

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2003 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members present were: Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese, Lionel Wiens, Sieg Neumann.

Agenda

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:

#1/2003. Resolved that the agenda for the January 8, 2003 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 6

Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#2/2003. Resolved that the minutes of the December 11, 2002 regular meeting and the December 12, 2002 special meeting be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 6

Against 0

Committee Reports

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Ralph Groening – Drainage Committee would be soon reviewing the 2003 applications.

- Deerwood Conservation Dist. Meeting and their project on the Tobacco Drain.

Sieg Neumann – Livestock Committee meeting held with Prairie Rose Finishers with some corrections to the minutes of that meeting.

- Finance Committee meetings held and will soon meet with auditor.

Lionel Wiens – Employee Relations Committee with Office Staff.

Denis Robert – Aubigny Hall meeting and finances doing well.

Barry Fraese – Fire at Rosenort Landfill Site

- possible need for grasshopper spraying in 2003.

Leo Kornelsen – Fire department expenditures and operating shortfalls

- Fire Dept. banquet greatly appreciated.
- Morris Montcalm Weed Control District and Municipal involvement.

Public Works Foreman

At 10:30 a.m., Council met with Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman. He explained to Council that we may be applying for projects under the Provincial Bridge Program. For our two Morris River bridges, it is proposed to re-deck the bridge with 2x4 lumber on edge and then paved on top and there may be some additional work needed as well.

The drainage work for 2003 will be decided soon.

To date, the snow clearing has been very minimal this winter.

The Sperling standpipe is not fully operating as the standby pump is not working. The Sperling lagoon is functioning, however, there is very little effluent going into it and still needs to be watched to ensure that it does not freeze at the inlet.

At the Rosenort pumphouse, there are problems with PVWC float controls. New floats are being ordered for Lowe Farm and Rosenort. For the LUD of Rosenort, he advised Council that the paving of the parking lot at the Heritage Centre would cost approximately \$41,000.00 which includes excavating, repacking and 2 inch paving. For Spruce Cresc. an asphalt overlay would cost approximately \$32,000.00.

Foreman Report

The storm sewer for Rose Lane would have a cost of \$7,800.00 and one for Oak Bay would be \$3,000.00. There is crack sealing needed for the bike path costing \$1,200.00.

He then reviewed the Public Works equipment listing with Council and the status of the machinery. It was felt that the tandem truck and the semi should be upgraded and that a wing and plow be purchased for the tandem truck. A replacement low bed trailer should be looked for as well.

The Foreman's truck is now 2 years old with 119,000 kms. and should be considered for trading. For a new truck, with trade, he showed Council prices for a gas or diesel truck. It was commented that the diesel truck would likely have a significant cost saving.

Delegation

Mr. Levi Brandt then met with Council to explain a proposed subdivision of the Heritage Centre property. They want to divide the property into 5 areas and are proposing the subdivision to allow the tenants with investments in their own apartments greater security on their portion of the complex that has been paid for. The Rosebay apartments and the Roselane apartments were built previously and financed under a life lease concept while the new Heritage Centre and apartments were done differently and has an outstanding loan. They wish to separate the three apartment sections to have the debt load remain on the new area. The Heritage Centre and apartments are for seniors only and currently has 8 filled apartments with 4 vacancies. They eventually plan to sell the Tea House and also the residence at the south of this land area. For the house at the south end there is an access problem and needed land to extend Rose lane would be provided to the Municipality in the subdivision process.

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

Variation

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#3/2003. Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris now become the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris to consider Variation Application No. 10/2002.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

A public hearing was then held for Variation application no. 10/2002, however, there was no one present for the hearing.

Variation
E. Brandt
3/4-16518

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
4/2003. Whereas Elmer Brandt has made application for a Variation Order for Lots 3 and 4, Plan 16518 in Rosenort, Manitoba; And Whereas this application is to allow a 5.09 acre yard site; Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now approve Variation Application No. 10/2002.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Variation
Adjourn

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#5/2003. Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now adjourn and resume as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Cond. Use
Hearing
J. Doell
SW 26-4-2W

At 1:30 p.m., Council held a public hearing for Conditional Use application by Jason Doell for a hog barn operation on the SW of Section 26-4-2WPM. There were 5 people present for this hearing. Mr. Doell explained that he wishes to make a living on the farm and to do so he wants to build two biotec structures in addition to the existing barn and biotec that are already on the yard site. For this proposal, Rothsay will be picking up the dead animals. This type of operation would use approximately 300 bales per year. For the issue of rodents, he does not want them in his yard and would take necessary steps to get rid of them should that situation arise.

Mr. Henry Penner stated that he owns the property east and west of this yard site and is available for manure spreading. A young farmer is a benefit to the community and he is supportive of the application.

Ms. Teresa Rempel stated that she is opposed to the application. She also presented two letters from other neighbors that are in opposition to the application. Some of the building work on the two proposed new biotecs has already been done, why did he start before he had permission. He is not adhering to the regulations and will he also not follow them in the future. She questioned if there was any monitoring and who does the checking.

