

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Thursday May 27, 2004 commencing at 10:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert, and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. Councillor Fraese had been notified and sent his regrets.

Reeve Martens had called this meeting to meet with the Public Works Foreman and to discuss several outstanding matters with Council, as well as do some advanced planning. Mr. Don Harder attended the entire meeting.

Reeve Martens led off the discussion by reporting that he had met with Mr. Darryl Edel. Mr. Edel has a drainage problem on the West Side of the Morris dyke being one mile away from PTH 23. This matter was referred to the Drainage Committee.

Reeve Martens had been contacted by Mr. Dave Waldner who wants to raise his lot and would like to haul some dirt from Jack Siemens. He would propose to haul this dirt with scrapers with 34 yard being hauled per load. Reeve Martens had been approached by an individual interested in purchasing a lot in Riverside. This would be known as the former Ben Thiessen lot.

Leo Kornelsen-Denis Robert

#138/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris agree to sell Lot 6 Block 2 Plan 11498, the former Ben Thiessen lot for the sum of \$1.00 to Jack Flemming on the condition that he hook up to municipal water immediately and pay for water up front.

Carried

Council of the R.M. of Morris discussed that the Dwayne Rempel Road needs to be brought up to standard. Public Works Foreman advised that the Department of Highways will allow individuals to take the shortest route in and out from their property even during spring road restrictions. Mr. Harder will get this information for Council.

Reeve Martens advised that the Scratching River Tractor Club would be interested in being added to the R.M. of Morris insurance policy as a named insured for liability purposes. The CAO was instructed to obtain a cost and report this cost to Reeve Martens. Reeve Martens also reported that he had spoke to Levi Brandt and that there was no interest in a Handy Van. Reeve Martens presented Council with a proposal for sub-division, which would include some affordable housing. The Lot size on most of these lots would be set at 120 feet of frontage by 138 feet deep. Council discussed various alternatives including the R.M. of Morris providing financing for street work and/or for water and sewer. Any such financing would probably be split with the Local Urban District of Rosenort. Council did not make any commitment and Reeve Martens will suggest that the proponent contact the Municipal Planning Branch in Morden.

Mr. Don Harder reported that the Red River Community College is putting on a GPS course at a cost of \$525.00 per person for a 3-day course. Council instructed Mr. Harder as well as Alvin Wiebe to attempt to attend this course.

Councillor Wiens advised that he had been approached by the Manitoba Cattle Producers Association and asked for a letter of support for an anti-cross border shopping campaign. Council did not take any action on this request.

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Don Harder will be on the agenda at 11:30 a.m. on the June 9, 2004 Council Meeting. Mr. Harder also reported on the Prairie Grain Roads tenders and advised that they will close on June 10, 2004 and be opened on June 11, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Ralph Groening-Leo Kornelsen
#139/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris sponsor the MCA golf tournament for \$200.00.

Carried

Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening
#140/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris pay \$250.00 to the Lowe Farm School and to the Rosenort EMC Youth Group for community clean-up.

Carried

Reeve Martens reported that the Pembina Valley Water Corporation will be holding their tour on June 22, 2004. The CAO was instructed to register Reeve Martens and Deputy Reeve Groening for this tour with the potential of two more to come.

Councillor Groening led the discussion regarding a letter from a certain resident requesting the removal of a plug in a ditch. Councillor Groening will speak to the person that put in the plug and then will look at having a culvert installed through this driveway.

Council discussed the transfer of the property from the old landfill site and the golf course to the Town of Morris limits. Council decided that they would be more interested in transferring the golf course land within the R.M. into the R.M. of Morris name. This would end any taxes.

Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening
#141/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris agree to the annexation of the former landfill site by the Town of Morris.

Carried

Don Harder updated Council on the water audit and advised that the numbers still do not appear to make any sense.

Reeve Martens will speak to the Pembina Valley Water Co-op regarding money.

The Public Works Foreman advised that he is monitoring the situation in the R.M. of Franklin. He also reported that Allen Dickson had a washed out culvert. It appears that the Green Team is back to square one because all applicants either had another job, or were not interested.

Reeve Martens brought up some discussion concerning the telephone system and the CAO was instructed to invite Manitoba Telephone System to the July meeting.

Reeve Martens will also review the accounts in the future.

Councillor Groening reported on the Rural Water. He advised that we need to identify everyone that is not presently hooked up. Councillor Groening is of the opinion that everyone in the municipality could be hooked up for \$1,500,000.00 or less.

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Councillor Groening recommends that the R.M. of Morris should ask for a \$500.00 deposit, with the commitment from the R.M. of Morris that they would provide water service within two years. Councillor Groening also reported that there will be a Building Committee meeting to discuss contract supervision for the Building Inspector on May 31, 2004.


Ralph Groening-Lionel Wiens

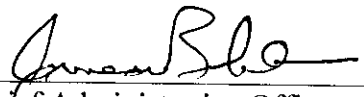
#142/04

Resolved that resolution #150/01 regarding sump pump hook up, be repealed effective May 27, 2004.

Carried

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


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer