

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday September 8th, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann and Robert were present with Reeve Martens in the chair.

Leo Kornelsen-Ralph Groening

190/04 Resolved that the agenda be adopted as distributed and may be amended.

Carried

Reeve Martens reported briefly on the Highway Traffic Board Hearing that he had attended on September 7th, 2004. The CAO was instructed to invite Katie Unger from MTS to meet with the Reeve and Councillor Robert to discuss the telephone system.

Councillor Neumann left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese

192/04 Resolved that the minutes of the August 11, 2004 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Denis Robert

193/04 Resolved that the minutes of the August 12, 2004 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Denis Robert

194/04 Resolved that the minutes of the August 13, 2004 meeting be adopted as distributed and corrected.

Carried

Mr. Arthur Dueck attended the meeting at 9:30 a.m. He requested that Council upgrade the road North of section 18-5-1E. Mr. Dueck believes that this road needs to be dug up, repacked and then graveled. Mr. Dueck also discussed problems that he had with the contract on the Riverside dike. Council also discussed the concrete at McTavish with Mr. Dueck. Mr. Dueck is planning to build granaries overtop of the cement. Mr. Dueck advised that they have contacted the building inspector regarding these bins.

Councilor Wiens attended the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Sam Schellenberg and Gordon Martel from the Pembina Valley Water Co-op attended at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Martel advised that the majority of the water shortage appears to have come from the way that Lowe Farm was being fed. There is presently about a 2% loss. The Pembina Valley Water Co-op is proposing to give the R.M. of Morris a 1% credit on their water usage and this would amount to approximately \$400.00 to \$500.00 per month. A 2% loss is small enough that it cannot be found. The Manitoba Water Services Board considers a 5% loss acceptable. If this proposal is not acceptable to the Council of the R.M. of Morris, then they can go to the Pembina Valley Board. Flushing will also use a fair amount of water. Pembina Valley Water Co-op should always be notified if the R.M. is doing any flushing. Apparently one mile of 4-inch line can use 8300 gallons of water if 3 volumes are used. Mr. Schellenberg suggested that a 2% loss should be split equally between the R.M. and the Pembina Valley Water Co-op. Mr. Schellenberg suggested that he would be prepared to offer the R.M. of Morris a one time payment of \$10,000.00 and split all future losses 50/50.

Councillor Neumann returned to the meeting.

Gordon Martel requested all of the PFRA as built books. He is interested in the small field books. Don Harder who had attended the meeting advised that he has these books and will send copies to Gord. Mr. Martel also suggested that there could be a substantial rate increase next year of up to 10%. This rate increase would come primarily as a result of a change of Provincial regulations. Mr. Schellenberg and Mr. Martel then left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He reported that 20 miles of drainage has now been done. We need a part-time operator for the rotary ditching. Mr. Harder

expects that the drainage would be finished by mid December. He has also spoken with Mr. Ross Madder and he advised that the local office could deal with any problems. The Prairie Grain Roads have now been done and the R.M. of Dufferin has removed three bridges and replaced them with culverts. This will represent the R.M. of Dufferin 28% of the cost. The R.M. of Morris has also removed two bridges that were shared with the R.M. of Montcalm. The cattails are now 40% done. Mr. Harder expects to be starting on GPS by the end of September. Lowe Farm Lagoon will be postponed to 2005. The Lowe Farm streets are still a go. Mr. Harder reported that they have drilled 38 water connections. Mr. J.P. Enns is done his contract. Mr. Harder asked if the R.M. should be looking for a plow and wing for the tandem truck. Contec is getting the panels built. Mr. Harder has hired a new part time employee and Lowe Farm drainage will start this fall.

Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese

195/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the offer from Pembina Valley Water Co-op and that an audit be done on an annual basis.

Carried

Councillor Neumann left the meeting.

Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening

196/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the recommendation of the Employee Relations Committee effective August 30, 2004.

Carried

The CAO was instructed to check into the 2003 Easements.

Reeve Martens advised Council of the request for a declaration regarding 911. Reeve Martens reported on the RHA and advised that the Emergency Measures Update will be done in house.

Mr. Ray Muller attended the meeting at 1:30 p.m. He presented Council with the building permit report for August. He also gave Council the fly over report and advised that generally everything is looking good. Some barns need to be contacted. Mr. Muller will write the necessary letters. Mr. Muller updated the Council on the courses he will be taking over the winter.

Councillor Wiens left the meeting at 2:00p.m.

There was some discussion on the R.M. backhoe being used to build a parking lot for the new Wellness Centre. This would be a 2 or 3 day job.

Under Committee reports Councillor Kornelsen advised that all Fire Departments have been assessed. There should be a report on each Fire Department. Councillor Kornelsen advised that there are also some problems by the Rosenort dike with water running across the roads. Some type of solution will have to be found.

Handwritten: HELLER
Constables Jim Heller and A.C. Anderson attended the meeting at 2:30 p.m. They discussed the ongoing demonstration with Council.

The following correspondence was received

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
A) Steckley Engineering	Lagoon expansion	See minutes
B) Water Stewardship	W of Sec 11-6-1E	Approved
C) Reliable Tire Recycling	Thank-you letter	See resolution
D) Lori Wood	MTS conference phone	See minutes
E) Triple R	Volunteer evening	Noted & filed
F) Triple R	SEMBI project	Noted & filed
G) Dwayne Auch	SEMBI project	Noted & filed

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
A) Water Stewardship	Contrib Dike Project	Noted & filed
B) Water Stewardship	Project expenditures	Noted & filed
C) Water Stewardship	MEMO	Noted & filed
D) Water Stewardship	Rosenort Dike	Noted & filed
E) Henry Dueck	Blue Cross	Noted & filed
F) Hwy Traffic Board	Meeting Sept 7, 2004	Noted & filed
G) Bruce Gregory	Westfield Industries	Noted & filed
H) Mark Brodrick	Minister's approval	Noted & filed
I) Town of Morris	Added tax statement	Noted & filed
J) R.M. of Rhineland	Zoning By-Law	Noted & filed
K) R.M. of Richot	By-Law	Noted & filed
L) Intergov. Affairs	Amendments	Noted & filed
M) MGRA	Course survey	Noted & filed
N) RCMP	Private enforcement services	Noted & filed
O) Intgov Affairs	Awards	Noted & filed
P) Intgov Affairs	Excellence awards	Noted & filed
Q) City of Winnipeg	Snow conference	Noted & filed
R) Minister of Citizen	Citizenship week	Noted & filed
S) Immigration Canada	Product list	Noted & filed
T) Immigration Canada	Proclamation	Noted & filed
U) MTA	National truck week	Noted & filed
V) HED	Insurance	Noted & filed
W) Rempel Insurance	Adding insurance	Noted & filed
X) HED	Loss prevention bulletin	Noted & filed
Y) Environment	West nile virus	Noted & filed
Z) Collins Barrow	Monthly returns	Noted & filed
AA) Conservaton	Onsite wastewater mgmt	Noted & filed
BB) Healthy Living	MB Health Card	Noted & filed
CC) Manitoba Pork	News & views	Noted & filed
DD) Living with livestock	Conference	Noted & filed
EE) MB Tax assistance	2004 MB Budget	Noted & filed
FF) John Duvenaud	Cattails	Noted & filed
GG) Centra Gas	Gas application	Noted & filed
HH) MTS	MTS & Allstream	Noted & filed
II) Bridge Port	Introduction to company	Noted & filed

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
A) Alison Harbinson	Resignation	See resolution
B) The Altona Rural Water	Agreement	Noted & filed
C) Triple R	Volunteer evening	Noted & filed
D) MB affairs and Trade	Proposed sub-division	Noted & filed
E) Datalink	Creative mapping	Noted & filed
F) CHM	Membership application	Noted & filed

Denis Robert-Sieg Neumann

197/04 Resolved that the Reeve be authorized to sign the drainage license agreement.

Carried

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening

198/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris pay \$150.00 to Triple R as a contribution to the volunteer appreciation evening.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Barry Fraese

199/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the tire recycling agreement with Reliable Tire Recycling.

Carried

Councillor Robert reported that he had attended an arena meeting. They are looking for a new caretaker.

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening

200/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the accounts in the amount of \$321,820.63 from checks 15369-15523.

Carried

Ralph Groening-Leo Kornelsen

201/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the July financial statements as presented.

Carried

Council then adjourned for the day at 4:45 p.m. to meet again on September 9th, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.


REEVE


CAO