

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris, held on Wednesday, May 11th, 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.

121/05 Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as distributed and may be amended.

Carried

122/05 Ralph Groening-Denis Robert
Resolved that the minutes of the April 8th, 2005 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

123/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the minutes of the April 13th, 2005 meeting be adopted as distributed and amended.

Carried

124/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the minutes of the April 14th, 2005 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

125/05 Lionel Wiens-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the minutes of the April 18th, 2005 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to contact a certain person regarding lots in Lowe Farm. The C.A.O. was also asked to contact Pembina Valley Development regarding wind power. The C.A.O. was also asked to use R.M. of Morris-based businesses if available and other items were comparable.

126/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the accounts be approved as follows:
Check # 20050474-20050628 \$388,048.92
Check # 20050629-20050642 \$ 7,660.66

Carried

Mr. Jim Hunt, the municipal assessor, attended the meeting at 10:15 a.m. He advised that up until now, all municipal assessment have been based on 1999 values. For 2006 and beyond, assessment will be based on 2003 values. Mr. Hunt will be in Morris on May 30th for a Meet the Assessor Day.

Mr. Ian Goodall-George attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He provided Council a report on the Southeast Manitoba Broadband Initiative, also known as SEMBI. This was started in 2003 in an attempt to obtain broadband Internet. This group received an \$800,000.00 grant from the federal government. The group has actually started rolling in the last 6 months. There are a total of 96 towers to go up to spread the high-speed Internet system. The signal is now available up to Altona. Part of this proposal was that all municipalities would be partners in this project.

Council of the R.M. of Morris replied to Mr. George that SEMBI was too late. Council was not prepared in any way to subsidize one business that will be competing with existing businesses.

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 11:20 a.m. There was some discussion concerning the unfinished work that was left by Dig-All. Mr. Harder was also asked to look at the Sperling sidewalks and repairs on the main street in Sperling. Mr. Harder

reported that approximately 2.5 miles of drainage has been done. Conservation wants licenses before the work is started. Mr. Harder reported that spot-gravelling will start as soon as it is dry enough. In the rural water program, 5 hook-ups were done during the first week. Trenching will start north of Lowe Farm on May 24th, 2005. Mr. Harder advised that 5 employees have now been certified to do the pipe fusing. The R.M. of Morris pipe is coming from Saskatoon at 2 semi-loads per day.

There seems to be a rat problem at some of the landfills and Mr. Harder will be trying alternative poisons and/or hiring a contractor.

Mr. Harder reported that there is a certain residence in Sperling that has problems with water in the basement. Apparently when the water line was installed, the directional-boring machine hit the weeping tile. Mr. Harder has received a quote of approximately \$500.00 to repair this damage. Council authorized Mr. Harder to proceed.

Mr. Harder discussed garbage pick-up and landfills and private keys with Council. Council will look at extending the hours of landfills so that no private keys need to be handed out. Councillor Kornelsen will speak to two local persons that have had a key up until now and try to solve this problem.

Mr. Harder reported that the weed control chemical has been ordered and the Highways Department from Steinbach has approved a budget of \$7,000.00 and from Carman a budget of \$6,700.00. In the housing subdivision, all of the surveying has been done. The R.M. of Morris is planning to do 72 miles of water line and 107 hook-ups this year.

The C.A.O. was instructed to see if Waste Management has a key to the landfill. The C.A.O. was also asked to contact Manitoba Water Services Board and ask them to forward the hold back to the R.M. of Morris and that the R.M. would assume responsibility for the work.

127/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that Lori Wood be given a \$500.00 bonus for the completion of the Emergency Plan.

Carried

128/05 Lionel Wiens-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris resolve into camera to discuss employee relations.

Carried

129/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the R.M. resolve back to open session.

Carried

130/05 Denis Robert-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the resignation of Ralph Groening from the Valley Agricultural Society with regret, effective immediately.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to write to the Valley Agricultural Society and advise that Council would not consider making a replacement appointment until November.

Councillor Fraese reported on the Red River Valley Health Foundation.

131/05 Leo Kornelsen-Denis Robert
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris pay Marj Heinrichs the same hourly rate and mileage rate that Council receives as a representative to the Red River Valley Health Foundation.

Carried

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Councillor Kornelsen reported that the fire departments would be asked to have all Autopac claims made through the R.M. of Morris. The municipality would also prepare all future billings to any private individuals.

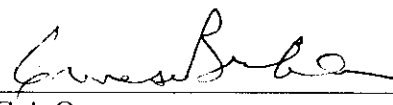
132/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the charge for performance bonds be changed to \$18.00 per animal units.

Carried

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



Reeve



C.A.O.