

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.
Council Members present: Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Sieg Neumann, Denis Robert, Lionel Wiens.

At the start of the meeting, all members of Council took the necessary Oath of Office and the Declaration of Qualification.

Agenda

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#235/03. Resolved that the agenda for the November 12, 2003 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Reeve Martens showed Council an appreciation certificate from the Big M Stampede that had been presented to the R. M. of Morris.

Minutes

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#236/03. Resolved that the minutes of the October 8, 2003 regular meeting and the October 23, 2003 special meeting be now approved by Council.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Committee
Appointments

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#237/03. Resolved that the Committee appointments for the period until the 2004 Organization Meeting in November, 2004 be now made as follows:

Committee	Chairman	Member
Deputy-Reeve		Ralph Groening
Roads Committee	Barry Fraese	Lionel Wiens Sieg Neumann
Water & Soil Management	Ralph Groening	Leo Kornelsen Denis Robert
Finance Committee	Sieg Neumann	Ralph Groening
Equipment Committee	Denis Robert	Leo Kornelsen
Protection Committee	Leo Kornelsen	Lionel Wiens Barry Fraese
Employee Relations	Lionel Wiens	Ralph Groening Leo Kornelsen
Building Maintenance	Denis Robert	Sieg Neumann
Welfare Committee		Herm Martens Ralph Groening
Livestock Committee	Sieg Neumann	Leo Kornelsen Ralph Groening
Water Works Committee	Ralph Groening	Leo Kornelsen Barry Fraese
Private Dyke Committee	Leo Kornelsen	Denis Robert

Carried For 6
Against 0

Organizational
Appointments

Mover by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#199/02. Resolved that the following members be appointed to the following various organizations for the period until the 2004 Organization Meeting:

Organization	Representative
MEMO Control Committee	Herm Martens
Rosenort C.C.D.	Ralph Groening
Lowe Farm/Kane C.C.D.	Leo Kornelsen
Joint Morris C.C.D.	Ralph Groening
	Denis Robert
	Sieg Neumann
	Byron Edel
Sperling C.C.D.	Barry Fraese
	Bill Tjaden
Aubigny C.C.D.	Denis Robert
Pembina Valley Dev. Co-Op	Herm Martens
	Ralph Groening
	Alternate
Pembina Valley Water Co-Op	Herm Martens
	Ralph Groening
	Alternate
Lower Red River Valley Water Comm.	Herm Martens
	Ralph Groening
	Alternate
Morris Manor Governing Board	Barry Fraese
Red River Basin Board	Herm Martens
	Ralph Groening
	Alternate
Triple "R" Dev. Corp.	Herm Martens
	Alternate
Landfill Committee	Chairman
	Lionel Wiens
	Denis Robert
	Lionel Wiens
	Leo Kornelsen
Valley Regional Library Board	Ralph Groening
Valley Agricultural Society	Ralph Groening
Red River Valley Health Foundation	Barry Fraese
Morris Area Recreation Committee	Ralph Groening
Red River Coalition	Herm Martens
Community Dyke Committee – Aubigny	Denis Robert
	- Riverside
	Leo Kornelsen
	- Rosenort
	Barry Fraese
LUD of Rosenort	Ralph Groening
North West Water Management Assoc.	Ralph Groening
	Alternate
	Herm Martens
Joint Ventures Initiatives	Sieg Neumann
	Herm Martens
	Ralph Groening
Morris New Arena Board	Sieg Neumann
Building Inspector Committee	Herm Martens
	Ralph Groening
Morris Montcalm Weed Dist.	Denis Robert
	Leo Kornelsen

And That the Reeve is to be ex-officio representative on all Committees.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Signing
Authority

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#239/03. Resolved that the Reeve and the Chief Administrative Officer shall be signing authority for the Rural Municipality of Morris and that Ralph Groening, Deputy-Reeve shall also have signing authority in the absence of the Reeve and also that Ernie Buhler have signing authority in the absence of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Board of
Revision

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#240/03. Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris be hereby now appointed as the Board of Revision for the R. M. Of Morris with Reeve Herm Martens as Chairman and Grant Macaulay appointed as recording Secretary.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

At the start of the Board of Revision, Mr. Jim Hunt of the Municipal Assessment Branch was sworn in. Mr. John Kostal was also sworn in prior to his presentation to the Board.

