

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Friday February 20, 2004 commencing at 1:15 p.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair.

This meeting had been called by Reeve Martens to finish planning for the coming year.

Mr. Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman, attended the meeting. He advised Council that the tender for fuel appears to be accurate and that the spread is still being maintained. Mr. Harder also discussed with Council servicing some property in Rosenort. Council decided to stay at \$50.00 for the time being plus the bill for the materials.

Councillor Groening declared a conflict of interest and abstained from discussion and voting on the following resolution.

Denis Robert-Sieg Neumann
#53/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the fuel tender from Janico Investments-Petro Canada, this being the lowest tender received, to be effective March 1, 2004.

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FUEL
TENDER

Councillor Robert reported on his investigation into the landfill at Rosenort. This property had been purchased in two separate parcels with the Town of Morris paying one half of both purchases. The Town of Morris would therefore be entitled to one half of the land rent because they own one half of the property.

ROSENORT
LANDFILL

The Acting CAO was instructed to send a letter to the present tenant and advised that the R.M. of Morris would be either re-tendering this property or will be using the landfill property for a rink project. The R.M. of Morris would like to have scales at the landfill. There was also some discussion concerning spring and fall clean up.

Under economic development Councillor Groening reported that he would like to work on a brochure. The Acting CAO was instructed to try to obtain prices for designing a web site. Council also discussed paying a finder's fee to real-estate agents who would find purchasers for one dollar property. The R.M. of Morris owns three or four lots in Lowe Farm plus approximately three in Riverside.

LOW-COST
HOUSING

There was some discussion concerning low-cost housing. Councillor Kornelsen reported that in Altona you could purchase a 1000 square foot house with a detached garage for under \$100,00.00. In two years the purchaser would then purchase the lot and this would be added to the mortgage. A down payment of \$7500.00 is required. Councillor Robert advised that he had obtained a budget figure of \$90.00 per square foot for a basic house that would include a small lot. The Acting CAO was instructed to check into Habit for Humanity and find out what their process is. There was also some discussion concerning a mobile home park or apartment block.

Council Groening reported on the proposed water line extension in 2004. This will provide for 45 and 1/2 miles of additional line this year. Council Groening suggested that the R.M. of Morris should tender the line and should do service connections on their own.

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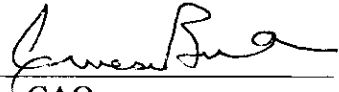
Council decided that the next planning agenda should include protection, budget, low-cost housing, and economic development.

Council decided that their next regular Council meeting will be held on March 10, 2004 and be completed on March 17, 2004.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



Reeve



Acting CAO