

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2005 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.

Reeve Martens reported on a meeting that had been held in Fargo. Steve Topping has verbally authorized 1 million-dollar funding over a 2-year period for drainage. This would be so that the R.M.'s could maintain provincial drainage. The Conservation Department would still like the R.M. to get into a Conservation District for long-term funding.

Council then reviewed their Committee Reports.

Councillor Robert reported that there are still problems with water quality up at his place. There seems to be no chlorine left by the time the water gets there.

24/05 Lionel Wiens-Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris adopt the recommendations of the Employee Evaluations Committee meeting dated December 17th, 2004.

RELATIONS

Carried

Reeve Martens advised that he is now the Secretary Treasurer and is on the Executive of the Red River Basin Commission. This means that he will move up to Vice President in two years and President in four years. He also reported on the Triple R Planning Session, which will be held later on today.

Councillor Groening reported that the drain maintenance has not been finalized yet for 2005.

Reeve Martens reported that the Red River Coalition will probably disband tomorrow.

Councillor Fraese reported on the Sperling CCD. The Sperling Bonspiel will be held February 11th-13th. Councillor Fraese also reported on the Red River Health Foundation. They have hired a new bookkeeper. There is no more hospital in Emerson, but only a Palliative Care Centre.

Councillor Kornelsen reported that the Rosenort Fire Department is experiencing some problems due to a shortage of numbers.

The C.A.O. was instructed to contact the Pembina Valley Tourism, and advise them that Councillor Wiens is now the representative.

Councillor Kornelsen reported that the joint fire meeting to discuss capital planning will probably be held on March 3rd or March 8th. The intention would be to start the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with council members only and then to have the fire department members come in 7:00 p.m.

The C.A.O. was asked to contact Sheryl Feller and see if Fire Department could be included in the agenda for the Planning Session in January.

Councillor Kornelsen reported that the Fire Department Appreciation Supper will be held on January 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Lowe Farm.

Don Harder attended the meeting at 11:15 a.m. He showed Council a map showing the chlorine testing and the results. Mr. Harder also discussed rural mailboxes with Council.

Council set a policy that they will not pay for any damages done to mailboxes by snow-clearing equipment, on the understanding that the primary purpose for roads is to accommodate traffic, which involves snow clearing. Any private structures installed on a road allowance would be done at the owners' risk. Council also asked the C.A.O. to write to Canada Post and request that rural delivery be eliminated. Council believes that people go to town on a regular basis anyway and could pick up their mail there.

Don Harder continued his report and advised that at the house fire in Lowe Farm they had put heat-tape on the water lines and sewer lines to keep them from freezing. Mr. Harder had requested permission from a neighbor to plug in these heat tapes. This neighbor will be sending a bill to the insurance company. Mr. Harder also reported on the chlorine samples and advised that all of them should be approximately 0.5 Free. The samples that he has obtained are between 0.00 and 0.07. Mr. Harder also advised that the trencher that the R.M. was interested in purchasing has been sold. He has another one that is available which has less power and more hours, and is one year older for a net price of \$209,000.00. Mr. Harder also advised that he could obtain a building that would be 60 feet wide, by 140 feet long, by 20 feet high at a cost of \$64,800.00 US. This building could be lined and insulated at a cost of \$20,000.00.

The C.A.O. was asked to check on the taxes for the R.M. shop and also to check into several water billings.

Council then reviewed the financial statements for November 30th. Council asked the C.A.O. to change the financial statements so that the profit and loss would show two years figures. The C.A.O. was also asked to check into the Environmental Health sales of service and the sale of transport services, as well as road construction costs for the next meeting.

25/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the November 2004 financial statements as presented.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to move the financial section to item number 3 on the agenda and move everything else down one spot. The C.A.O. was also asked to obtain a survey for the property in Riverside.

The following correspondence was received:

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

| <u>From</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| A) Riverview Golf Club | Request to waive taxes | See resolution |
| B) R.M. of Morris | Credit card machine | Noted and Filed |
| C) Marcel Blais | Interested in buying lot | Noted and Filed |
| D) Sheldon Bowles | Thank-you letter | Noted and Filed |
| E) Transport. & Gov't Services | Traffic control letter | Noted and Filed |
| F) Water Stewardship | Feedback on water pipelines | Noted and Filed |
| G) Datalink | GIS Conference & Newsletter | Noted and Filed |
| H) University of Manitoba | Municipal Law course | Noted and Filed |
| I) Seine-Rat River Conservation District | Expansion of conservation district | Noted and Filed |
| J) Tobacco Creek | Plan implementation | Noted and Filed |
| K) R.M. of La Broquerie | Asia Earthquake/Tsunami donation | Noted and Filed |
| L) Paul & Dianne Kennedy | Response to empty basement letter | Noted and Filed |
| M) EMO | Claim #116-100337 payment | Noted and Filed |
| N) Town of Niverville | Development Agreement | Noted and Filed |

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

| <u>From</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| A) R.M. of Morris | Strategic Planning Workshop agenda | Noted and Filed |
| B) Transport. & Gov't Services | Receipt of letter re: PR#200 | Noted and Filed |
| C) Transport. & Gov't Services | Grant-in-aid Funding 2005-06 | Noted and Filed |
| D) BDO Dunwoody | 2004 Interim Audit Report | Noted and Filed |
| E) R.M. of Morris | Centra Gas payments | Noted and Filed |
| F) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | Canada-MB Infrastructure | Noted and Filed |

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| G) MB Water Services Board | MWSB contract #802-Dig All | Noted and Filed |
| H) R.M. of Morris | Rosenort Sewer & Water meeting minutes | Noted and Filed |
| I) Valley Ag Society | Stampede support | Noted and Filed |
| J) Hamilton & Asselstine | VAS financial statements | Noted and Filed |
| K) Valley Regional Library | 2004 Levy received | Noted and Filed |
| L) Valley Regional Library | Budgetary requirements | Noted and Filed |
| M) Youth for Christ | Property improvements | Noted and Filed |
| N) HED Insurance | BlueNet Drug/Wallet Cards | Noted and Filed |
| O) HED Insurance | January 1, 2005 program changes | Noted and Filed |
| P) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | Proposed Subdivision- Kevin Janz | Noted and Filed |
| Q) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | Proposed Subdivision- Ernest Friesen | Noted and Filed |
| R) M.E.B.P. | Application for Disability Benefits | Noted and Filed |
| S) R.M. of Morris | Fire Levy for town | Noted and Filed |
| T) Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives | Community Enterprise Development | Noted and Filed |
| U) HED Insurance | Red River Equipment Inc. | Noted and Filed |
| V) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | Bill 49 | Noted and Filed |
| W) R-J-R Sanitation | Schedule changes | Noted and Filed |
| X) MMAA | Legal Duties & Liabilities of Boards | Noted and Filed |
| Y) Manitoba Hydro | Newsletter | Noted and Filed |
| Z) MB Good Roads Assoc. | Membership offer | Noted and Filed |
| AA) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | MB Regulation 48/97 | Noted and Filed |
| BB) MB Culture, Heritage & Tourism | Community Places Program | Noted and Filed |
| CC) Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives | Hometown Manitoba Program | Noted and Filed |
| DD) Regional Health Authority | Nominations for RHA Board Members | Noted and Filed |
| EE) Regional Health Authority | Annual Public Meeting | Noted and Filed |
| FF) Regional Health Authority | Community Health Assessment | Noted and Filed |
| GG) Regional Health Authority | Statement of Purpose | Noted and Filed |
| HH) Northwest Law Enforcement Academy | Provincial Statute & Bylaw Enforcement | Noted and Filed |
| II) Imperial Oil | Seasons Greetings | Noted and Filed |

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

| From | Subject | Disposition |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| A) MB Water Stewardship | Unauthorized Drainage | Noted and Filed |
| B) Michelle Robert | RRC course mark | Noted and Filed |
| C) Michelle Robert | Office Productivity course | Noted and Filed |
| D) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | Proposed Subdivision | Noted and Filed |
| E) Transport. & Gov't Services | Grant-in-Aid program | Sec to apply |
| F) MB Culture, Heritage & Tourism | Announcement | Noted and Filed |
| G) MB Culture, Heritage & Tourism | 2005-06 Application form | Noted and Filed |
| H) MB Conservation | MB Pesticide Regulation | Noted and Filed |
| I) Byzantine Magic Inc. | Water & Waste Treatment Tech. | Noted and Filed |
| J) Pollock & Wright | Restoration of Survey Outline Monuments | Noted and Filed |
| K) Land Management | Community Dykes at Aubigny & Riverside | Noted and Filed |
| L) Grass Root Producers | Slaughter capacity in MB | Noted and Filed |
| M) Scatliff+Miller+Murray | Hometown MB Program | Noted and Filed |
| N) MB Ag. Hall of Fame | Request for support | Noted and Filed |
| O) MB Water Stewardship | Sperling Reservoir and Pumphouse | Noted and Filed |
| P) NILEX | Erosion Control Technical Seminar | Noted and Filed |
| Q) R.M. of Rhineland | Public Hearing re By-law No. 2005-1 | Noted and Filed |
| R) R.M. of Rhineland | Public Hearing re By-law No. 2005-2 | Noted and Filed |
| S) R.M. of Ritchot | Public Hearing re By-law No. 13-2004 | Noted and Filed |
| T) University of Manitoba | Seminar | Noted and Filed |

26/05

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris waive the 2004 property taxes for the golf course with the exception of the agricultural portion.

Carried

Councillor Wiens had to leave the meeting at 3:00 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

27/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that Lori Wood be authorized to attend the Municipal Seminar in Land Use Control.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to contact the Seine-Rat River Conservation District and advise that the R.M. of Morris is working on joining another conservation district.

The C.A.O. was asked to appeal the Emergency Measures Flood report advising of disallowed expenses.

Council decided that the Reeve, the Deputy Reeve, plus an LUD representative would review the proposed development agreement.

The C.A.O. was asked to apply for grant-in-aid funding for Lowe Farm paving.

Council will be holding a meeting on the Southwest Red Conservation District and Mr. Steve Topping on January 31st, 2005. The C.A.O. was asked to book the council chambers.

28/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris pay for ½ of the course fees at Red River College for Michelle Robert after course is satisfactorily completed.

Carried

29/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris make application for the closure and relinquishing of the rights to the crossing at mile 36.44 of the Letellier subdivision on municipal road 25 North.

Carried

30/05 Ralph Groening-Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris have Atlis Geomatics prepare maps of the R.M. of Morris.

Carried

31/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that Livestock Health Services be authorized to hold a rabies clinic in Rosenort.

Carried

Councillor Groening reported that the Water Committee has decided that water bills will be cancelled for those persons that did not have access to water, or were only hooked up in December. Letters will be written to all of these people advising that billings will start on January 1st, 2005.

32/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris appoint Dalton Doerksen as the Fire Chief for Rosenort.

Carried

33/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris sponsor the Provincial Master Mixed Bonspiel in Morris with a donation of \$250.00.

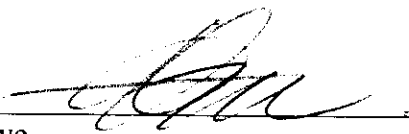
Carried (1 opposed)

Reeve Martens left the meeting at 4:30 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

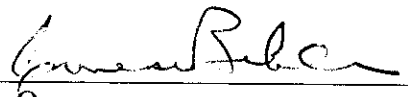
Deputy Reeve advised that everyone in the R.M. will be notified that this is their last chance to have water hooked up at \$8,000.00. After 2005, the cost will increase.

The C.A.O. was asked to prepare a letter and mail it out to all persons who are not presently hooked up to water and advise that a response is needed by March 1st, 2005.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Reeve



C.A.O.