Delegation
J. Kostal

Appeal 3

Mr. John Kostal representing Oakview Acres spoke to the Board. He stated that for the appeal on the SE of Section 13-6-2E, the matter has been explained by the assessor and he is satisfied with the explanation. For River Lot 468, there is 135.97 acres and 97 acres are Red River Clay assessed at \$699.00 per acre and 39 acres are Riverdale Silt assessed at \$1,227.00 per acre. Riverdale silt is slightly better soil and possibly produces slightly better, however, it is on the lower levels. Because of this, they have not farmed this land at least 4 times since 1979. The flooding of the land causes ridges in the field making it difficult to farm, debris to clean up and new weeds onto the field. He does not feel that this land is better than the Red River Clay.

He also spoke on the impact of Riverdale Silt on his home property of River Lot 470. This soil creates a high assessment on his yard site at \$1,444.00 per acre. The dyke is assessed at \$1,227.00 per acre and is actually Red River Clay. The land taken for the dyke is no longer in production and should be reduced.

Mr. Jim Hunt spoke that each soil type is indexed and is discounted for problems. Every yard site is assessed 5 acres of the best soil type for the property with 1 acre being with the residence and the other 4 acres are class 30. The land for the yard site has no discount points on the land value. He indicated that he was recommending a reduction is the Riverdale Silt assessment to be at \$699.00 per acre, the same value as the Red River Clay. This would reduce the class 30 assessment to \$92,600.00.

Mr. Hunt stated that his office would revisit all of the Riverdale Silt in the Municipality and would provide a reduction recommendation next fall for Councils consideration.

Appeal 1&2

Appeal 1 and 2

Mr. Hunt stated that the assessment on the building could be reduced. For Roll No. 103600 recommended buildings to \$3,000.00 and for Roll No. 107100 he recommended the buildings to \$2,200.00. On Roll 103600 there is a garage, shop and 3 bins and on Roll No. 107100 there is a quonset structure.

The Board indicated that old buildings still need an incentive to maintain them or to remove them. Abandoned buildings should be removed.

Appeal 3

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Mr. Hunt indicated that the property is currently class 60. There is an agreement for sale of the elevator to a farming business and is to be used for farm storage. The change in use of the building does not change the assessment, but because the elevator is now used for farm purposes, he recommended that the class be changed to class 30. There were bins which have been removed from the property and because of this he recommended that the building assessment be reduced to \$67,100.00.

Appeal 6

Appeal 6

For this property of Justina Siemens, Mr. Hunt indicated that he is recommending that the property be reclassified to agricultural and a portion of the property is grass land. The property is class 10 assessed at \$9,100.00 and he recommends that it be assessed at \$5,700.00 at class 30.

Appeal 7

Appeal 7

This property is owned by Rudolf Weiss and the house has been removed from the property. All the buildings has been removed except for a shop. He recommended that the class 10 be removed and class 30 be reassessed to \$102,000.00.

The Board indicated that there is still a basement on the site and with that the yard site should be cleaned up. It was also noted that no building permit had been taken out for the removed of the buildings.

Board of
Revision
Decisions

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:

#241/03. Resolved that the Board of Revision of the R. M. of Morris now adopts the appeal decisions made as indicated in Appendix "A" to these minutes.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Adjourn as
Board of
Revision

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#242/03. Resolved that the Board of Revision of the R. M. of Morris be now adjourned and resume as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

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

Foreman
Report

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, then met with Council. He indicated that 55.5 miles of drainage work has been done this year. There would be approximately 7 miles of spreading left to be done that will have to wait until next year.

He asked about the Lowe Farm paving project and whether it was proceeding.

Rural water, the Aubigny line is finished and the McTavish project has the main line done and the Pleasant valley project has started and Lowe Farm is underway as well. LET Construction has been given the contract for the line additions at Lowe Farm and McTavish.

The 2002 water project with Crown Utilities has now been signed off on. Our employee has completed the visitation to all water customers and placed a seal on the meter.

The Rotary ditcher has completed 68 hours of private work having an income of \$11,900.00 with the tractor rental cost being \$6,920.00. The roadside mowing is now completed and the mowing with the hydraulic arm, cutting cat tails will be completed by November 21, 2003.

For the drainage work along the west of Section 11-6-1 EPM, Manitoba Hydro must relocate their line and the shared cost for this is \$6,716.89 each.

Along the 4N Drain, cleanout work has been started on the outside drain with a contractor hired by Water Resources.

He then indicated to council the lay-off dates for many of our employees.

