

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Notes on a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Arena in Sperling. This meeting had been called as a public meeting by the R.M. to discuss any proposals for the Sperling School, and also to discuss mill rates for water and sewer as well as water bill rates. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen and Neumann attended with Reeve Martens in the chair. Thirty-two individuals from the Sperling Community also attended the meeting.

Reeve Martens opened discussion on the future of the Sperling School. A number of comments were received, including: "The school is a hazard the way it is", "If we could not find someone to tear it down, then it should be removed", "Would like to see the school removed, but would like to see it left as a playground area", "Would like input into any use to be made of the school", "The school has very little sentimental value, but the community does not want just anything".

There was also a question whether we could have a structural engineer take a look at the school, and a question whether the R.M. would consider leaving the area as a playground if the school was used for something else. A lot of young children now use the playground. It was also mentioned that some people park by the school, and that the playground is the only place to go. There appeared to be consensus that the school would cost too much money to convert into a home and the community would like to see the parking spaces reserved, and maybe a campground set up in that area. Everyone present agreed that the R.M. of Morris would have the Building Inspector inspect the building, and that he could get a key from Suzanne Schroeder at the post office.

There was considerable discussion concerning a house on Main Street that appears to be being used as party house. The C.A.O. was asked to contact the Health Inspector and see if this place could be checked out.


There was also a question regarding the zoning on a lot behind the fire hall, and the response from Council was that all properties in Sperling are zoned as general development. Reeve Martens also advised that the sidewalks would be fixed this year.

There was some concerns that the main street appeared to be falling apart and needed a lift of asphalt. There are some pretty serious potholes in the main street. It was also mentioned that the grader operator took out two or three stop signs, plus that there was an old yellow stop sign that should be replaced. Ed Leask mentioned that some drainage work needs to be done in the new subdivision. There was also a request that the R.M. should install a "Children Playing" sign in the vicinity of the old school. Council also received a bouquet for a very good snow-removal service.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Reeve



C.A.O.