Mr. Ben Dueck informed Council that he is also opposed to the application. The construction started before there was any permission to do so. He questioned if these were all that he planned to construct or are there plans for more biotecs in the immediate future. 9 months ago there was a similar hearing held for this property which was turned down by Council. Pig smell stays for a long time and he has lived in that area for 40 years and does not want the smell in that area.

Reeve Herm Martens then read the letter of opposition from Martha Arndt and Mary Sawatzky.

The building process was started prior to the required permit and it was stopped because of the notification from the Compliance Officer. Councillor Kornelsen asked if this was the end of the expansion or the start of it?

Mr. Doell indicated that he would likely not expand further as there is no more room and there is some uncertainty of the water supply.

Reeve Martens asked if he planned to have a cold storage building for the dead animals. Rothsay does not pick up if the animals are not in a cold storage unit.

Mr. Penner indicated that they would have ample storage for the quantity of pigs and that the size of the operation would determine the type of cold storage needed.

Mrs. Rempel questioned if there were tax dollars for biotec structures and she was informed that the property taxes on a biotec structure were very minimal.

Reeve Martens indicated that the building permit fees would be twice the regular fees because work had started before the permit was issued. Councillor Wiens asked those opposed if they were totally opposed to the whole operation. The response was that there are existing barns in the yard that they could accept in operation but no more than what is existing.

Mr. Doell stated that the manure is spread on the land in the spring and fall. For each batch of pigs he used approximately 50 bales.

Councillor Groening questioned if this was the limit of his proposed operation and Mr. Doell stated a reluctant yes. He is a young farmer and does not know what the future may be and cannot be definite for such a question. Mr. Doell also indicated that the barn is emptied once per month with about 6400 gallons being hauled out every month. He will be custom feeding the pigs as he does not own them.

Mr. Penner indicated that he may want more biotecs in the future, but it would likely be that the barn would stop being used.
Councillor Fraese stated that most barns have to incorporate the manure and the new provincial regulations may not grandfather his operation. Council questioned the slurry from the barn and the smell from this part of the operation may bother the neighbors more than the biotec operations.
Reeve Martens then adjourned the hearing at 2:35 p.m.

Delegation
S. Topping
Conservat.

At 2:40 p.m., Council met with Mr. Steve Topping, John Harris and Henry Daniels from the Department of Conservation. Council explained that the Tobacco Creek has significant overgrowth with vegetation and needs clearing all the way through. Also the berms need to be reworked and rebuilt. The 4N and Shannon drains also need work to be done on them.
Mr. Topping stated that the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans are very difficult for Provincial work projects. Brush clearing is also very hard to get D.F.O. approval.
Councillor Groening explained that the Municipality had proposed to do work on some of the pilot ditches on the Shannon drain and questioned why we had been rejected in undertaking this project. In dealing with D.F.O. it is up to the applicant to identify fish habitat. Mr. Topping indicated the D.F.O. is increasing its staff in the Province. They have requested an exemption for artificial drains.
Councillor Groening mentioned the joint project with the R. M. of Morris and Dufferin and asked if the project would be continuing. Councillor Neumann asked about the railway bridge crossing the Shannon Drain and who would have to pay to rebuild that bridge. Councillor Fraese questioned the Rosenort dyke deficiencies and was informed that the rip rap for the fish ladders and other work would be done this summer.
Councillor Robert asked about the land inside the Aubigny dyke. At that point it was asked how the R. M. of Ritchot made arrangements for relief of there 10% of costs of the community flood proofing projects.
Mr. Topping indicated that at Grand Point the twinning of Hwy 59 was done with of old hwy 59 being turned over to the Municipality along with other concessions nullified the Municipal contribution. For Ste. Agathe, there was \$1.2M eliminated for internal pumping and drain systems and the Municipality would be responsible for all pumping needs and also now nullifying their 10% portion.
Council requested information on what in-kind concessions were allowed for Ritchot and to also obtain a listing of who was paid for previous flood proofing work inside the community dykes. Mr. Topping stated that he would provide the Ritchot information and also the listing of those paid for prior flood work.

Rosenort
EM Church
Expansion

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#6/2003. Whereas the Rosenort E. M. Church, located on Parcel H, Plan 10581, wishes to undertake an expansion to the existing structure;
And Whereas the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris is aware of this proposed expansion;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris has no objections or concerns relating to this project.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

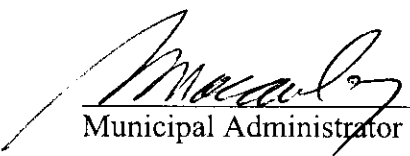
Provincial
Parks

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#7/2003. Whereas Provincial Parks were established by the
Government of Manitoba for the use and benefit of all Manitobans and
visitors to our Province;
And Whereas the land borders for our Provincial Parks should not be
reduced and the Province of Manitoba should not be negotiating
making such changes to these Provincial Parks;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris implore
the Provincial Government to withdraw from negotiations with any
group or organization regarding any border changes to any Provincial
Park.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Moved by Council Wiens:
That the meeting be now adjourned at 4:40 p.m. with Council agreeing
to meet again on Thursday, January 9, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the
agenda of the January 8, 2003 meeting.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator