

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowe Farm Community Hall. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. This meeting had been called by Reeve Martens to hold a public hearing regarding By-Law No. 1582/04.

A total of 14 local residents attended the meeting.

Reeve Martens opened the meeting and reviewed the paving proposal. He advised that the payments would be \$36,984.00 per year or a mill rate of 9.77. This is based on an estimated interest rate of 8.5%. If the interest rates stay the same then the R.M. would be able to borrow at 6.5%. This would result in a payment of \$32,717.00 or 8.64 mills. Both proposals would be for a 20-year period as was requested by the community.

Councillor Groening explained the comparison to the former sewer levy. The paving costs would be very close to what the sewer costs had been. Several questions were asked and answered as follows:

Q: After the roads were paved will the property taxes increase?

A: Reeve Martens responded that no, because the assessments were based on market value. There might be some increase in market value but this would not become evident until sometime in the future.

Q: Where will the money that has to be raised be borrowed from?

A: Reeve Martens replied that this money would be borrowed from the local Credit Union if at all possible. Council would not pay more than the going provincial rate.

Q: Would there be a problem with weight on trucks?

A: Council will try to discourage loaded trucks being parked in town. Trucks traveling across the pavement should not bother it any.

Reeve Martens asked if there were any objections to this borrowing By-Law. No persons objected.

Councillor Groening then gave the residents who were present an explanation of the Lowe Farm lagoon and its problems. The lagoon is over full, and needs either to have less sewer pumped into it, or to have an addition built to it. Building a new addition would cost between \$150,000.00 and \$170,000.00. According to the Environmental Officer, Mr. Glen Ritchie, Lowe Farm does not have a sewer problem. Lowe Farm has a problem with ground water. Council is considering passing a by-law forcing everyone in Lowe Farm to hook up a sump-pump that would not discharge into the sewer system. If everyone installed a sump-pump, it would be expected to increase the life of the existing lagoon by a minimum of 5 years. Such a sump-pump by-law would have to be enforced by the compliance officer.

Reeve Martens asked for a vote of those present on whether or not they wanted the R.M. Council to pass a by-law forcing people to have separate sump-pump systems. A total of 7 persons voted in favour of such a by-law, and 1 person was opposed. This left 6 people who abstained from the vote.

Reeve Martens then thanked all of the persons present for coming out to this meeting.

250/04 Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris give first reading to By-Law No. 1582/04 regarding paving in Lowe Farm.

Carried

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Reeve



C.A.O.

