

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Notes on a meeting held between Mr. Dick Menon of the Manitoba Water Services Board, Reeve Herm Martens and Deputy Reeve Ralph Groening on Friday, February 11th, 2005 commencing at 8:40 a.m. in Brandon.

Mr. Menon suggested that if the Hutterite colony was hooked up that they could have a 2-inch meter together with a higher hook-up charge. A 2-inch meter would have 25 times the capacity of a 5/8-inch meter. The water charge would have a minimum charge equal to 25 times the charge for a 5/8-meter. The hook-up charge for a 5/8-inch meter is \$8,000.00. This would result in a hook-up charge of \$200,000.00, which probably would be unacceptable. For a 1.5-inch meter, the consumption is equal to 10 times that of a 5/8-inch meter. This would result in a hook-up charge of \$80,000.00. Council needs to discuss and set some rate that would be acceptable to the Hutterite colony but probably would be more that \$8,000.00.

Mr. Menon also suggested that if we hooked up a Hutterite colony that there should be a "back-pressure sustaining valve" and a "back-flow prevention device". This would prevent the larger meter cutting down pressure in the whole system and also to prevent water coming into our system from any internal system that they might have.

The Manitoba Water Services Board is prepared to do a rate study for each of our utilities and will be sending as-built drawings for work that has been completed. The C.A.O. has also written to the Manitoba Water Services Board asking them to prepare drawings for the 2005 works.

The Reeve and Deputy Reeve also briefly considered asking Pembina Valley Water Corporation if they would be prepared to make a contribution to provide an alternate source for Sperling. This might save the Pembina Valley Water Co-op money by delaying the required upgrades for the Stevenfield reservoir.

The Reeve and Deputy Reeve also discussed 125th Celebrations for the R.M. of Morris for the coming year. They also discussed considering a survey of area employees who live outside of this area. This survey would ask these people why they live where they do and what it would take to have them move closer to their work. Mr. Rob Campbell suggested that maybe somebody from Recreation Studies or from Rural Economic Development Program could do such a survey.



Reeve



C.A.O.