

Vision Statement

A future with growing, sustainable communities and a diverse economic base resulting in more people, more jobs and more housing.

CAO Report

Larry Driedger

By-law Enforcement

Municipal By-law Enforcement is an item that many municipalities, both urban and rural, struggle with. Municipal by-laws vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, however someone must be there to enforce the by-laws.

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris chose a few years ago to hire the Commissionaires to act on our behalf to enforce our by-laws. The primary by-laws being enforced by them are ones covering derelict vehicles and derelict properties.

We, Commissionaires and the Municipality, have been working together to 'clean-up' a number of properties that have fallen into disarray. We would ask that you keep your property in such a condition so that the community around you would see the care you take and emulate that care with their own properties.



COMMISSIONAIRES
SECURITY SOLUTIONS

Serving the communities of
Sperling, Aubigny, Rosenort,
Riverside, McTavish, Silver Plains,
Lowe Farm, Kane and Sewell since
1880.

Greetings from the Reeve

Ralph Groening

The RM of Morris council has been busy with the details of a number of infrastructure projects.

The Lowe Farm lagoon project is essentially complete. The paving of the Rosenort bike path should be complete by the end of August.

Council has begun discussion on the Rosenort Industrial Park road project. The \$1.2 million dollar proposal to complete the road network in the park will proceed with the support of a successful Building Canada small communities grant. The plan is to complete the roadway project by the fall of 2018. The project plan will be completed this fall and we will communicate details when available.

Planning for the new fire hall in Rosenort continues and work should begin on this project this fall. Once the construction and funding plans for the fire hall have been finalized, council will clearly communicate their role and the community's role in the successful completion of the new public safety building.

Council has also begun discussion on options available to support improved high speed internet service for residents in the RM of Morris by working in collaboration with Red River School Division.

Long term infrastructure planning for the Rosenort wastewater lagoon will also begin this winter. Council will consider options to expand and improve this service. The first step in this process will be to initiate a feasibility study to determine viability of additional rural wastewater services.

Details of municipal plans will be posted on our RM of Morris website and Facebook site. Please contact administration or council members for further discussion or comments on council activity.

The primary goal of Reeve and Council is to provide cost effective support to our residents and ratepayers.

Enjoy the conclusion of a much too short summer season.

Wishing all farmers a safe and successful harvest!

Fire Chief's Report

I would like to congratulate the following firefighters for attaining their Level 1 Firefighting certification.

Rosenort

Nathan Goossen

Zach Penner

Kyle Friesen

Riley Penner

Lowe Farm

Frank Harder

Nathan Waldner

Lindsay Thiessen

Sperling

Dawson Epp

Jared Tessier

Congratulation also goes out to Adam Drewniak from the Sperling hall for completing his Level 2 Firefighting course.

These guys put in a lot of extra hours of bookwork, hands on training and in-class time. Thanks for the extra effort this past year.

For your safety and the safety of our emergency workers, please stay well away from any emergency scene. The fire departments, when at an incident, are dealing with a lot of issues and when on lookers get too close, that takes resources away from dealing with the emergency. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Fall Fire Safety Tips

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

Lack of maintenance is the number one cause of dryer fires. That is why it is critical to clean the lint filter before and after each use, and wipe away any lint that has accumulated around the drum. Perform periodic checks to ensure that the air exhaust vent pipe is unobstructed (lint accumulation) and the outdoor vent flap opens readily. Do not run the dryer without a lint filter. You are encouraged to not leave the dryer running if you go out, in case it malfunctions.

Bernard Schellenberg
Fire Chief
RM of Morris Fire Department



Public Works Report

- **Drainage** – 2017 has been a dry year so far, but for various reasons our drainage program has fallen behind somewhat. Hopefully we can pick up the pace. The spreading of dirt piles will be starting soon.
- **Roads** – The gravel and dirt roads are holding up quite well with the first round of harvest.
- **Roadside Mowing** – Approximately 1/2 done first round of dirt and 2nd round of gravel roads.
- **Bridges** – Just a reminder to please slow down when crossing our wooden structures.
- **Various Projects** - Lowe Farm lagoon completed.
 - Lowe Farm industrial park gravel sheet completed; drainage to be done this fall.
 - Rosenort bike path currently paving a 2" overlay.
 - Asphalt street patching in Sperling, Rosenort and Lowe Farm is next on the list.
 - Start on Urban drain maintenance this fall.

Don Harder
Public Works Manager
204-746-7300

R.M. of Morris

Website

Please take the time to visit our website and check out our upcoming events. We want to include as many community events as possible, so please forward information to Jennifer Reimer at the R.M. of Morris office at 204-746-7300 or email her at jennifer@rmofmorris.ca



Water Works
Emergency Line:
204-746-7300

Animal Control
Officer: John
Doerksen
C: 204-746-0593

Reminders

Address Change: Please remember to advise the RM of Morris Office if you are moving so changes can be made to your water and tax accounts.

Outstanding Utilities: Water bills are sent out quarterly. Any accounts overdue 45 days will be transferred to your tax account.

Taxes: 2017 taxes are due on October 31st, 2017.

Tax Sale Auction: The 2015 Tax Sale Auction will be held November 6th 2017 at 3pm in the RM of Morris Council Chambers.

Building Permits: Any new buildings, renovations, relocation, removals, demolitions, etc., require a permit. Permits are done at the RM of Morris Office.

Closures

- The R.M. of Morris will be closed Monday September 4th for Labour Day.
- The bridge on Road 31N, ¼ mile west of PR 205 will be closed by Manitoba Infrastructure for deck repairs on September 11th for approximately a week. Thank you for your understanding.

Building Inspector Report

The fall of 2017 will be arriving shortly with colder weather in the horizon. We still have a number of projects in various stages of construction. Just a quick reminder of the following:

Sump pumps: Below grade moisture may be flowing for some time so make your pumps are in working condition. Check your discharge hose/valve so it will not freeze and cause buildup of moisture below the basement floor.

Eave Troughs: Clean your eaves troughs of debris so late fall and early spring rains can dissipate through the downspouts away from the foundation. Another option is to install debris protection screens on your eaves troughs. Also, check your grade levels to avoid excess moisture at the perimeter of the house.

Smoke/CO & Heat Detectors: Check all detectors (batteries); make sure they are in working order.

Doors & Windows: Check all weather stripping on windows and doors; dead bolts are mandatory on all exterior doors.

Furnace and HRV: Clean all filters; check all intake and outflow hoses.

Ed Penner
Building Inspector
204-324-4641

Recycling Pick-Up



Sperling-Riverside-Rosenort-Aubigny

Rosenort-Lowe Farm



Holiday.....Closed

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Compost Site (located at entrance of Rosenort Landfill)

- Grass clippings and small branches only
- Please empty bags onto pile
- Please put empty bags into barrels
- No other dumping allowed

Upcoming Council Meetings

- ❖ September 13/17 (public hearing)
- ❖ October 11/17
- ❖ November 8/17
- ❖ December 13/17

Please check out our Twitter, Facebook and Website in case of date change.

Visit our new Website and "like" us on Facebook to keep up with the latest at the Valley Regional Library.
<http://valley.mb.libraris.coop/>

ROSENORT FIRE SERVICES IS IN NEED OF A NEW FIRE HALL. PRESENTLY APPROXIMATELY 40% OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS ARE IN PLACE. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A ONE-TIME DONATION OR A MULTI-YEAR PLEDGE. A TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED ON PAYMENTS MADE TO THE R.M. OF MORRIS AND TAGGED 'ROSENORT FIRE HALL'. IF MAILING, PLEASE SEND TO R.M. OF MORRIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AT BOX 489, ROSENORT, MB, R0G 1W0.



Sign up to receive your Utility Bill by email and be entered for a chance to win a \$50 MasterCard. Call our office or email marley@rmofmorris.ca. Deadline Sept. 29th

Reduce your Speed

School is back in session!
 Please don't forget to reduce your speed in school zones:
 Lowe Farm - 30km/hr
 Rosenort - 50km/hr
 Morris - 30km/hr



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Landfill Hours and Price List

DAYS	Rosenort 204-746-0417	Lowe Farm 204-746-4337
Monday	9am - 4:30pm	CLOSED
Tuesday	9am - 4:30pm	1pm - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 4:30pm	CLOSED
Thursday	9am - 4:30pm	10am - 8pm
Friday	9am - 4:30pm	CLOSED
Saturday	9am - 4:30pm	9am - 3pm
FEES		
Scale per ton		\$30.00
1 Ton Truck		\$30.00
Fridge		\$30.00
Half Ton Truck		\$12.00
Trailer		\$12.00
1-5 Bags		\$6.00

Anyone bringing mixed shingles with other products to either landfill will be charged triple the normal tipping fee for such loads. Effective April 2017. Residents of the Municipality are asked to use the Landfill site closest to their residence.

Payment Options

- 1) Online Banking** – You may process your payments online if your bank is set up for such. Please be sure to choose the RM of Morris, not Town of Morris as a payee. Always allow 5 business days for your bank to process payments to ensure it is received by its deadline. We do not deal with TD Bank.
- 2) Pre-Authorized** – Forms are found in our office. Please bring a void cheque if signing up. Both utility and tax bills may be paid this way.
- 3) At Our Office** – We accept cash, cheque and debit. Cheque payments can also be sent in the mail.