



RM OF MORRIS NEWSLETTER

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Council Meetings

- March 13th, 2013
- April 9th, 2013
- May 8th, 2013
- June 12th, 2013

**After Hours
Public Works
Emergency Line:**

204-746-2412

GREETINGS FROM THE REEVE



The RM of Morris Public Works employees have been busy the past few weeks clearing snow from roads.

Machine problems and windy conditions have added to the challenge of keeping roads passable. We appreciate your understanding and occasional comment about the condition of the roads. The goal of our new Public Works Manager, Frank Schettler and his employees is to provide our residents and ratepayers with the very best possible service. Do not hesitate to remind us if you identify deficiencies in our work or if you identify problems that need to be addressed. Council would like to acknowledge the work of our employees and thank them for their efforts. The RM of Morris Council would like to thank Alvin Wiebe for his years of service as PW Manager, and wishes Frank Schettler success in his duties as PW Manager.

If you have any problems or concerns please let us know. Various methods of communicating your comments are available. Our new website: www.rmofmorris.com has both drainage and comment forms that can be filled in on line. This is easy and convenient. You can also phone the office and make comments but problems are best dealt with if we have written specific information. Our staff can respond more effectively if we have written information. You can also phone your Councillor or Reeve and we will be happy to pass along your concerns. We can never lose sight of the fact that we work on your behalf.

Servicing the needs of our urban centres has always been important to us. Improvements to serving our communities this year include the clearing of driveways after the snow-plows have cleared the snow and developing a more effective plan to maintain the appearance of our urban communities during the summer months. Our

staff is committed to maintaining an effective boulevard and ditch mowing plan for the summer of 2013. We intend to up our level of service to our rate payers. Council and PW staff believes this is an important initiative.

We have begun the process of updating our development and zoning plans. The Province of Manitoba requires these plans to be reviewed every 5 years.

Our budget process for 2013 will include discussions regarding funding of our three Fire Departments in Rosenort, Lowe Farm, and Sperling. We also provide financial support for the Morris Fire Department because of the service that they provide to our residents. We presently commit about 3% of our operating budget to fire protection. We are very fortunate in the RM of Morris to have 3 effective Fire Departments with 70 Volunteer Firefighters that provide this essential service to our residents. Thank you to all of our firefighters and first responders for your contribution to our communities.

The first flood update of the year will be available the middle of March. We are hopeful that we will be spared of any major water challenges this spring. Snow conditions in the US are very favourable at the moment. Mostly the discussion has revolved around drought concerns. We hope for no major problems this spring.

In conclusion, Council and Staff of the RM of Morris are committed to working effectively and efficiently on behalf of all of our residents.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

**Reeve Ralph Groening
RM of Morris**



CAO REPORT

Several items were addressed in my last newsletter article on which I would like to give you an update.

Firstly, the facelift to the Administration Office is more or less complete. We are just waiting on some final touches with the furnishings. Feel free to drop by and say 'hello' to the staff. Secondly, our new website has been launched and is providing information to the Public. The level of activity continues to increase. We would like to recognize Julie Snarr from our Administration Office for the many hours she has spent working on this site. Job well done! Julie is always looking for pictures or events that she can post on the site, so feel free to email her at julie@rmofmorris.ca or call her at 204-746-6006.

Thirdly, the bulk water standpipes at Lowe Farm, Rosenort and Sperling have all been upgraded with electronic bulk water card systems. Our Public Utilities Staff, and Kim Robert in our Administration Office, have spent numerous hours working the 'bugs' out of this system. Thank you!

With the installation of the electronic bulk water systems, we would like to remind you that if you use these bulk water standpipes and have not yet acquired a card for them you can contact Kim Robert at our Administration Office and she will be happy to set you up with one.

As a municipality we also recently appointed Frank Schettler as our Public Works Manager. He has been working in the capacity of Assistant Public Works Manager for the past couple of years and we look forward to working with him in his new role! We would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Alvin Wiebe, former Public Works Manager, for the time he spent in that role and wish him well.

Mr. Wiebe has taken on a role within our Public Works Department as a grader operator.

We have also conducted a review of our Administration Office positions and welcome Lorraine Lussier as a permanent 60% position that will be effective starting sometime in March 2013. Lorraine has been with us for the past year, filling in for Marley Wiebe, who is on Maternity Leave, and will be returning to us in an 80% capacity in March. Thanks Lorraine for all the work done this past year and we look forward to working with you in your role as the transitions take place!

Finally, as residents in the area know well, every Spring season can be filled with uncertainty. We will be attending various meetings held by Provincial Officials regarding Spring thaws and will try our best to keep you informed. Stay tuned to our website at www.rmofmorris.com for up to date information as we receive it.

