

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann and Robert were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. Councillor Wiens attended the meeting at 9:15 a.m. and Councillor Groening attended at 11:00 a.m.

Reeve Martens reported on the Red River Basin Commission meeting and advised that the R.M. of Morris is putting in a proposal for a vodka plant. He also reported that the Pembina Valley Water Co-op would be holding their breakfast meeting on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005. A total of five persons from council are interested in attending.

51/05 Leo Kornelsen-Denis Robert

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris give third reading to By-Law #1580/04 being the development plan.

Carried

Councillor Fraese reported that the Sperling Bonspiel had 32 rinks.

Councillor Kornelsen advised that the R.M. of Morris should discuss closing the roads due to weather with the RCMP. Apparently, the RCMP does not want the Public Works Foreman checking municipal roads while there is a general closure. Councillor Kornelsen also reported that the meeting with the Fire Commissioner would be on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with all of the fire chiefs and deputies to be present.

Mr. Jason Doell attended the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Reeve Martens advised Mr. Doell that the R.M. is pulling the \$1,000.00 performance bond because the old barn was not pulled down, and this was part of the conditional use permit. Mr. Doell advised that it costs money to tear down a building or to do renovations and that it could not be done right away. Council was firm that this barn must be changed so that it does not resemble a hog barn. The performance bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 must be replaced. There was agreement between Mr. Doell and the R.M. Council that the penning would be removed and the pit would be filled in and a hole would be cut in the well as a start of a door by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. A 10-foot long pit for washing equipment would be allowed. Mr. Doell is also to replace the \$1,000.00 by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

Council decided that the Livestock Committee would hold a meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to review all conditional uses.

Council held a brief discussion concerning the proposed \$1 million funding for provincial drainage. Council is of the opinion that the R.M. should get to decide how municipal money would be spent. It is the R.M.'s intention that the municipal portion of the drainage maintenance will be used to pay for provincial rental rates for municipal equipment. The R.M. also needs to obtain a solid cost-sharing agreement with neighboring municipalities before any drainage is started.

The C.A.O. was asked to make sure that all agendas are complete.

The following correspondence was received:

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE  
FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2005**

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
A) Boyne Septic Service	Request for gravel on lagoon road	See minutes
B) Ray Muller	Jason Doell	See minutes
C) Pembina Valley Devel. Corp.	Southwest Red Conservation District	Noted and filed
D) Pembina Valley Devel. Corp.	Potato Vodka Project	Noted and filed
E) Meridian Farms-Art Mazinke	Performance Bond Refund	Noted and filed
F) Inter gov. Affairs & Trade	Proposed Subdivision	See resolution
G) Ag. & Agri-Food Canada	Prairie Grain Roads Program MB	Noted and filed
	Application for Reconstruction of Road	
H) Grass Root Producers	Support for Resolution	See resolution

**INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE  
FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2005**

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
A) Inter gov. Affairs & Trade	Development Plan By-law no. 1580/04	See resolution
B) Inter gov. Affairs & Trade	Proposed Subdivision-Schellenberg	Noted and filed
C) MB Water Stewardship	Applications received	Noted and filed
D) Ag, Food & Rural Initiatives	Straw burning	Noted and filed
E) Ray Muller	Corny Hiebert drainage concerns	Noted and filed
F) Transportation & Gov. Services	Response to petition letter	Noted and filed
G) Pinchin Environmental	Odour Investigation	Noted and filed
H) Inter gov. Affairs & Trade	MB Education Property Tax Credit	Noted and filed
I) Inter gov. Affairs & Trade	Total Municipal Assessment	Noted and filed
J) Leafy Spurge Stakeholders Grp.	Contribution request	Noted and filed
K) HED	Revised Certificate of Insurance	Noted and filed
L) Roger Gillis	Resolution request	Noted and filed
M) R.M. of Macdonald	By-law No. 31/04	Noted and filed
N) D. Boutang/ PFRA	National Water Supply Expansion Program	Noted and filed
O) Healthy Child Coalition	Overview & Newsletter	Noted and filed
P) MMAA	By-Law Enforcement Seminar	Noted and filed
Q) AMM	Decision Making Seminar	Noted and filed
R) Canada-MB Infrastructure	News Release	Noted and filed
S) MB Good Roads Association	Seminar on Drainage	Noted and filed
T) Volunteer Centre of Wpg.	Volunteer Week	Noted and filed
U) Centra Gas	2005/06 & 2006/07 General Rate Application	Noted and filed
V) Manitoba Justice	By-law Enforcement Officers & Constables	Noted and filed
W) AMM	Municipal Innovation Awards Program	Noted and filed
X) Emerg. Measures Organization	Claim No. 116-100337	Noted and filed
Y) Property Registry	Rules Governing Execution of Documents	Noted and filed
Z) R.E.A.C.H.	Public Alerting Systems	Noted and filed
AA) HED	Newsletter	Noted and filed
BB) Sport Manitoba	KidSport™ Fund	Noted and filed

**NEW CORRESPONDENCE  
FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2005**

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
A) EMO	2004 Spring Flood Claim	Noted and filed
B) Bill McEachern	Rural Water hook-up	Noted and filed
C) Water Stewardship	Payments for community dykes	Noted and filed
D) Town of Morris	Agreement	Noted and filed
E) AMM	2005 Municipal Officials Seminar	Noted and filed
F) Transport. & Gov. Services	Highway Traffic Board	Noted and filed
G) MB Weed Supervisors Assoc.	Seminar	Noted and filed
H) ESRI Canada	Seminar	Noted and filed

52/05

Leo Kornelsen-Denis Robert

WHEREAS it is recognized by all levels of government within Canada that Canada presently lacks sufficient capacity to slaughter and process the cattle produced in Canada;

AND WHEREAS all levels of government within Canada, as well as Canadian beef producers and consumer, recognize that it is not in the economic interests of Canada for the Canadian economy in general, and the Canadian beef industry in particular, to rely upon foreign-located packers to slaughter and/or process Canadian-bred cattle;

AND WHEREAS various levels of government within Canada have expended in excess of three billion dollars in order as to assist the Canadian cattle industry to overcome the adverse effects of the BSE crisis;

AND WHEREAS, despite such unprecedented levels of financial support, no new Canadian-owned high-volume cattle slaughter facilities have been constructed in Canada since the BSE crisis commenced;

AND WHEREAS the BSE crisis has had a devastating economic and social impact upon communities throughout Manitoba and Canada;

AND WHEREAS, as a result of the adverse effects of the BSE crisis, Canadian cattle producers presently lack the financial resources to construct a high-volume beef slaughter facility in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Grass Root Producers has proposed a producer-owned beef slaughter facility to be located in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the province of Manitoba does not presently possess sufficient beef slaughter capacity to meet the demands of Manitoba consumers, let alone the demands of the Manitoba beef cattle industry;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The R.M. of Morris hereby supports the Grass Root Producers in their efforts to have a producer-owned high-volume beef slaughter and processing facility in Manitoba and urges the Government of Canada to provide appropriate levels of financial assistance, in such form and manner as shall be necessary in order to accomplish the construction of such a facility.

Carried

53/05 Denis Robert-Lionel Wiens  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase a used trencher from Wiebe's Trenching for \$85,000.00.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to check with the Credit Union for a credit check or a lein check on the trencher.

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Harder brought Council up-to-date on the purchase of the trencher ~~to~~ Morden. Council also asked that more gravel be applied on the Sperling Lagoon Road. There was a considerable amount of discussion concerning snow clearing on private driveways. There have been some complaints that when the snowplow clears the streets that snow is piled up on private driveways. Council asked the Foreman to do some more research and tabled this matter until a later date.

Council set policy that the Administrative Assistant will be in charge of booking all registrations and hotel rooms.

Council agreed that the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and C.A.O. would attend the Disaster Assistance seminar on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.

Reeve Martens, Deputy Reeve Groening, and Councillors Fraese and Wiens are interested in attending the education session on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 that is sponsored by the AMM.

The C.A.O. was asked to write to Mr. Steve Topping concerning the balance left on the guaranteed maximum dyke cost.

The C.A.O. was also asked to write a letter concerning Riverview Golf and Country Club to the Town of Morris and also with a copy to the municipal solicitor advising that the R.M. does not wish to forgive taxes on farmland.

Council decided to appoint an additional committee that would consist of Councillor Kornelsen as chairman and Councillor Robert as a member to be in charge of weed control. Council also requested that the financial report section be moved to item # 3 with all other items being moved down one spot.

The R.M. of Morris and the Town of Morris will be co-hosting a Municipal Bonspiel on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The Bonspiel is expected to start at 8:30 a.m. and to be finished in time

for dinner at approximately 5:30 p.m. The C.A.O. was instructed to make the necessary arrangements with the C.A.O. for the town.

The C.A.O. was also asked to speak to the Public Works Foreman about the dumpsters owned by the LUD of Rosenort to be clearly marked that way.

54/05           Ralph Groening-Lionel Wiens  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve application for subdivision #4152 04-4765 on the condition that the owner allow the R.M. of Morris to register a drainage easement to accommodate existing drainage.

Carried

Councillor Groening reported that he expects the North West Red Committee will cease operations. Councillor Groening does not see Tobacco Creek as being the main lobby group for provincial drains.

55/05           Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the accounts from check # 20050051 to 20050178 totaling \$331,159.91 as presented.

Carried

Councillor Wiens left the meeting due to a prior commitment at 2:45 p.m.

Council decided that a conservation district should be as low-cost as possible to our taxpayers.

Reeve Martens will speak to Reeve Falk from the R.M. of Rhineland concerning the hesitation in the R.M. of Morris to join a conservation district. The R.M. of Morris wants to make sure that funding will actually flow to do the drainage and feels that this is a higher priority than setting up a new conservation district.

The C.A.O. was authorized to hire casual help in order to set-up the Internet database for by-laws and minutes, as well as doing other catch-up work in the office.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Reeve



C.A.O.