

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Councillors present were: Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Lionel Wiens and Sieg Neumann was present for the morning session only.

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#259/03. Resolved that the agenda for the December 10, 2003 regular meeting now be approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#260/03. Resolved that the minutes of the November 12, 2003 regular meeting and the November 17, 2003 special meeting are now approved by Council.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Councillor Groening reported on what needed to be done to make a Conservation District work. The area municipalities would have to determine what they wanted from a district. The cost sharing should be 1/3 Municipal and 2/3 Provincial. There was some discussion about the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and problems in the North Red River Basin including sewage in waterways and new license requirements for plumbers and tank operations.

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#261/03. Resolved that we now go in camera to meet with the Municipal auditors.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#262/03. Resolved that Council now adjourn being in Camera

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Five representatives from the City of Winnipeg, Wingro Program, attended the meeting to discuss their proposed spreading program on farmland in the R.M. of MacDonald. All products are stabilized at the North End Treatment Plant and this leaves about 50,000 tonnes to be spread on land. There is only a one-time application allowed per field. They can apply 25 tonnes per acre and use one section of land per year. Their contractor spreads year round and has a tractor and cultivator to incorporate the product. They use a terrogator to do the spreading. These Red River Clay soils have a high pH and are good for binding the product. Their license has set backs from boundaries and the farmer must plant a crop the next year. The city is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of all roads. The nitrogen is released over a long period of time and the phosphorous content is high. The farmers are not paid any money for this service.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Bob Omeniuk from Westman Culvert attended the meeting at 1:30 p.m. He advised that his previous quote was 35% off the February 2003 price list. The February 2004 price list will have an increase of 3 to 7%. Mr. Omeniuk is prepared to hold the existing price for 2004 if Council confirms by the end of the next week.

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#263/03 Whereas the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs has approved a grant to the R.M. of Morris for the new Development Plan and Zoning by-law that the Municipality is currently doing;
And Whereas this grant is for the amount of \$10,000.00;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R.M. of Morris now accepts this offer and that the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the necessary document.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:

#264/03. Resolved that the Council of the R.M. of Morris now becomes the Variation Board to consider Application No. 9/2003.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#265/03. Where as Mr. Elmer Friesen has made application for a variance under Variation Application No. 9/2003 for Lot 1, Plan 27281 in Rosenort, Manitoba;
And Whereas this application for variance from 15 feet to 25 feet for building height to allow for the construction of a shed on this property;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the R.M. of Morris does now approve this Variation Application No. 9/2003, subject to the condition that the placement of the building being as indicated in his drawing of November 17, 2003.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#266/02. That the Variation Board now adjourns and resumes as Council.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman, attended the meeting at 2:30 p.m. He suggested that Council should get a comparison culvert price from Armtec. All rural water meters now have seals, and reading the meters has not accounted for the water shortage. The PVWC meters should be recalibrated. The graders leveled dirt until the end of November. The R.M. completed 59 ½ miles of drainage and stopped work on December 2, 2003. Eight miles of dirt spreading is still to be done. There are 14 water connections still to be done for 2003. The McTavish extension has been done, and the Lowe Farm extension will be done in 2004. A directional-boring machine would cost about \$175,000.00 new and \$120,000.00 for a 2002 model. Training is available for boring and fusing

machine operation, and a fusing machine costs \$1400.00 per month to rent or \$7500.00 to purchase. Council wants to proceed with the purchase of a machine and do some of the smaller lines.

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#267/03 Resolved that we go into Camera to discuss issues of employees' salaries.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#268/03 Resolved that we now adjourn being in Camera.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#269/03 Resolved that we authorize the payment of the accounts for December 10, 2003 in the amount of \$507,142.00.

Carried. For 4
Against 0

Moved by Barry Fraese:
That the meeting now be adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator