

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday, March 8th, 2006 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.

28/06 Leo Kornelsen-Ralph Groening

Resolved that the agenda be adopted as distributed and may be amended.

Carried

Council held a hearing as a Variation Board to consider the variation to allow a 1-acre site. No persons appeared to be heard.

29/06 Lionel Wiens-Sieg Neumann

Resolved that Variation Order no. 1/2006 re: 1-acre lot, be approved.

Carried

Mr. Duane Auch and Ian Goodall-George attended the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Auch is interested in setting up a high-speed Internet service through SEMBI. Funding from the Federal Department of Industry had been delayed for a period of 2 years, which slowed down the project. Mr. Auch is proposing 2 towers, with 1 being in Sperling and 1 being in Lowe Farm. Each tower would be located at the fire hall, and he is requesting Council's permission. He advised that the contract states that the R.M. of Morris would provide the location and the electrical service. The electricity required would be the equivalent of a 60-watt bulb. Mr. Auch advised that they would also need access to the fire hall and that they would use a lock-box that would be attached to their tower. The tower would be 100 feet high and would be on a cement base that was a 6-foot cube of concrete. Each tower would cover approximately a 10-kilometer radius. Price for high-speed Internet would be \$49.95. A business fee would be \$99.00, and both would have a one-time set up fee of \$250.00. Council advised that he would require approval of fire chiefs and from the neighbors.

Sergeant Davie Lee, from the Morris RCMP detachment, attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. He updated Council on changes in the local detachment. Altona will now be reporting to Carman and the R.M. of Rhineland is no longer in the Morris area. There are a total of 9 members in this detachment, with 5 being in Emerson and 4 in Morris. The C.O.P.P. program has been set up in Lowe Farm and is running well.

Mr. Lorne Hamblin attended the meeting at 10:30 a.m. He asked Council to provide a Red Hat Level of sponsorship towards the January 2007 Scott Tournament of Hearts to be held in Morris. This event will involve 16 separate teams of Ladies Curling and they are anticipating approximately 800 spectators.

The CAO was instructed to check on septic fields for Aubigny.

The CAO was also asked to contact Rosenort EMC Church and the Lowe Farm School regarding garbage pick-up. The CAO was further asked to consider purchasing insurance for municipal vehicles from a Manitoba Public Insurance agent in the R.M. of Morris. The CAO was also asked to obtain a membership in the Rosenort Chamber of Commerce.

30/06 Lionel Wiens-Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that the minutes of the February 8th, 2006 Council meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

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31/06 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the minutes of the February 12th, 2006 Council meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

32/06 Barry Fraese-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve cheques 20060202-20060334 totaling \$202,878.27.

Carried

33/06 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the December 31st, 2005 financial statements be adopted as presented.

Carried

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 11:45 a.m. He advised that he had met with Mr. Chris Hagen who is in charge of transportation for the Red River Valley School Division and discussed road-clearing needs. Mr. Harder advised that they are planning to start cleaning out ditches in the last week in March. Sperling School has been cleaned up and he is doing interviews for directional drill operator tomorrow. Cheryl Feller has been rescheduled for March 23rd, 2006. Mr. Harder requested that the equipment budget include approximately \$79,000.00 net for a backhoe loader trade and approximately \$165,000.00 for a grader trade.

34/06 Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the collection policy as recommended by the Finance Committee on February 23rd, 2006.

Carried

Council reviewed their committee reports for the previous month.

The CAO was asked to check into the sign for the Rosemor Industrial Park. The CAO was also asked to invite Brad Allum from Manitoba Conservation to the next Council meeting.

35/06 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that By-law No. 1597/05 to establish water rates in Sperling be read a second time.

Carried

36/06 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that By-law No. 1597/05 to establish water rates in Sperling be read a third time.

In favour: Reeve Herm Martens and Councillors Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Sieg Neumann, Lionel Wiens, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Carried

37/06 Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that By-law No. 1602/06 to establish a gas tax reserve be read a first time.

Carried

38/06 Leo Kornelsen-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that By-law No. 1602/06 to establish a gas tax reserve be read a second time.

Carried

The following correspondence was received:

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
A) Canada Customs & Revenue	National Water Supply Enhancement Program	Noted & filed
B) PVWC	Water Pricing	Noted & filed
C) Morris Area Senior Services	2006-2007 Budget Request	Noted & filed
D) Livestock Health Services	Rabies vaccination clinic	See resolution
E) Border Valley Snow Goers	Snowmobile trail maintenance costs	Noted & filed
F) Morris & District Chamber of Commerce	Financial support request	Noted & filed
G) Trade Team Manitoba	Info Fair	Noted & filed
H) MB Water Stewardship	Public meetings re:Red River Floodway Act	Noted & filed
I) Federation of Cndn Municipalities	Invitation to join FCM	See resolution
J) MB Weed Supervisors Assoc.	Seminar	Noted & filed
K) R.M. of Morris	Colour Printer	CAO to check
L) HED Insurance	Accident Insurance-Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Attendants	CAO to check
M) Federation of Cndn Municipalities	Green Municipal Fund Peer Review Committee	Noted & filed
N) Regional Health Authority	Camp Bridges	Noted & filed
O) MB Agriculture	Green Team	Noted & filed

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
A) Red River Valley Food Bank	Insurance	Noted & filed
B) Red River Valley Food Bank	Thank-you	Noted & filed
C) Sequoia Energy Inc.	Partnership Announcement	Noted & filed
D) Intergovernmental Affairs	Receipt of Feb.15 letter	Noted & filed
E) Mavis Taillieu	Letter to Minister – Hwy 75	Noted & filed
F) Transportation & Gov't Services	Receipt of Feb.15 letter	Noted & filed
G) MB Finance	Sperling Water & Sewer rates	Noted & filed
H) MB Hydro	Lowe Farm residential subdivision	Noted & filed
I) HED Insurance	Vermeer directional boring machine claim	Noted & filed
J) HED Insurance	Accident Insurance – Volunteer Firefighters	Noted & filed
K) Sperling Fire Department	Department activities	Noted & filed
L) Bruce Gregory Law Office	Purchase from Kroeker – Agreement for Sale	Noted & filed
M) Office of the Auditor General	Management of contaminated sites and landfills	Noted & filed
N) Intergovernmental Affairs	2004 Statistical Information	Noted & filed
O) PVDC	2006 Proposed Budget – Altona	Noted & filed
P) Intergovernmental Affairs	Total Municipal Assessment	Noted & filed
Q) MB Culture, Heritage and Tourism	Public Library Services Newsletter	Noted & filed
R) Brandon Fire Department	911 Service Agreement – Rates for Audio Recordings & Transcripts 2005	Noted & filed
S) MB Health	2006 West Nile Virus Planning/ Cost-Shared Funding	Noted & filed
T) MB EMO – Marc Bruyère	Flood Preparedness Seminar 2006	Noted & filed
U) Province of Manitoba	Volunteer Week	Noted & filed
V) MB Agriculture	Century Farm Program	Noted & filed

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The Finance Committee decided that they would hold a finance meeting to review the budget on March 21st, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. with a Council meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m.

39/06 Barry Fraese-Ralph Groening

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris authorize Livestock Health Services to hold a rabies clinic on April 29th, 2006 in Rosenort.

Carried

40/06 Ralph Groening-Denis Robert

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase a membership in the FCM.

Carried 4-3

41/06 Leo Kornelsen-Denis Robert

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase a colour printer and charge \$5.00 per page for photos of property.

Carried

The CAO was asked to make copies of our insurance policy for review by a committee consisting of Councillor Wiens, Neumann and Groening. The CAO was also asked to write a letter to the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation regarding total payment for fire calls in the R.M. of Morris.

The meeting was then adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to meet again on March 9th, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.



Reeve



CAO