

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday, October 12th, 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.

215/05 Ralph Groening-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the agenda as distributed and may be amended.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to check on a standard rental rate for government buildings.

216/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the minutes of the September 14th meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

217/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the minutes of the September 15th meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Council decided to cancel check # 1502 because this had been a community meeting and was not set up by the Council.

218/05 Sieg Neumann-Denis Robert
Resolved that the accounts from check # 1369 to 1527 totaling \$464,872.00 be approved.

Carried

Councillor Neumann reported that our fuel surcharge to date had amounted to approximately \$7,100.00.

Mr. Dave Boles and Ms. Evelyn Holley from the Planning Branch in Morden attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Boles advised Council that existing conditional use permits will remain in effect, until they are reopened by the owner. Mr. Boles also discussed subdivisions in a flood zone or next to the river with Council. The Water Stewardship Department has expressed great concerns about subdivisions next to the river due to a flooding potential.

Mr. Gilles Vielfaure from the Assessment Branch attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He gave Council a complete breakdown of all of the assessment ranges in the R.M. of Morris. All assessment increases have been based on, and can be justified, with market values. The average increase in the R.M. of Morris is 17%, but some properties have gone up considerably more. Sales figures show that the Osborne soil type has gone up at a much greater rate than the Red River soil type. Present assessments are based on 2003 values, and subsequent sales will be banked for the next reassessment. Mr. Vielfaure showed Council pictures of photographs of the municipality, highlighting all of the sales that had taken place.

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, attended the meeting at 11:45 a.m. There are some drainage concerns east of the river, and Councillor Groening will check them. Mr. Harder reported that there are 11.5 miles of drainage left to complete, and 19.5 miles have been done. The R.M. has already spread 40 miles of extra dirt. Most of last year's dirt spreading is done. The public works crew is now concentrating on getting the roads back into shape. The Prairie Grain Roads project has been completed. The subdivision in Rosenort has half a day of graveling left. The industrial park will be done the last week in October. Mr. Harder also advised that Manitoba Hydro is installing fibre optics cable and seem to be doing a good job. Imperial Oil has finished their project and have done a good clean up job. Under rural water, Mr. Siemens has done 2 miles. The Public Works Foreman is presently running the trencher. The Lowe Farm sidewalk patching has been completed. Sperling will be done next week. The Anderson drain dirt spreading is almost complete. The Lowe Farm booster pump has not yet been installed. ~~It~~ has done their clean up and they are gone. The R.M. is still waiting for John P. Enns to come and complete his clean up. LET

The C.A.O. was asked to contact the Department of Highways and ask for permission for an additional culvert from Mr. Brett Warcham. The C.A.O. was also asked to pay ConTec half of their total bill for the booster pump in Lowe Farm.

Councillor Fraese had to leave the meeting due to a prior commitment.

The C.A.O. was asked to contact Revenue Canada, regarding matching RRSP contributions. The C.A.O. was also asked to contact a heating specialist to check out the municipal office furnace.

Councillor Groening reported that he has received requests for 30 miles of drainage for next year. The 2005 water program includes 123 water hook-ups, which includes 5 in the R.M. of De Salaberry and 1 in Roland. This should produce an income of \$950,000.00 based on \$8,000.00 per connection. Expenses for materials have totaled \$550,000.00 and it is estimated that cost of installation would be \$400,000.00. Councillor Groening also advised that the revenue in the water co-op should be approximately \$350,000.00 as of January 1st, 2005.

The C.A.O. was asked to write to Mr. Stan Siemens and ask for copies of the minutes of the Morris CCD, instructions for funding the arena, and a budget for the coming year.

The C.A.O. was also asked to have a representative from the Manitoba Product Stewardship Board come to a Council meeting to explain recycling. The C.A.O. was further asked to obtain flags for the municipal office and for the public works garage.

Reeve Martens reported that he had met with Sergeant Davy Lee. Four out of seven of the members in Morris are new recruits. Two out of the total of nine members are on sick leave.

Councillor Wiens reported that he would like to have the employee relations salary negotiations done by the end of November.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

| <u>From</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| A) Canada-MB Infrastructure | Lowe Farm Lagoon Expansion | See resolution |
| B) MCPA - Gerry Simonson | Keystone Agricultural Producers request | See resolution |
| C) Rivers West - Red River Corridor | Invitation to join Board | See resolution |
| D) Transportation & Gov't Services | Highway Traffic Board Hearing | See minutes |
| E) University of Manitoba | Agricultural Renewal Alliance conference | Noted & filed |
| F) AMM | AMM Convention | Noted & filed |
| G) Red River Basin Commission | Annual Summit Conference | Approved |
| H) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | Provincial Land Use Policy # 2 - Agriculture | Noted & filed |

219/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris request an extension on the lagoon infrastructure project to investigate the feasibility of using the old water reservoir as a third lagoon cell.

Carried

220/05 Leo Kornelsen-Denis Robert
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris support KAP in their request to reinstate the Feed Freight Assistance Program.

Carried

221/05 Lionel Wiens-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the Reeve and Deputy Reeve be authorized to attend the Rivers West workshop on October 20th, 2005.

Carried

Councillor Fraese returned to the meeting.

Council decided to change the January Council meeting to January 10th.

The C.A.O. was asked to send copies of the road committee haying policy to all persons that have been invited to the public meeting.

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

| From | Subject | Disposition |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| A) RCMP | AMM Annual Convention | Noted & file |
| B) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | VLT Revenue Distribution | Noted & file |
| C) MTS | Damage to cable | Noted & file |
| D) Town of Morris | Recycling Brochure | Noted & file |
| E) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | Proposed Subdivision – Sawatzky | Noted & file |
| F) Intergov. Affairs & Trade | Proposed Subdivision – Friesen | Noted & file |
| G) Brandon Fire Department | Enhanced 911 Service Fee for 2006 | Noted & file |
| H) MB Pork Council | Truck reloading on municipal roads | Noted & file |
| I) RRVSD | Peacetime Emergency Mutual MOU | Noted & file |
| J) Letellier | Emergency Subdivision Guide | Noted & file |
| K) Transport. & Gov't Services | Proposed agreement | Noted & file |
| L) News Media Services – Leg. Bldg. | Disaster Financial Assistance application deadline | Noted & file |
| M) MB Family Services & Housing | MOU | Noted & file |
| N) R.M. of Macdonald | Notice of Public Hearing | Noted & file |
| O) R.M. of Rhineland | Notice of Public Hearing | Noted & file |
| P) Hyteck | Livestock Manure and Mortalities Regulation | Noted & file |
| Q) A Sperling resident | Concerns in Sperling | Noted & file |
| R) MB Safe Work | Changes to Electricians' License Act | Noted & file |
| S) MB Hydro | Newsletter | Noted & file |
| T) John Duvenaud | Sperling School | Noted & file |

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Reeve



C.A.O.