

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 that he and the Deputy Reeve would not be able to attend the council meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>, due to a conflict with a planning seminar in Brandon. Council agreed to hold the second meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Councillor Kornelsen reported that the fire departments Chief and Deputy Chief meetings to discuss long-range planning would be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

34/05 Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening  
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.

Carried

35/05 Barry Fraese-Leo Kornelsen  
Resolved that the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting be adopted as distributed and amended.

Carried

36/05 Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens  
Resolved that the minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting be adopted and distributed and amended.

Carried

37/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris adopt the Emergency Plan as prepared by Lori Wood and Reeve Martens.

Carried

Council then adjourned the meeting for a brief period to observe the 2004 tax sale.

The R.M. of Morris tax sale was held at 10:00 a.m. and was conducted by auctioneer Wilfred Harder and solicitor Bruce Gregory. A total of four properties were auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Council reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Ray Muller attended the meeting to discuss ongoing problems with Mr. Jason Doell. Mr. Muller also discussed a request for performance bond refund from Meridian Farms.

Council decided that the Livestock Committee will meet on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. and will review all performance bonds. Council will not issue any refunds during the winter months because it is impossible to see whether or not the trees are alive in the shelter-belts.

Council discussed complaints of a certain resident regarding drainage and decided that it was not an R.M. responsibility. This resident has built a new house that was not at the right level in the rear. Mr. Muller will respond to this resident.

38/05 Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris pull the \$1,000.00 performance bond for Jason Doell.

Carried

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 11:30 a.m. He advised Council that a trencher is available in Morden but there is some concern about the price. Mr. Harder also reported that the road-tops will be done with a GPS survey by spring break-up. Approximately ½ of the MIU's have been installed. There is a water seminar on February 21-23, 2005. Mr. Harder advised that we need to have our employees certified for fusing pipe for rural water line installations. This is a ½ day course. Mr. Harder also advised that the equipment rental had produced revenue of approximately \$7,000.00. Mr. Harder would like to see this money go to the equipment reserve, plus the \$10,000.00 that was saved on purchasing extended warranty. Council agreed to set up an Equipment Warranty Reserve to be built up to a maximum balance of \$50,000.00. There was also some discussion concerning the Rosenort Landfill and the cost for tipping fees.

39/05 Denis Robert-Ralph Groening  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase a GPS machine from Lewis Instruments for \$27,000.00.

Carried

Mr. Bob Omniuk from Westman Culvert attended the meeting at 1:00 p.m. He quoted Council at 35% discount on the list-price for all culvert purchases. Mr. Omniuk also discussed the Municipal Bonspiel that would probably be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

There was some discussion on what rate to charge the Town of Morris for hauling a building to the landfill. Council determined that the regular price would be cut in half for burnable materials but that non-burnable materials would have to be charged full-price. The rates in Lowe Farm for an insurance claim would be the regular rate.

40/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening  
Resolved that the Council of the R.M. of Morris approves the following interim budget:

Government Services	\$200,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 50,000.00
Transportation Services	\$400,000.00
Environmental Health	\$ 50,000.00
Public Health & Welfare	\$ 10,000.00
Environmental Development	\$ 10,000.00
Economic Development	\$130,000.00
Recreation	\$ 50,000.00
Fiscal Services	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
	\$950,000.00

Carried

41/05 Ralph Groening-Leo Kornelsen  
Resolved that the committee appointments for the period until the 2005 Organization Meeting be as follows:

2005 Appointments

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Member</u>
Deputy-Reeve		Ralph Groening
Roads Committee	Barry Fraese	Lionel Wiens Sieg Neumann
Water & Soil Management	Ralph Groening	Leo Kornelsen Denis Robert
Finance Committee	Sieg Neumann	Ralph Groening
Equipment Committee	Denis Robert	Leo Kornelsen
Protection Committee	Leo Kornelsen	Lionel Wiens Barry Fraese
Employee Relations	Lionel Wiens	Ralph Groening
Building Maintenance	Denis Robert	Sieg Neumann

Welfare Committee		Herm Martens Ralph Groening Leo Kornelsen
Livestock Committee	Sieg Neumann	Ralph Groening Leo Kornelsen
Water Works Committee	Ralph Groening	Barry Fraese Denis Robert
Private Dyke Committee	Leo Kornelsen	

Carried

42/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese

Resolved that the following members be appointed to the following various organizations for the period until the 2005 Organization Meeting:

<u>Organization</u>		<u>Representative</u>
MEMO Control Committee		Reeve Martens Ralph Groening
Rosenort C.C.D.		Leo Kornelsen
Lowe Farm/Kane C.C.D.		Ralph Groening
Joint Morris C.C.D.		Denis Robert Sieg Neumann Byron Edel
Sperling C.C.D.		Barry Fraese Bill Tjaden
Aubigny C.C.D.		Denis Robert
PVDC		Reeve Martens
	Alternate	Ralph Groening
PVWC		Reeve Martens
	Alternate	Ralph Groening
Lower RRV Water Comm.		Reeve Martens
	Alternate	Ralph Groening
Morris Manor Governing Board		Barry Fraese
Red River Basin Board		Reeve Martens
	Alternate	Ralph Groening
Triple R. Development Corp.		Reeve Martens
	Alternate	Lionel Wiens
Landfill Committee	Chairman	Denis Robert Lionel Wiens Leo Kornelsen
Valley Regional Library Board		Ralph Groening
Valley Agricultural Society		Ralph Groening
RRV Health Foundation		Barry Fraese
Morris Area Rec Commission		Ralph Groening
Red River Coalition		Reeve Martens
Community Dyke Committee-Aubigny		Denis Robert
	Riverside	Leo Kornelsen
	Rosenort	Barry Fraese
LUD of Rosenort		Ralph Groening
North West Water		Ralph Groening
	Alternate	Reeve Martens
Joint Ventures Initiatives		Sieg Neumann Reeve Martens Ralph Groening
Morris New Arena Board		Sieg Neumann
Building Inspector Committee		Reeve Martens Ralph Groening
Morris-Montcalm Weed District		Denis Robert Leo Kornelsen
Pembina Valley Tourism		Lionel Wiens

And that the Reeve is to be Ex-Officio Representative on all committees.

Carried

43/05 Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris set 2004 as the tax sale year.

Carried

The C.A.O. was instructed to check if the municipal by-laws include a fine for tampering with the water meter.

44/05 Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening  
Resolved that Council of the R.M. of Morris adopt the report of the Employee Relations Committee dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Carried

Council decided that they would like to have the Building Inspector located in the R.M. office.

Councillor Groening reported that the Drainage Committee is planning to complete 30 miles of drainage this year. This will include 5 miles that was left over from the previous year and 25 miles of new drainage.

45/05 Ralph Groening-Lionel Wiens  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris resolve into camera to discuss equipment use at the Stampede.

Carried

46/05 Denis Robert-Barry Fraese  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris resolve back to open council.

Carried

Councillor Wiens left the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Councillor Groening reported that the North West Water Association will probably disappear if a conservation district gets going. Councillor Groening also reported on the discussions concerning an industrial park at Rosenort. This industrial park would consist of approximately 17 acres and it would be proposed to have the cost split 50/50 between the LUD and the R.M. of Morris. Expected costs would be in the neighborhood of \$120,000.00.

Councillor Groening reported that the Public Works Foreman would price out road construction and water and sewer costs for this proposed industrial park.

47/05 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris agree to form a community economic development corporation jointly with the LUD of Rosenort.

Carried

Councillor Fraese reported that there will be a meeting of the Health Foundation at the hospital on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to review their by-laws. Councillor Fraese also requested that Council consider an extra member to the board.

48/05 Leo Kornelsen-Sieg Neumann  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris appoint Marg Heinrichs to the Red River Health Foundation.

Carried

49/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris apply for grant-in-aid funding for the paving of streets in Lowe Farm, in the amount of \$130,000.00, and for dust control in Sperling in the amount of \$300.00.

Carried

50/05

Ralph Groening

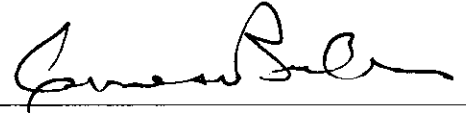
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris apply for Canada-Manitoba Rural Infrastructure funding, in the amount of \$1.5 million, to be completed in 2005.

Carried

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



Reeve



C.A.O.