**Larry Driedger
Chief Administrative Officer**



BUILDING PERMITS: Any new buildings, removals or demolishing of buildings require a permit.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Reminder to all homeowners and landlords to please remember to contact the R.M. office with any change of information, including change of address, final water meter readings, and change of tenants in rental properties. Landlords are financially responsible for any outstanding bills on their property.

Up Coming Events 2013

February 21, 22 & 23
- Morris School "Grease"
Production

March 7 to April 4
- Tyson Method Session
Aubigny Hall,
204-882-2799 to sign-up

July 18 - 21,
- Manitoba Stampede
www.manitobastampede.ca

August 23-25
- Rosenort Summer Festival
www.rosenortfestival.com

September 14
Morris MCC Auction
Relief Sale
For more information on
upcoming events, please check
out our Website or Facebook
for further details.

-PLEASE REMEMBER TO
ADVISE THE R.M. OFFICE
IF YOU ARE MOVING.
CHANGES TO YOUR
ADDRESS & CHANGE OF
RENTER AT 746-7301, SO
WATER BILLS/TAXES
CAN BE ADJUSTED.



- PLEASE REMEMBER TO
CALL IN YOUR LAST
WATER METER READING
WHEN YOU ARE MOVING

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT



Drainage program

We will be continuing this spring with approx. 20 to 25 miles of ditches to clean-out. Notice has been sent and is on our website.

Road closed signs – In the event of high water and construction, these signs are in place for a reason. Please respect them. Also be aware of the spring weight restriction on our roads. Over weight vehicles put a huge strain on them. I would like to thank the rate payers for using caution and common sense in the past years.

Dust Control – The R.M. of Morris will once again offer dust control treatment. The cost is \$ 200.00, for 152.5 meters or 500 feet for a single pass. All interested parties are asked to please contact the office at 204-746-2642 prior to May 15, 2013 to register.

Spring Clean-up – For the urban centers in the R.M of Morris, a spring clean-up campaign will again be taking place. Persons are asked to place unwanted articles at their driveway entrance for pick-up. This **does not** include regular household garbage. The schedule is as follows.

Rosenort, Aubigny, Riverside. May 21 & 22, 2013
Low Farm May 23, 2013
Sperling May 24, 2013

We ask that you have your unwanted items out in the morning. Pick-up will not be done after these dates. For rural residents the disposal of unwanted articles may be done at one of our disposal sites during their regular business hours. There will be no charge for the coinciding dates at the Landfill. **Please remember fridges will only be removed if they are marked Freon Free.**

The R.M of Morris is looking to hire summer students again with our Green Team program. A possible **four** positions may be open. If you like working outdoors and you are a high school or post-secondary student, get your resumes ready. A driver's license is a great asset for these positions.

Thank-you and I hope to see you around the Municipality.

Frank Schettler
Public Works Manager
R.M of Morris

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The Manitoba Stampede and Exhibition
Box 849
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MB Good Roads 2012 Winners

We would like to congratulate the following Winners:

- **Leroy & Lois Friesen** for winning the Leclaire Shield Best Urban Home Grounds-Population under 1,000.
- **Lonnie & Patricia Friesen** for winning the Fort La Reine Museum Shield for Best Farm Home Grounds-District 2.
- **LUD of Rosenort** for winning Urban Beautification Competition .

RM of Morris Office Notes

Animal Control: For people that have more than 2 dogs, and plan on selling them, a onetime fee of \$150.00 for a Conditional Use (*Kenel Fee*) is necessary. Please keep your dogs in your yard.

Civic Addressing: Please check your civic address to match the phone book.

Special Certificates: We offer Free Special Certificates for Anniversaries 50 years and up, 90th Birthdays and Centennial Farms. If you, or anyone you know is celebrating one of these occasions, please call our office.

ONLINE BANKING

If you process your payments online, please make sure you choose the correct name. If you see Town of Morris under your selected payees, please **DO NOT USE** that name. Your payment will go to the Town, and will cause your payment to be late with the RM of Morris and penalties will be added.

Please Note: We do not deal with TD Bank for online payments.



LANDFILL HOURS

DAYS	Rosenort	Low Farm
Monday	9am - 5pm	CLOSED
Tuesday	9am - 5pm	1pm -5pm
Wednesday	9am - 8pm	CLOSED
Thursday	9am - 5pm	10am-8pm
Friday	9am - 5pm	CLOSED
Saturday	9am - 5pm	9am-3pm

Rosenort 746-0417 – Low Farm 746-4337

FEES	
Scale per ton	\$25.00
1 Ton Truck	\$25.00
Half Ton Truck	\$10.00
Car with Trailer	\$10.00
1-5 Bags	\$5.00

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