

## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday January 14, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair.

Reeve Martens read a thank you note from Shannon Hesford and advised Council that he is seeking the Federal Liberal nomination for Provencher. If he is successful, he will be taking a leave of absence from either February 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> until after the Federal election.

Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman, attended the meeting at 9:20 a.m. He provided Council with quotations on used directional boring equipment. Mr. Harder answered all of Council's questions and then left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:

#01/04 Resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended and as it may be further amended.

Carried	6
Against	0

PURCHASE  
DIRECTIONAL  
BORING  
EQUIP.

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Leo Kornelson:

#02/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris authorize the equipment committee to purchase used directional boring equipment to a maximum cost of \$130,000.00

Carried	6
Against	0

PVWC TO DO  
WATER  
AUDIT

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:

#03/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris request PVWC to recalibrate the R.M. of Morris water meters and to do a water audit in the R.M. of Morris and to request a meeting.

Carried	6
Against	0

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#04/04 Resolved that the Minutes of the December 10, December 11 and December 19, 2003 meetings be adopted as distributed and amended.

Carried	6
Against	0

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelson:

#05/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris council resolved into a Variation Board.

Carried	6
Against	0

APPROVE  
VARIATION  
FROM THE  
PENNER'S

Moved by Leo Kornelson, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#06/04 Resolved that the Variation Board approve the application for variation from Edward and Erna Penner #10/2003 on SW 31-6-2W to provide for a site area of approximately 11.3 acres and a site width of 30 feet.

Carried	6
Against	0

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:  
#07/04 Resolved that the Variation Board resolve back to the  
Council of the R.M. of Morris.

Carried 6  
Against 0

CONFIRM  
HIRING OF  
AL WIEBE

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:  
#08/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris confirm the hiring of  
Alvin Wiebe as per negotiations by the employee relations committee.

Carried 5  
Against 0

Councillor Wiens abstained from voting on this resolution.

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:  
#09/04 Resolved that the Council of the R.M. of Morris approves  
the following interim budget:

Government Services	\$200,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 50,000.00
Transportation Services	\$400,000.00
Environmental Health	\$ 50,000.00
Public Health & Welfare	\$ 10,000.00
Environmental Development	\$ 10,000.00
Economic Development	\$130,000.00
Recreation	\$ 50,000.00
Fiscal Services	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
	\$950,000.00

Carried 6  
Against 0

APPLICANTS  
FOR ADMIN.  
ASSIS.  
INTERVIEWS

Council assigned the Employee Relations Committee to interview  
applicants for the Administrative Assistant position. The Acting CAO  
was instructed to leave all applications sealed in the future until after the  
closing date.

TRIPLE R  
HIRED IAN  
GOODALE  
AS CAO

Reeve Martens reported that the R.M. needs to do some work on MEMO,  
and he had attended their annual general meeting in December. Reeve  
Martens also reported that Triple R has hired Ian Goodale George as the  
CEO. The LRRVWC has had no meetings in two years but the board  
wants to keep this Commission alive because they have the authority to  
levy taxes. The Red River Coalition is not active.

LIBRARY  
PROPOSED  
2% INCREASE  
IN LEVY

Councillor Groening reported on a meeting concerning building  
inspection. They may look at having the R.M. of Ritchot as an equal 1/3  
partner. They also are checking billing for the inspector. The library is  
proposing a 2% increase in the levy. The LUD has had no meetings in a  
few months but would like to come and meet with the entire council. The  
water works committee is considering installing 15 miles of new line in  
2004. Some people on PR 332 have asked to be up on the list. The 2004  
drainage program is basically in place. Lowe Farm and Kane CCD's will  
be combined.

Councillor Fraese reported that the roads program has been put on hold  
until the directional boring had been decided. The Manor needs some new  
windows and exterior upgrading. The Health Foundation had no meetings  
in the last month.

Councillor Kornelson reported that the Rosenort CCD had offered their thanks for offering health insurance. Lowe Farm fire department is trying to follow their budget and are looking into the Rosenort operations. The Riverside area is waiting for the bills for the dykes. Council needs a succession plan for the Fire Departments. Councillor Kornelson will attend the animal control meeting in Gretna.

Councillor Neumann reported that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the Financial Statement format. He also sought council's direction on the joint ventures committee. The next joint Councils meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. February 26<sup>th</sup> in the Rosenort Arena. Councillor Neumann will attend the new complex meetings and keep Council informed of progress. Councillor Neumann suggested that we might need a smaller committee for joint ventures so they can come up with some recommendations. He also questioned councils intentions regarding plastic or straw covers for lagoons, and questioned whether council could legally change a Conditional Use.

The Fire Departments have asked Council to look at setting up reserve funds for equipment purchase or replacement.

FORD TRUCK  
BECOMES  
SPRAY  
TRUCK

Councillor Robert reported that the staff is switching the Ford into a spray truck. The listing of equipment and the five year capital plan are coming. Council needs to obtain land from the Province, inside the Aubigny dyke. The weed district is being disbanded and the equipment committee will consider tenders on the 4 wheeler and the ½ ton truck. The Town of Morris has agreed to waive the landfill fees for the burned house by Rosenort.

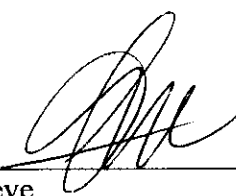

2 YEAR  
AGREEM.  
WITH PUBLIC  
WORKS  
STAFF

Councillor Wiens reported that the Employee Relations Committee has been very busy and evaluations are done. They have reached a two-year agreement with the public works staff and hired a weed control/GPS person.

Council discussed and approved the new committee report format, but wants reports kept brief.

Reeve Martens and Deputy Reeve Groening had to leave the meeting at 11:30 a.m. due to a prior commitment, so Council agreed to postpone the balance of the business to January 19, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Councillor Fraese moved that the meeting adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

  
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Reeve  
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Acting CAO