Commission.

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Moved by Councillor Lionel Wiens:
That this special meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Council
agreeing to meet again on November 22, 2002 at 8:00 a.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator