

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held on Wednesday July 14th, 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.

Ralph Groening-Leo Kornelsen

160/04 Resolved that the agenda be adopted as distributed and may be amended.

Carried

Denis Robert-Barry Fraese

161/04 Resolved that the minutes of the June 9, 2004 meeting be adopted as distributed

Carried

Ralph Groening-Denis Robert

162/04 Resolved that the minutes of the June 10th, 2004 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Leo Kornelsen-Lionel Wiens

163/04 Resolved that the minutes of the June 25, 2004 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Reeve Martens reported that the Morris Elgin Rail Line Committee is now finished. The money that was left in their account will be divided amongst the Municipal members. The Railway is planning to fix between 30 to 40 crossings this year. Reeve Martens also reported on the floodway discussions regarding whether or not to raise the gates. He also reported to Council that Mr. Mark Bruyere and Melissa Dreger have started work on the emergency plan.

Councillor Groening reported that Mr. Ray Muller would also be acting as construction superintendent for the construction of the new wellness Centre. Councillor Groening also discussed the water shortage and the bills from Pembina Valley. The water committee will be sending letters to everyone in the Municipality for water hook ups over the next two years. Councillor Groening also reported that the R.C.M.P. reception will be held on July 25th, 2004. The steaks have been donated and the fire department will be doing the cooking.

The CAO was instructed to write a letter to Pembina Valley regarding water shortage. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve will review this letter before it is sent.

Councillor Fraese reported that the roads are presently being graveled, and that hay cutting has started on the dikes.

Councillor Kornelsen advised that the Sperling Fire Department would like to purchase a saw for the sum of \$1900.00. This saw for cutting tin would be within the 2004 budget. Councilor Kornelsen also reported that the Rosenort CCD is not interested in the tea house. He also reported that the Riverside dike can now be cut and he may actually have someone that will pay the R.M. of Morris for this privilege.

Councillor Neumann advised that the audit report has been received and also suggested that the R.M. should do one additional fly over for the lagoons.

Councillor Groening advised that a parking lot on the East Side of the Lowe Farm Park had been donated. This CAO was instructed to try to obtain a copy of this receipt.

The CAO was also instructed to prepare a new telephone list including Alvin Wiebe and John Derksen. Council will also work on setting up a protocol on whether or not they should phone employees directly or they should phone the foreman or office.

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He discussed with Council the problems that were arising from last year's water line. Dig All had supplied a one-year warranty and then the R.M. would do the repairs at Dig All's cost. Council requested a list of the railway crossings that need to be repaired. Mr. Harder advised that there are about 6 crossings. He also advised that the R.M. is doing about 4 miles per month with one machine for drainage. Eleven and one half miles have been done and the R.M. is being selective in doing the most urgent ones first. Mr. Harder reported that the gravelling is 2/3rds done. He also advised that on the prairie grain roads the RM was a successful bidder. He also asked Council to think about whether or not they want to apply for additional roads for next year. The dead line is September 15, 2004.

The CAO was instructed to contact the R.M. of McDonald regarding the road north of Rosenort to Sanford. This is a nine-mile road that needs upgrading with the R.M. of Morris having three miles. This road would have to be changed from dirt to gravel.

Don Harder continued his report and advised that the dust control has been done. The bridge decks would cost approximately \$ 4000.00 for 1 bridge and \$3000.00 for the 2nd bridge, if the work were contracted. Council instructed the foreman to find a contractor to get the bridge decking done. Mr. Harder advised that he is waiting for quotes for the monitoring system for the water plants. Mr. John Enns is doing well on the water lines. The R.M. service connections are getting better all the time. Mr. Harder advised that the cost for a drive-by water meter reading system would be approximately \$124,000.00 plus tax. Council requested that Mr. Harder order this system for the Rural. This would be for 234 meters. Mr. Harder reported that he is still working on the 2004 flood. There is no report on the Lowe Farm Lagoon. The CAO was instructed to contact the engineer and ask for a report. Mr. Harder advised that the weed control is 70% done. He also advised Council that he had received an updated quote on the walk and roll roller. Lewis instruments are coming out on August 5th, 2004. The green team employee will be Mr. Keith Bially. Andy Friesen is going on holidays during the last week of July. Roger is going on holidays during the first week in August. The Foreman will be taking holidays from noon on August 5th, 2004 and on August 6th, 2004. Mr. Harder asked Council who would be doing the bridge removal works and they advised that the R.M. of Dufferin could do this work. Mr. Harder advised that one of the cat graders has problems with the front end and there was an anticipated repair bill of \$14,000.00. Council decided that if an employee received a speeding ticket in the R.M. vehicle, the R.M. will pay the ticket and the Employee will have to reimburse the cost.

Mr. Harder then left the meeting and Council adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Barry Fraese-Leo Kornelsen
164/04 Resolved that By-law # 1572/04 Rosenort dyke debenture be read
a second and third time.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Lionel Wiens

165/04 Resolved that By-law # 1573/04 Lowe Farm dyke debenture be read a second and third time.

Carried

The following correspondence was received.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
A) AMM	Lowering rates-vehicle accidents	Sec to Write
B) AMM	Local Authorities Election Act	See minutes
C) S Klassen	Drainage	Noted & filed
D) IGA	Request for Report	Sec to reply
E) RRVSD	Lease Agreement	See minutes
F) TSPD	Zoning By-Law No. 158/04	See minutes
G) Muniware	Training sessions	See minutes
H) Triple R	Hosting appreciation event	Noted & filed
I) Royal Pork Inc	Refund – Performance bond	Noted & filed
J) Multi Pork Inc	Refund – Performance bond	Noted & filed
K) Shoreline Swine Ltd	Performance bond	See resolution
L) R.M. of Morris	Performance bond	See resolution
M) AMM	PGRP applications	Noted & filed
N) Water Stewardship	Monitoring drinking water	Noted & filed
O) R.M. of Morris	Dick Enns	Noted & filed

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
A) Steinbach Fire	Incident operations guidelines	Noted & filed
B) Neptune	ARB Water Revenue system	Noted & filed
C) Healthy child coalition	Coalition notes & news	Noted & filed
D) Intergroup	Red River Floodway expansion	Noted & filed
E) Gurnell Veterinary system	Thank-you letter	Noted & filed
F) Agri-food Canada	Dust free road maintenance	Noted & filed
G) Water stewardship	License to construct drainage works	Noted & filed
H) Minister of Healthy Living	Bill 21 – Smoking	Noted & filed
I) Municipal Board MB	By-Law 1572/04	Noted & filed
J) Municipal Board MB	By-Law 1573/04	Noted & filed
K) Red tiger Group Inc	Response to letter	Noted & filed
L) CO-OP membership benefits	Equity statement	Noted & filed
M) MEBP	Employee benefits	Noted & filed
N) MTS	MTS plans	Noted & filed
O) TPC	Proposed Zoning By-Law reviews	Noted & filed
P) IGA	Proposed subdivision	Noted & filed
Q) Muscular Dystrophy Canada	Financial support	Noted & filed
R) MEBP	Employee benefits-2003 reports	Noted & filed
S) TGS	Proposed agreement	Noted & filed
T) CN	Proposed closure	Noted & filed
U) MEMO	Priority accesses for dialing	Noted & filed
V) MARR	Membership	Noted & filed
W) G.B. Schmidt Law Office	Subdivision application	Noted & filed
X) Cochrane Engineering	Engineering Services	Noted & filed
Y) Leadership development	Workshop	Noted & filed

Z)	LSSG	Stakeholders group	Noted & filed
AA)	Mediation services	Training schedule	Noted & filed
BB)	MB operator training	Courses	Noted & filed
CC)	CFSON	Financial Services Ombuds	Noted & filed
DD)	IGA	Proposed subdivision	Noted & filed
EE)	Mapinfo introduction	GIS training	Noted & filed
FF)	Datalink news	Diamond accounting package	Noted & filed
GG)	Drain manager	Mapping technologies	Noted & filed
HH)	MPSC	Bulletin	Noted & filed
II)	AMM	Provincial responses	Noted & filed
JJ)	CAPHC	Brochure	Noted & filed
KK)	AMM	Loss prevention bulletin	Noted & filed
LL)	Futures by design	Brochure	Noted & filed
MM)	U of M	MMA certificate program	Noted & filed
NN)	CCRA	Filing requirements	Noted & filed
OO)	Dust free road maintenance	Road stabilization	Noted & filed
PP)	TCMW	Meeting of the community	Noted & filed

The CAO was instructed to write to the AMM that for fire departments to attend at traffic accident scenes the cost must include traffic control. The volunteer's are giving up work time. The R.M. will also suggest that a reasonable rate be set for the use of the truck and equipment. Registration fees have gone up substantially.

The employee relations committee will review the local authorities election act with personnel.

Mr. Gary Haggerty attended the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and reviewed the Government comments with Council.

Reeve Martens called a public hearing to order at 2:00 p.m. A total of 11 persons attended as per the attached list.

Mr. Mark Brodrick advised that he was just here to observe. Sherry Grift representing the Department of Agriculture gave Council a presentation at 2:10 p.m. She advised that she was generally pleased with the development plan. Ms. Grift has some concerns and she made references to bill # 40, and advised Council any regulation that is more stringent than the Provincial requirement is up to the Municipality to enforce. She does not like the 1200 animal unit maximum. She advised Council's that there are between 24 to 28 producers in the restricted area.

Mr. Tim Friesen advised that he had no comment.

Mr. Doug Dobrowolsky advised that he had no comment.

Mr. Ralph Penner asked why the R.M. wants to be stricter than the Province on both maximum size and acreage. Reeve Martens answered that the present R.M. guidelines would allow four 2000 head feeder barns on one site.

Mr. Ernie Siemens asked if he could still sub-divide his farm site and was advised that yes as long as the balance is at least 40 acres.

Mr. Mark Bergstresser commented that the green areas were designed to protect the rivers and the population area, but that water can come from outside of the green areas and also cause pollution.

Mr. Kurt Siemens advised that he is an agricultural producer by Rosenort and has chickens. He asked if he was allowed to spread manure within the two-mile buffer zone. Apparently spreading is allowed up to provincial guidelines. Mr. Siemens advised that doubling the regulations is tough on farmers. He suggested that zoning would be easier to change than the development plan.

Mr. Walter Sawatzky advised that he is two miles south of Lowe Farm and he has one hundred animal units. He would like the ability to expand.

Mr. Peter Falk also mentioned future expansion possibilities. He suggested a one-mile distance from a residence to the lagoon. Mr. Bruce Mazinski questioned the regulations for expansion.

Sherry Grift asked if the zoning By-law considered pasturing as an agricultural use. She would strongly encourage using 80 acres rather than 40. She also commented that the present plan discriminates between types of manure storage. Ms. Grift also suggested that schools and churches and other institutional uses should be restricted to going closer to the rural centers.

There was some discussion concerning the Provincial guidelines and regulations. Ms. Grift is not sure how far she would carry her objections. She suggested that the Council should also protect agriculture.

Gary Haggerty advised that if Bill 40 passes then there are no more conditional use hearings and the Council will have to review their entire by-laws again.


Councillor Groening advised that planning and zoning by-laws are working documents and it is a good idea to review them every 5 years anyway.

There being no further presentations the hearing was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 4:15 p.m. He advised that the rail way crossings in the R.M. of Morris are all west of Morris and are two miles West, 3.05 miles, 6.11 miles, 8.15 miles, 9.90 miles (which is at Lowe Farm) 14.28 and 16.28 miles.

Gary Haggarty and Mark Brodrick discussed the R.M. development plan and zoning by-law with Council at 4:40 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



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