

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Thursday July 15, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Robert, and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. Council Neumann had sent his regrets.

Leo Kornelsen-Lionel Wiens

166/04

Resolved that By-law #1580/04 being the Development Plan be read a second time.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Denis Robert

167/04

Resolved that the RM of Morris approves the lease agreement with the Red River Valley School Division.

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Lionel Wiens-Leo Kornelsen

168/04

Resolved that all office staff be authorized to attend the Muni Ware Seminar in Winnipeg on September 16 with the office to be closed.

Carried

Council discussed the refund of the performance bond amounts. After the barn is set up and operating properly one half of the performance bond is to be refunded. The other half will be refunded after three consecutive good years of operation.

Council discussed the Prairie Grain Roads Program and decided that the first choice would be the road running from Rosenort to Sanford, the second choice would be several roads in the Sewell and Pleasant Valley areas. This matter will be brought forward to the August agenda.

Ralph Groening-Denis Robert

169/04

Resolved that Shoreline Swine be refunded ½ of their performance bond.

Carried

The CAO was instructed to tender for audit services for a 4-year period. These tenders were to be by invitation and were to be sent to 6 separate firms.

The CAO was instructed to meet with the public works foreman regarding the CN rail crossing removal.

Council of the R.M. of Morris set a policy that they will pay the fees for approved courses on the condition that the Employee's reimburse if they fail the course or they leave employment before the course is done.

The CAO was instructed to obtain the total costs of the directional-boring machine.

Denis Robert-Lionel Wiens

170/04

Resolved that the RM of Morris purchase central- vac from DKL Enterprise this being the lowest tender received.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Denis Robert

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171/04 Resolved that the RM of Morris will approve the accounts in the amount of \$344,356.17 for checks #15075 to 15249.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Denis Robert
172/04 Resolved that the RM of Morris adopt the May financial statement as presented.

Carried

Councillor Groening reported on the petition Mr. John Kostal had presented for the supply of water North of Aubigny.

The CAO was instructed to draft a letter advising the R.M. will try to tender for the main line this year but will make a firm commitment for next year. This letter will also request a \$500.00 deposit from all interested persons to be received by August 10th, 2004.

Council Groening reported that he had questions regarding a drainage culvert North of Kane. Councillor decided that the RM of Roland could lower this culvert at their cost.

There was some discussion concerning the 4-N drain and the Tobacco Creek. These need to be cleaned out. There has been no maintenance for at least 37 years. Councillors decided that step number one would be to go to meet the Minister. The CAO was instructed to write a letter and invite Mr. Steve Topping with Mr. Steve Ashton. If this meeting is not successful council will consider a 50/50 cost sharing.

There was some discussion concerning the Scott Parker dyke. The CAO was instructed to send a letter to the Province to the Minister in charge of MEMO and ask for dyke repair. The R.M. of Ritchot and the R.M. of McDonald will also be asked for support. On another project on the Montcalm Morris border the DFA did the necessary repairs.

Council reviewed the priorities that had been set in December. The list of current priorities is attached to and forms part these minutes.

Ralph Groening-Barry Fraese
173/04 Resolved that By-law #1582/04 being a debenture by law for Lowe Farm paving be given first reading.

Carried

Mr. Gordon Daman has offered to come and talk about low cost housing. The cost for this presentation will be \$200.00 and the Reeve will arrange for it.

Lionel Wiens-Leo Kornelsen
174/04 Resolved that the RM of Morris cancel the taxes for the New Horizons Golden Corner Seniors Centre.

Carried

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



Reeve



CAO