

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday August 11th, 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.

Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese

161/04 Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.

Carried

Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens

162/04 Resolved that the minutes of the July 14th, 2004 regular meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Barry Fraese-Denis Robert

163/04 Resolved that the minutes of the July 15, 2004 meeting be adopted as distributed and corrected.

Carried

Denis Robert-Lionel Wiens

164/04 Resolved that the minutes of the July 20, 2004 special meeting be adopted as presented and amended.

Carried

The CAO was instructed to contact Steckly Engineering and ask for a quote on the costs and time frame.

Mary Sawatzky attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. She asked Council why the waterline was on her land on the north side and in the ditch on the West Side. The waterlines leave water sitting on her strawberry patch. Her driveway is the high point and the dividing line between north and south drainage. Sawatzky was also questioning why the R.M. did not open the ditch south of her driveway. Council responded that the R.M. will make sure that the ditch is cleaned out next spring and that the dirt from the water line installation will be leveled this fall.

Reeve Martens reported that in order to get high-speed Internet they need ten people from the Lowe Farm area to call for hook ups. Pembina Valley Development Corporation is asking each Council to nominate two persons for outstanding community contributions. Council decided to nominate two local residents and asked the CAO to fill out the necessary forms. Pembina Valley Development Corporation is planning to build an addition on to their office.

Cindy Todd the Recreation Director and Councillor Janette Bergstresser from the Town of Morris attended the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Bergstresser advised that the Recreation Commission is on the verge of running out of money. Because neither Council levied any money in the 2004 budget year, no Provincial grant was received. The present bank balance will only run the Recreation Commission until October. Ms. Bergstresser will like to keep it going at least until December. This would require additional contribution of \$10,000.00. Her suggestion was that the Town would pay \$7000.00 and the R.M. could pay \$3000.00 up until the end of the year. The Town Council has approved this request unanimously. Ms. Bergstresser is also proposing that the R.M. levy \$25,000.00 per year from the Morris C.C.D. for facility operation, plus \$2.50 per capita over the entire Municipality for access to all recreation services and the recreation director.

Councillor Groening pointed out that the Rural Municipality had offered \$25,000.00 total for a five-year program. This money was to cover both operational and capital.

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 11:30 a.m. He advised Council that 14 ½ miles of drainage had been done. The bridge decks had been started yesterday. They also

started the Prairie Grain Roads gravelling today. Under rural water Mr. J.P. Enns is finished north of highway 23 and is now going south. L.E.T. has finished last years work and is working on 332. Nineteen service connections have been done. Mr. Harder also reported that the weed control is going well. Lewis Instruments has sent someone out and the GPS will start happening soon. Mr. Harder also reported that Mr. Duval will be on holidays August 23rd to the 27th.

Denis Robert-Leo Kornelson
165/04 Resolved that the RM of Morris resolve into camera to discuss employee relations, dog issues, and contractor.

Carried

Leo Kornelson-Lionel Wiens
166/04 Resolved that Council resolved back to Council in open session.

Carried

Don Harder continued his report on the water plant automation. He advised that over a five-year period the cost for the automation would be more than paid for in savings.

Ralph Groening-Leo Kornelson
167/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase the water plant monitoring system from Contec.

Carried

Mr. Harder then presented Council with rates that the R.M. of McDonald charges for water hook-ups. He suggested that Council should set guidelines with separate rates for water hook-up and for sewer hook up in the different communities. Mr. Harder will talk to Ross Matter regarding crushed rock at section 17-6-1E.

Council then held a Variation Board Hearing. No persons appeared to be heard.

Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening
168/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve Variation Order # 5/2004 for NW 26-4-2W to allow a site size of 24 acres for George and Mary Penner.

Carried

Leo Kornelson-Barry Fraese
169/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve Variation Order #6/2004 to vary the rear yard to 16 feet for Lot 9-Block 1 Plan 19290 for Lorne Siemens.

Carried

Mr. Peter Kroecker attended the meeting to discuss Variation # 7/2004. Mr. Kroecker was in favor of this Variation.

Leo Kornelson-Barry Fraise
170/04 Resolved that the RM of Morris approve Variation Order # 7/2004 to vary the lot size to 1.50 acres and 4.06 acres on Parcels 1 and 2 Plan 164 48 as well as frontage to 165 feet for Peter Thiessen.

Carried

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
A) Gordon Daman	Quote	Noted & filed
B) R.M. of MacDonald	Road improvements	Noted & filed
C) Southern MB Convention	Truckers appreciation breakfast	See resolution
D) James Boulton	Water	Noted & filed
E) AMM	PGRP	Noted & filed
F) Leo Kornelsen	Stop signs at Riverside	See resolution
G) Agri-Food Canada	National water supply	See resolution
H) NWSEP	Contribution agreement	Noted & filed
I) Agri-Food Canada	Land conversion component	Noted & filed

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
A) Minister of Water	Meeting	Noted & filed
B) Dan Cyrenne	Draft contracts	Noted & filed
C) Minister of Health	MWSB 817 & 827	Noted & filed
D) MWS	Operations of RRF	Noted & filed
E) Department of Transport	Drainage projects	Noted & filed
F) Intergovernmental Affairs	VLT revenue	Noted & filed
G) MWSB	As-Constructed MWSB #731	Noted & filed
H) Dept of Natural Resources	Rd plan NE ¼ 30-5-1 EPM	Noted & filed
I) MWS	MWSB #833	Noted & filed
J) TGS	Permit	Noted & filed
K) FSH	Application for funding	Noted & filed
L) The Property Registry	Changes to the Homesteads Act	Noted & filed
M) Dazzleyou Innovations	Weather & emerg. Warning system	Noted & filed
N) Border Land School Division	New Employee	Noted & filed
O) Health/healthy Living	Health care coverage	Noted & filed
P) Town of Morris	By-Law 7/97	Noted & filed
Q) Healthy living	Health Protection Act	Noted & filed
R) Rennie & Cindy Schultz	Letter	Noted & filed
S) PVW	Water shortage	Noted & filed
T) Town of Morris	Zoning	Noted & filed
U) AMM	Honary life member	Noted & filed
V) MSH	Assistance	Noted & filed
W) Ernie Buhler	Letter to Mark	Noted & filed
X) Triple R Community Futures	Update	Noted & filed
Y) Agriculture Canada	Update	Noted & filed

The CAO was instructed to invite the Pembina Valley Water Corporation to the September meeting. The CAO was also instructed to obtain accurate loss figures up to date.

Councillor Groening reported that the R.M. will have to work on priority drainage only because part of the crew is installing water lines. Councillor Groening will speak to the building inspector regarding an additional fly over.

Councillor Wiens reported on the review of the Local Authorities Election Act changes that he had done. He presented Council with three questions regarding contributions, voter's list, and filing fees. Council decided that contributions towards election campaigns should not be listed or declared. Council also decided that voters' lists should be optional and that filing fees were not necessary.

Sieg Nuemann-Ralph Groening
171/04 Resolved that Councillor Wiens be appointed as the R.M. representative to the Pembina Valley Tourism Committee and work on preparing a local promotional brochure.

Carried

The CAO was instructed to add this to the committee reports.

Raplph Groening-Sieg Neumann
172-04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris table the Morris District Recreation Commission request until the September 2004 Council Meeting.

Carried

Lionel Wiens-Sieg Neumann
173/04 Resolved that By-Law # 1579/04 re:sewer connections be read a second and third time.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
174/04 Resolved that By-Law # 1581/04 being the zoning by-law be given a second reading as amended.

Carried

Barry Fraese-Denis Robert
175/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris contribute \$250.00 to the truckers recognition breakfast.

Carried

Council decided to apply for a grant under the Prairie Grain Roads Program for the Road number 3E going three miles south of PTH 23 and also for road # 30 going west of 422 for 2 5/8 miles up to the bridge.

Leo Kornelson-Barry Fraese^E
176/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris request to have the stop sign 2 miles South of Rosenort to be changed to regulate East bound traffic rather than South bound.

Carried

Leo Kornelson-Barry Fraese^E
177/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris remove the stop signs at downtown Riverside to regulate East bound and West bound traffic.

Carried

Denis Robert-Ralph Groening
178/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the PFRA water agreement.

Carried

The CAO was instructed to invite Waste Management Corporation to the December Council meeting to discuss Sperling garbage pick-up and also recycling.

The CAO was further instructed to check on the size of a lot in Riverside and contact MTS regarding a phone in the Council chambers with a cord that would allow for conference calls.

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
179/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the accounts in the amount of \$1,152,531.39 for checks # 15250 to 15368.

Carried

There being no further business Councillor Fraese moved the meeting adjourned.


Reeve


CAO