

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members present were: Ralph Groening, Lionel Wiens, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese, Leo Kornelsen.

Delegation

Mr. Don Harder met with Council. He mentioned to Council that there were bridges on the Boundary Drain that need to be replaced. These would be cost shared between the R. M. of Montcalm, the R. M. of Rhineland and the R. M. of Morris. The bridge on the NW of Section 32-3-1 EPM is to be removed in 2003 and replaced with culverts. The bridge on the NW of Section 33-3-1 EPM is to be removed in 2004 and replaced with culverts. There is also a bridge on the North of Section 33-3-1 EPM that is to be removed in 2004 and not replaced with anything.

There was additional gravelling to be done on the Rosenort dyke roads. It was indicated that he check the property of Mr. Ron Phillips in Aubigny to see if we would be able to help level the property that was damaged by the equipment of the dyke contractor.

There was also some discussion on the system of record keeping for work done and culverts placed and sold.

St. Pierre  
Vet. Dist.  
Payment

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#163/03. Whereas a delegation from the R. M. of Ritchot, R. M. of Morris and the R. M. of Montcalm did meet with the St. Pierre Veterinary Services Board on June 18, 2003;

And Whereas there was no satisfactory arrangement made to resolve the previous years fees assessed to the 3 municipalities;

And Whereas the R. M. of Morris followed the proper procedure in 1998 to withdraw from the St. Pierre Veterinary Services District but the Province of Manitoba has failed to complete their process to have the R. M. of Morris withdrawn from the Board;

And Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Morris will be receiving a letter from the Provincial Veterinary Services Commission stating that the R. M. of Morris will be officially withdrawn from the St. Pierre Veterinary Services District effective

December 31, 2002;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council authorizes the expenditure of \$5,071.78 to the St. Pierre Veterinary Services District on the condition that the Municipality receives a letter from the Provincial Veterinary Services Commission indicating the R. M. of Morris's withdrawal effective December 31, 2002;

And Further Be It Resolved that Council has the authority without providing a notice of motion to change any condition included in this resolution in the event that circumstances warrant it.

Carried. For 5  
Against 0

Councillor Lionel Wiens excused himself from the meeting for the issue of the subdivision of his property, due to a conflict of interest.

Subdivision  
L. Wiens  
NW 18-4-1W

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:  
#164/03. Whereas Lionel Wiens, Lorraine Wiens and Trevor Wiens have made application for a subdivision in the NW ¼ of Section 18-4-1 WPM;

And Whereas this subdivision proposes to create a yard site of approximately 10 acres;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris does now approve this subdivision subject to the following conditions:

1. That the owner be responsible for any additional accesses required because of this subdivision.
2. That a variation order be obtained for the 10 acre yard.

Carried. For 5  
Against 0

Councillor Lionel Wiens then returned to the meeting.

Urban  
Centres

Council then held a general discussion on the services being provided to our urban centers and whether the Municipality was doing enough or too much and what should be fair and equitable degree of service.

Deerwood  
Tour

It was then mentioned that the Deerwood Conservation District is holding tour on July 31, 2003 with the tour starting a 8:00 a.m. and leaving from the Municipal Office in Morris.

Sperling  
Arena

Councillor Barry Fraese mentioned that the Sperling Arena was proceeding with the placement of a concrete floor for the ice skating area in the Sperling Arena at a cost of approximately \$42,000.00. There was some discussion of the sewer and water connection to the Sperling Arena and it was the general view of Council that the Arena Board wanted the service and should pay for the service.

Weed  
Control  
2004

On the matter of our weed control in 2004, it was mentioned that we would be advertising in the early fall for the position in 2004. It was felt that this position would be to conduct the needed spraying of Municipal road allowances and ditches, GPS information and entering it into the computer programs, there may be other duties yet to be determined, and also that the position may not be a year round position.

Lowe Farm  
Fire Dept.  
pump needed

Councillor Leo Kornelsen brought to Council's attention that the auxiliary pump for the Lowe Farm Fire Department has ceased operating. This pump may have been damaged during the hog barn fire at Tobacco Creek Farms and a claim for this would be investigated. A replacement high pressure 3" pump would cost \$4,000.00 to \$5,300.00. However, a 3" Honda pump would cost approximately \$800.00 and there was expression as to whether this pump would be sufficient to serve the needs of the fire department. It was felt that possibly a pump could be borrowed from another fire department for a period of time until a replacement pump can be obtained.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Municipal  
Signs

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Denis Robert:  
#165/03. Resolved that we purchase 4 signs of the "R. M. of Morris" for placement along designated roads at a cost of approximately \$314.00 per sign.

Carried. For 5  
Against 0

Rural  
Water  
Charges &  
Fees

Council discussed our current charges and fees for connecting to the rural water system. Currently, there is an additional charge of \$1,500.00 when that household requests water after they refused the initial offer at the installation of the line. Council felt that this policy should be reviewed as there are different views as to when or who should be charged this additional connection fee.

The Municipality is still experiencing water losses on the rural water line system and there has been no explanation as to the cause. There will be a need of further investigation into these water losses.

Moved by Councillor Barry Fraese:  
That this special meeting be now adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

  
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Reeve

  
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Municipal Administrator