

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special Committee Meeting on Friday, April 25, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Present were Councillor: Ralph Groening, Denis Robert, Sieg Neumann, Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Lionel Wiens.

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with various organization representatives concerning our new Development Plan.

Present for this meeting : Garry Haggerty of G and R Enterprises; Peter Williams and Stu Iverson of Data Link; Jim Elliot and Jim Brown of EPB Environmental Services and Mark Brodrick and Ed Sawatzky of Community Planning Services.

Mr. Williams mentioned that the Province would soon be bringing in regulations relating to livestock operations. The GIS system could expand into this area.

Mr. Sawatzky stated that there would be change in Legislation that would be a change in Planning requirements. There is a concern as to how livestock operations are dealt with and that it would have to be set up in policy levels. The Municipalities would have to set up area indicating where livestock operations would be considered or where they would be prohibited. It is not known when the Province will be bringing in this policy and when it is brought in, the Municipality would have a period of time to amend their Development Plan to fit Provincial requirements. Council should also consider manure disposal areas in the Municipality.

When a Municipality establishes area for livestock consideration and the application meets the criteria of the area, rejecting an application would likely create an issue of why.

Council Kornelsen asked about the subdivision of and yard sites from farm land and Mr. Sawatzky responded that the Province is currently reviewing all of those policies and processes.

Mr. Jim Elliot explained that his company worked with land use suitability, soil management and livestock suitability. Their information would provide soil quality and provide opinions of suitability of operations in given area. This information would be in addition to information of road systems, hydro lines, drainage ditches, etc. that would be part of the application review process.

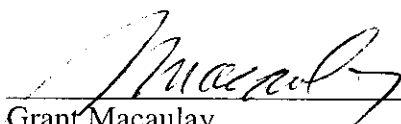
Mr. Williams indicated that this information could be worked into the GIS system and be an additional layer of information on our map.

Mr. Haggerty indicated that there is possibilities of outside funding for our new Development Plan, possibly from Sustainable Communities (Federal and Provincial) and also Manitoba Rural Adaptations Council.

Mr. Sawatzky stated that for livestock initiatives, there could be a \$3,000.00 grant for our Development Plan and a further \$3,000.00 grant for our Zoning By-law. He was asked if we would qualify for a \$10,000.00 grant instead and he indicated that he would look into the aspect further.

Mr. Haggerty then met directly with Council to try to obtain a general overview of their thoughts of the larger issues, such as livestock, flood protection, rural development, etc. He indicated that we should have another meeting (all day) soon to discuss these and other issues further. A date of May 23, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. was set for this meeting with Mr. Haggerty, unless a rain date was established prior to this date.

The meeting was then adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Grant Macaulay,
Secretary.