

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2003 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, Leo Kornelsen, Lionel Wiens, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese.

Agenda

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#167/03. Resolved that the agenda for the August 13, 2003 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.
Carried. For 5
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#168/03. Resolved that the minutes of the July 9, 2003 regular meeting and the July 10 and July 14, 2003 special meetings be now adopted by Council.
Carried. For 5
Against 0

Committee Reports

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Herm Martens – Westfield land donation to the Municipality for the area behind the Rosenort Fire Hall. It was felt that we should obtain a valuation for this property.
- also discussed was the 10% costs for the Community Dykes.
- Also brought to Council's attention was the septic tank costs of Mrs. Beth Waddell.
Ralph Groening – Water Conservation Districts – discussed some of the positives and negatives of belonging to such districts.

By-law
1567/03

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#169/03. Resolved that By-law No. 1567/03, being a by-law for the re-zoning to General Commercial of property in Rosenort, known as the Rosenort Tea House, be now given first reading by Council.
Carried. For 5
Against 0

Prairie
Grain Rds
Program

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#170/03. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has received a number of tender bids for the Prairie Grain Roads Projects;
And Whereas a representative of PFRA did open the respective tender bids;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris now accepts the following tender bids for the proposed 2003 projects:
Road 31 North from West side of Morris River Bridge to PR 332
R. M. of Morris \$75,500.00
Dust Free Road Mtce. .179/litre
Road 19N/21N from PTH 75 to Municipal Road 1 West:
R. M. of Morris \$86,400.00
Dust Free Road Mtce .179/litre
And also that this is done with the understanding and provision that PFRA also accept these bids.
Carried. For 5
Against 0

Rural
Water
Lines

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#171/03. Whereas Manitoba Water Services Board has received tender bids for the installation of water lines in the R. M. of Morris during the 2003 year;
And Whereas the low bid was that of Dig All Construction (1994) Ltd. in the amount of \$988,145.00 for the proposed line projects;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris accepts this tender bid with the understanding that this bid is also accepted by the Manitoba Water Services Board;
And Further Be It Resolved that the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign necessary documents when this bid has been formally accepted.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Assistant
CAO

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#172/03. Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Morris has decided to hire an Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality;
Therefore Be It Resolved that Mr. Ernie Buhler be now engaged as Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for the R. M. of Morris at an annual salary of \$36,000.00 with Mr. Buhler being allowed 3 weeks holidays and also that Mr. Buhler be granted a further 6% of salary amount, in lieu of the Municipal Pension Program, to be paid as an RRSP contribution to Mr. Buhler.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Signing
Authority

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#173/03. Resolved that in the absence of the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Ernie Buhler shall have signing authority for the R. M. of Morris;
And Further Be It Resolved that Shannon Hesford shall no longer have signing authority for the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

MMAA
co-host
Luncheon

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#174/03. Whereas the Town of Morris is hosting the MMAA seminar on September 17, 2003;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris contribute 50% of the luncheon costs as being co-sponsor of the luncheon.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Councillor Wiens excused himself from the meeting for the issue of the variation for his property.

Variation
Board

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#175/03. Resolved that we now become the Variation board of the R. M. of Morris to consider application no. 6/03 and 7/03 and 8/03.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

The public hearing for Variation Application No. 6/2003 was held on 10:30 a.m.. No one was present for this hearing.

Variation
6/03
NW 18-4-1W
L. Wiens

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#176/03. Whereas Lionel Wiens, Lorraine Wiens and Trevor Wiens have made application for a Variation Order in the NW of Section 18-4-1WPM;
And Whereas this variation application is to all a minimum site area of approximately 10.0 acres;
Therefore BE It Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now approve this Variation Order No. 6/2003 for Lionel Wiens, Lorraine Wiens and Trevor Wiens.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

At this time in the meeting Councillor Wiens returned to the meeting.

Councillor Kornelsen then excused himself from the meeting for the variation applications of K Line Management,

The public hearing for Variation Application No. 7/2003 and 8/2003 was held at 10:45 a.m. There was no one present for this hearing.

Variation
7/03
SW 21-5-1W
P.I.G.

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#177/03. Whereas K Line Management, on behalf of Premier International Genetics, have made application for a Variation Order in the SW of Section 21-5-1WPM;
And Whereas this variation application is to allow a front yard setback of approximately 68 feet on the west side of the property for the purpose of constructing a cooler storage unit;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now approve this Variation Order No. 7/2003 for Premier International Genetics.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Variation
8/03
NW 22-5-2W
Morris Pig

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#178/03. Whereas K Line Management, on behalf of Morris Piglets Ltd., have made application for a Variation Order in the NW of Section 22-5-2WPM;
And Whereas this variation application is to allow a front yard setback of approximately 68 feet on the west and north sides of the property for the purpose of constructing a cooler storage unit;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now approve this Variation Order No. 8/2003 for Morris Piglets Ltd.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Councillor Kornelsen then returned to the meeting.

Adjourn as
Variation
Board

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#179/03. Resolved that we now adjourn as the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris and resume as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Accounts

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#180/03. Resolved that we authorize payment of the accounts for
August 13, 2003 in the amount of \$334,216.49.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, met with Council. He indicated that 32.5 miles of drainage work has been completed and the dirt spreading would be started soon. Any bridge replacements will be done after harvest.

Our gravel program was completed on July 31, 2003. The road to the Jason Holdings barn is holding up very well.

For the Prairie Grain Roads Program, the Municipality was the successful tender bid and the projects will be starting September, 2003. Road 31N between Road 1W and Road 2W has been raised.

For the road into the K Line barns, quotations were given to them on widening the corner at PR 332 and widening the corner to the south barn site. To date there has been no response from K Line on wanting this work to be done.

Manitoba conservation was sent the information on the extra gravel needed for the Rosenort dyke project.

For the Riverside Dyke, Mr. Harder questioned who was responsible for cutting the dyke. Council indicated that we were responsible to cut the dyke and that the cutting would likely be tendered out next year.

Crown Utilities has not done the cleanup from the 2002 rural water line project. A letter is to be sent to the Manitoba Water Services Board indicating the need to have this cleanup done immediately or that the Municipality would hire someone to do this cleanup work.

The seal coating has been completed on the road north of the Riverside park.

Two grader operators will be taking holidays in August.

Mr. Harder asked about hiring an operator to run the rotary ditcher unit and that the Municipality could rent a tractor for the rotary ditcher.


Also discussed were the possibilities of renting out the rotary ditcher with tractor and operator.

Advertise
Operator
for Ditcher

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Lionel Wiens;
#181/03. Resolved that we advertise for the hiring of an operator
for the rotary ditcher and tractor unit.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Barry Fraese:
That the meeting be now adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator