

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held it's regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

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

Agenda

Move by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:  
#130/03. Resolved that the agenda for the June 11, 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:  
#131/03. Resolved that the minutes of the May 14, 2003 regular meeting and the May 22, 2003 special meeting be now adopted by Council.  
Carried. For 6  
Against 0

Cond. Use  
5/2003  
Red River  
NE 23-5-2E

At 10:00 a.m., Council held a public hearing for the conditional use application by Red River Pork. This is for the operation of 4,000 feeder hogs in the NE of Section 23-5-2 EPM.  
There were 11 persons present for the hearing.  
Reeve Herm Martens then gave a brief outline of the hearing process. Mr. Rolf Penner told Council that this is the second barn of a 2 barn project. The lagoon has been built for two barns and they have also purchased a dead stock cooler building. They have planted trees around the site and have hired a landscaper to look after them. He sowed that with a 2 mile radius of the site, there were approximately 3 residences and they were on the edge of the 2 mile limit. When Council move the site for their previous application further east, it cost them an additional \$50,000.00 for gravel, hydro, telephone, etc. They now own their own straw spreader to cover their lagoon and they have also done straw cover onto 14 other lagoon sites in the area. They plan to experiment with using hydro poles on the lagoon to reduce wave action and to keep the straw in place. This project was planned for a two barn operation and the finances are based on a two barn operation. Waiting 1 year to build will increase the cost by \$30,000.00. This operation would employ two full time positions. The ownership of this operation is local people and some of the owners have knowledge of the business. They have tried to meet and exceed the requirements that have been put to them. They are diversifying their farming operations and ask that Council give approval to this application.  
Mr. Reg Spears, of Elite Swine, spoke briefly on the general operation and asked for Councils support on the application.  
Mr. Ron Dreger mentioned to Council that he had gone to speak to some of the neighbors regarding this application. He spoke to many of the neighbors that were opposed to their previous application. He explained to them their application and made them aware of the situation.  
Mr. Rolf Penner mentioned that they hoped to be in full operation by late fall and asked that Council approve this application.  
The hearing was ended at 10:45 a.m.

The Council meeting resumed at 11:15 a.m.

Council then recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Delegation

At 1:00 p.m., Mr. Ken Penner, Mr. Wayne Franklin and Mr. Clint Krentz met with Council.  
Mr. Krentz of Regent Biologic Inc., explained that they have a product that is added to manure lagoons or waste water, etc. and the micro organisms break down the solids. This product meets health Canada standards. The enzymes break down the solids and the bio microbes eat the broken solids. This process reduces the offensive odors from the lagoon, reduces the solids buildup in the lagoon. It costs \$0.35 - \$0.45 per hog for a feeder operation while a sow operation could be \$0.65 - \$0.75 per sow. The lagoon covers shut off the air supply that the good microbes need to do their work. Their product needs an open lagoon. The straw cover costs the same of this product and that this product is a liquid and is to be added to the manure pit 2 times per week. He also mentioned that they did a sewage lagoon at St. Andrews and that their products will also clear off algae on ponds, etc.

Delegation

At 1:45 p.m., Mr. Januz Kaminski met with Council to discuss his desire to operate a car repair and sales on his property in Aubigny. He owns property along PR 205 west of Aubigny (outside of the dyke) and he resides at this location. He could have 8 - 10 cars on the property with 2 or 3 cars being for parts. He buys cars to fix and resell. Council indicated that they would consider the request.

Morris Area  
Senior Ser.  
Donation

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:  
#132/03. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris donate \$1,500.00 to the Morris Area Seniors Services towards their operating expenses for the year 2003.

Carried. For 6  
Against 0

Cond. Use  
D. Blatz  
SW 16-5-2W  
Public  
Hearing

At 2:15 p.m., Council held a public hearing for the Conditional Use application by Mr. Dulaney Blatz for a 4,000 feeder hog operation in the SW of Section 16-5-2WPM.

There were 8 people present for this hearing.

Mr. Dulaney Blatz told Council that the barn would be operated by him and would be in their name. The proposed site for this operation would be on the east side of the quarter. He hopes to stay in the community and the barn would allow for financial stability.

Mr. Reg Spears indicated that this application is for a smaller size operation and asked Council to approve this application.

Mrs. Elva Dyck spoke that if the Municipality has a moratorium on hog barns, why are we having this hearing. A by-law would give the Municipality more authority with such issues as a moratorium. How many more barns are to be allowed in the Municipality? The Municipality has no mandate or policy concerning future barn applications or where they will go. Are we to have barns of a similar number and situation as is around Mitchell. Hogs in North Carolina have created a great deal of problem for the people and the environment. People have indicated before that they want no more barns in the Municipality. People put money and effort into their home yards and She asked that Council not approve this barn application.

Mr. Dave Dueck indicated that he has recently been smelling the odour from neighboring operations and asked that Council not approval this application.

Hearing Continued

It was then mentioned that on the application, the barn would be at least 200 feet back for the road allowance and there is no further plans for a 3<sup>rd</sup> barn.

There was also questions raised as to who polices infractions when a barn does not follow what is required.

The R.M. of Morris also received a letter from Leona Friesen expressing her opposition to the application.

Following the hearing, Council held a discussion on this application.

Prairie  
Grain Rds  
Projects

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#133/03. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has approved projects with the Prairie Grain Roads Program for road upgrades on Road 31N and Road 19N/21N;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris now enter into respective agreements with Prairie Grain Roads for this projects.

Carried. For 6  
Against 0

Subdivision  
eAcres  
NW 29-6-2W

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:

#134/03. Whereas eAcres Inc. has made application for a subdivision in the NW ¼ of Section 29-6-2 WPM under Planning File No. 4152-03-4542;

And Whereas this subdivision is for the creation of a 3.45 acre yard site;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris does now approve this application subject to the following conditions:

1. That a variation order be completed for the 3.45 acre yard site.
2. That any new accesses caused by this subdivision shall be at the expense of the owner.
3. That the requirements of the Environmental Operations be complied with.

Carried. For 6  
Against 0

Subdivision  
H. Stanze  
SW 26-6-1W  
Rejected

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:

#135/03. Whereas Herbert, Karin and Thorsten Stanze have made application for the subdivision of part of the SW ¼ of Section 26-6-1 WPM under Planning File No. 4152-03-4552;

And Whereas this subdivision proposed to create an approximately 5.0 acre yard site with a new residence;

Therefore BE It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris does now approve this application subject to the following conditions:

1. That a variation order be completed for the 5.0 acre yard site.
2. That any new accesses caused by this subdivision shall be at the expense of the owner.
3. That the requirements of the Environmental Operations be complied with.

Defeated For 0  
Against 6

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Moved by Councillor Barry Fraese:  
That the meeting be now adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with Council agreeing  
to meet again on Thursday, June 12, 2003 to continue the agenda from  
this meeting.

  
Reeve  
Municipal Administrator