Accounts

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#243/03. Resolved that we authorize the payment of the accounts for November 12, 2003 in the amount of \$2,542,063.46.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Variation
9/2003

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#244/03. Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris become the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris to consider application No. 9/2003.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

A public hearing was held at 2:10 p.m. for Variation Application No. 9/2003. There was no one present for the hearing.

The Board did express the desire to have more information on the placement of this building on the property. We would therefore be requesting the owner to provide a site diagram for the project.

Adjourn as
Variation
Board

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#245/03. Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now adjourn and resume as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Delegation

Mr. Gary Plohman and Allan Reimer of Elite Swine and Sean McMann of McMann Landscaping met with Council to discuss issues pertaining to the hog barn on the NW of Section 36-4-1 WPM. An area for tree planting has been cultivated and Council was shown an areas for tree planting with it being a row of poplar and two rows of willows. ESI is managing the hog production in the barns and they may be to revisit the responsibilities outside the barn. The trees are actually part of the construction project.

Mr. McMann indicated that he would be planting the trees in May, 2004 and that he would be responsible for them for one year. He indicated that within 2-3 years, these trees could be 15 feet high.

The responsibility for the lagoon cover has yet to be determined and it was asked that further correspondence be sent to Elite Swine as well as Mr. Weiss.

Councillor Neumann ask about the old lagoon and the old barns and whether they are being used. Mr. Plohman stated that he did not know but that he would try to find out.

Councillor Groening asked about straw cover for the lagoon and also tarp cover and was advised to contact Jeff Senebald of Elite Swine.

It was also mentioned that there was a subdivision now taking place for additional land to the south and that a row of trees could be planted outside the dyke on the south side to have better coverage on that side.

Delegation

Mr. Dulaney Blatz then met with Council to discuss the Conditional Use Permit for his hog operation on the SW of Section 16-5-2W. He asked about the road upgrade costs and was informed that it was estimated that the initial cost would be \$3,600.00 and that he would be responsible for the gravel above the normal application for the next two years. For the performance bond, he asked if that was on total construction or what number is used to calculate it. He was informed that this number is calculated on the amount on the building permit which is the amount to construct the structure.

He asked about manure disposal and he has some pasture land in hay production and wants to put manure on that land. The Conditional Use states that it must be by direct injection and released underground. He wants to use the airway system on putting manure on to the hay field. He has about 200 acres of hay/pasture land that he wants to put manure on. Grass lands can take a higher amount of nitrogen.

He also stated that he has plans to have a 90 head cow/calf herd with them pastured from May to October and then wintered in the yard. He currently has 40 cattle.

He also asked about his application fee as he has been charged by Elite Swine for the first application, that was rejected, and is also charged for the second application as well. He asked if there was some adjustment available for this situation.

Low Farm Lagoon

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#246/03. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has made application under the infrastructure program for the expansion of the Lowe Farm sewage lagoon;

Therefore Be It resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris supports the project of the expansion of the Lowe Farm sewage lagoon.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Highways Water Line Crossings

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#247/03. Whereas the Department of Highways has presented a proposed agreement no. WL2-00157-03 to allow for the installation of water lines across and adjacent to PR 205 and PR 330;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris accepts this agreement and authorizes the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign this agreement.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Rural Water

Council then held a discussion on the rural water projects. There was some question on the billing from Siemens Plumbing and Heating as it is higher than the quotation.

Councillor Groening indicated that there is approximately 150 miles of water lines left to do. If the Municipality were to consider the installation of these lines, and we were to purchase our own trenching machine, we could use existing manpower to operate this water line machinery for a period of 3 months to install water lines. A 2" line would cost \$12,200.00 per mile and a 4" line would cost \$16,000.00 per mile.

It was felt that we need more information on the cost of having a fusing machine and we should get information on pushing equipment. If the Municipality were to proceed with installing their own water lines, there would need to be more information on Federal and Provincial funding. We would also use our current employees in this installation work.

By-law
1569/03

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#248/03. Resolved that By-law No. 1569/03, being a by-law for the issuance of a debenture of \$104,000.00 for rural water connections, be now given 1st reading in Council as a whole.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

By-law
1570/03

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#249/03. Resolved that By-law No. 1570/03, being a by-law for the issuance of a debenture of \$298,175.00 for the Sperling water and sewer project, be now given 1st reading in Council as a whole.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Barry Fraese:

Resolved that the meeting be now adjourned at 4:40 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on Monday, November 17, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the R.M. of Morris Council Chambers to continue the remainder of the agenda of the November 12, 2003 regular meeting.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator