

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a special meeting the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday October 20th, 2010 commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Sperling arena. Mayor Herm Martens and Councillors Ralph Groening, Sieg Neumann and Stan Siemens were present. Ernest Buhler, the CAO, and Alvin Wiebe the Public Works Supervisor were also present. There were also 15 residents from the Sperling Community at this meeting.

This meeting had been called by the RM of Morris to hold a hearing regarding by-law 1668/10, which is a proposed debenture by-law. The intent of this by-law is to finance the cost of extending low pressure sewer lines in the Sperling area North of the railway tracks. This project involves 14 buildings being connected to a sewer system at a cost of \$60,000.00, to be reduced by a grant from Manitoba Water Stewardship Services Board of \$20,000.00. This would leave a net cost of \$40,000.00. The second portion of this by-law would provide for the replacement of holding tanks that were not up to standards. If the holding tanks were not up to standard they would be replaced at an estimated maximum cost of \$5,000.00. This amount could also be debentured on a specific property. All tax levies would be on an equal per parcel basis, less than prepaid amount. The RM of Morris proposes to finance this project over a 20 year debenture.

Mayor Martens asked for people in favor of this proposal to speak up. Two people spoke up in favor of this project. It was mentioned that at some point there could be an obligation from the Province to replace all older septic fields, particularly on small residential lots.

Mayor Martens then asked for objections. Two objections letters were read into the minutes, one from Denis and Valdena Stoker and one from Ronald Reimer. These letters both concerned the cost of the project to the property owner. There was also a question regarding damage to the property and it was reported that the majority of this work would be done by underground directional boring. This would cause some damage on the back lane area where the hole was dug, but would cause minimal damage on the property itself. If a holding tank needs to be replaced there is no way to avoid some damage.

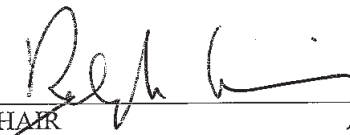
There was also a comment about needed improvements, and that the roads in the North end of Sperling need to be fixed.

There being no further submissions, the hearing was then adjourned.

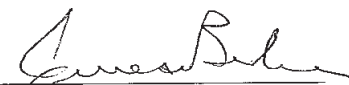
176/10 Stan Siemens – Ralph Groening
Resolved that By-law 1668/10, regarding a sewer debenture in Sperling be a read a first time.

Carried

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



CHAIR
deputy



CAO