

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held on Wednesday, June 8th, 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.

The C.A.O. was requested to write to a certain resident regarding lots in Lowe Farm. The C.A.O. was also requested to contact CDEM regarding the requirements to join their association.

142/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

143/05 Ralph Groening-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that Variation Order #2/2005 to reduce the side yard on Lots 9 and 10 Plan 11846 from 25 feet to 0 feet be approved. *IN AUBIGNY*

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Carried

144/05 Denis Robert-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the minutes of the May 11th, 2005 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

145/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the minutes of the May 12th, 2005 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Sergeant Davie Lee of the Morris RCMP detachment attended the meeting at 9:20 a.m. He advised Council that he is now in charge of the Red River detachment. The Red River detachment has a total of 12 members. There is an announcement coming that the Traffic Services division will be leaving. This consists of 7 members. This means that the Morris area would lose 7 out of the present 19 members. Sergeant Lee requested the use of the Council Chambers for a meeting on June 17th, 2005 to make this announcement to all of the neighboring municipalities. This meeting would be held at 1:30 p.m. Sergeant Lee also discussed several items with Council including the closure of Highway 75 during winter storms.

Mr. Don Hamblin attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. He advised Council that the traffic control lights south of river lot 353 were supposed to be removed today. Mr. Hamblin feels that the R.M. of Morris should not allow this road to be closed because of the potential of an accident. He farms land adjacent to this crossing and was only notified of the pending closure yesterday. This closure will cause him to have to go 1.5 miles extra when he wants to go to his other property. Mr. Hamblin does not like to travel on PR 330 with farm equipment because of the large truck traffic. Mr. Hamblin will never drive on PR 330 if he can avoid it.

146/05 Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the minutes of the May 27th, 2005 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Mr. Brent Russell attended the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the Sperling School. He is willing to pay the legal fees if the school would be transferred to him. Mr. Russell has 2 or 3 grain-trucks available so there should be no garbage lying around. He would expect to have the roof repaired by next summer. Mr. Russell would also hook the school up to sewer and water. It would be his intention to eventually live in the building. Mr. Russell feels that this building is a unique landmark in the town. Mr. Russell agreed to call a community meeting and present his proposal. Mr. Russell will also have a professional give him an estimate on the cost. Council agreed to allow Mr. Russell to proceed with his plan if the community has no objections. Mr. Russell and Council

agreed to have the public meeting on June 23rd, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sperling Arena and Mr. Russell will do the necessary advertising.

Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman, attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He reported that Dig-All is presently here and has almost finished repairing the damages. Mr. Harder mentioned that he has not yet started on the Sperling sidewalk. Poulins will be coming out to check for rats at the landfill for a charge of \$100.00 per month to be billed quarterly in advance. Only 4 miles of drainage have been done due to the wet weather. The constant rain is putting the Public Works Department behind. 28 services have been done for rural water and 7 more are ready. Mr. Harder is waiting for a quotation from ConTech for a booster station. They have been flushing the rural water lines on a weekly basis. The chlorine levels on the main line are all over. The chlorine levels dropped at Lowe Farm from 1.4 to .4 over night. The street work in Lowe Farm has been shut down because of rain. The R.M. could be over-budget with gravel costs. Lewis Instruments had been booked for the July meeting. The R.M. of Morris will put up the necessary signs and dig out the CN crossing. The C.A.O. was asked to call the Provincial Department of Environment regarding using the water reservoir at Lowe Farm as an extension to the lagoon.

Councillor Robert reported that the R.M. has agreed to remove some cement at Scott Parker's place. This will be used to provide stabilization for the ditch bank. This project will only take approximately 1 day with a backhoe.

The C.A.O. was asked to write to the Manitoba Water Stewardship Board and ask them to fix the bottom of the Robertson-McTavish drain for washouts, and both ends of the bridge crossing the Kronsart Drain between sections 9 and 16-4-1E. The C.A.O. was also asked to contact the Compliance Officer and ask him to write to residents who have abandoned, empty basements.

The R.M. of Morris will fix the fence around the fish project and charge the cost to the LUD of Rosenort.

Mr. Dulaney Blatz attended the meeting at 1:00 p.m. He advised that he cuts hay on Crown lands. Mr. Blatz has a lease on the Tobacco, the 4N and the Shannon Drains. The R.M. has been cutting this grass in July. Mr. Blatz has, in the past, cropped right up to the road. He estimated that he has lost about 50 bales valued at \$40.00 per bales. Mr. Blatz requested that the R.M. leave the grass cutting on Crown lands until September 1st.

Council decided that the Protection Committee would work on a policy for horses, cattle, and dog regulations.

Council reviewed the Financial Statements for April and May and asked the C.A.O. to check out and report back on Convention Expense and Equipment Repair Expense. The C.A.O. was also asked to set up a Warranty Reserve. Council decided that custom work for snow blowing should go into the Warranty Reserve.

147/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the following accounts:
Checks 20050664 to 20050760 - \$431,362.75
Checks 20050761 to 20050841 - \$ 64,499.42

Carried

148/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris adopt the April and May financial reports as presented.

Carried

149/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee dated May 13th, 2005 as amended.

Carried

\$1,175⁰⁰ PER MONTH
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150/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the recommendations of the Protective Committee regarding the contract with the animal control officer, *recommendation dated May 16, 2005.* Carried

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Councillor Kornelsen reported on the meeting that ~~he~~ had attended at Riverside. The residents were unhappy about a second bill for dykes. Council agreed to suspend any interest charges for a 6-month period.

Councillor Robert reported on the Joint Morris Community Centre District. The R.M. of Morris share of the surplus monies is \$11,000.00. The Committee would like to put this money towards a new zamboni, and the R.M. of Morris council agreed. Councillor Robert also reported on the Landfill meeting and advised that there are now extended hours.

The C.A.O. was instructed to obtain copies of unsightly premises by-laws and to ask the Building Inspector to send letters to 8 separate residences.

Councillor Groening reported that he had attended the Chamber Tourism meeting.

Reeve Martens reported on the Rosenort Days, which will be held on June 18th, 2005. Council has been asked to prepare the barbecue, which would mean being there by approximately 5:30 p.m. Reeve Martens also reported on the Valley Ag Society, the Pembina Valley Water Co-op, and the Pembina Valley Development Corporation. Reeve Martens believes that the R.M. is in a strong position for the Vodka Plant, because of availability of water.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
A) R.M. of Morris	Letter re: transferring pigs	Noted & filed
B) R.M. of Morris	Sponsorship for Chuckwagon	See resolution
C) Winnipeg Free Press	Hog Barn article	Noted & filed
D) MB Legislative Assembly	Planning Act	Noted & filed
E) Greengable Piglets	Performance Bond	Referred to compliance
F) Town of Morris	MLFR Emergency Fund	See minutes
G) Town of Morris	Water line agreement	See resolution
H) Ed Leask	Taxation method objection	Sec to reply
I) AMM	Fuel Savings	Noted & filed
J) Office of the Auditor General	Environmental Livestock Program	Noted & filed
K) Southern MB Railway	Water pipeline	Noted & filed
L) Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers	Facility Crossing Agreement	Noted & filed

The C.A.O. was instructed to contact the Municipal Solicitor and the Municipal Auditor and obtain opinions on how the R.M. can legally do a medical fund.

151/05 Denis Robert-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris sponsor Don Harder for the thoroughbred chariot races.
Carried

152/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the Reeve and C.A.O. be authorized to sign the water extension agreement with the Town of Morris.
Carried

153/05 Ralph Groening-Denis Robert
Resolved that the Reeve be authorized to sign the agreement with Imperial Oil for a water line crossing.
Carried

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Council agreed to convene again on Friday morning, June 10th, 2005 to continue the Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Reeve



C.A.O.