

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday February 7th, 2007 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert, Siemens and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair.

013/07 Leo Kornelsen – Lionel Wiens

Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.

Carried

014/07 Ralph Groening - Denis Robert

Resolved that the minutes of the January 10th, 2007 council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

015/07 Sieg Neumann – Stan Siemens

Resolved that the minutes of the January 11th, 2007 council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

016/07 Sieg Neumann – Ralph Groening

Resolved that the Council of the R.M. of Morris approves the following interim budget:

Government Services	\$200,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 50,000.00
Transportation Services	\$400,000.00
Environmental Health	\$ 50,000.00
Public Health & Welfare	\$ 10,000.00
Environmental Development	\$ 10,000.00
Economic Development	\$130,000.00
Recreation	\$ 50,000.00
Fiscal Services	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
	\$950,000.00

Carried

017/07 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

Resolved that the minutes of the February 2nd, 2007 be adopted as presented

Carried

Council held a hearing at 9:00 a.m. regarding By-Law number 1610 to rezone property in the Rosenort Industrial Park. No persons attended to be heard.

018/07 Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that By Law Number 1610-06 be read a second and third time to rezone property in the Rosenort Industrial Park to Industrial.

In favor: Reeve Herm Martens and Councillors Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Sieg Neumann, Denis Robert, Stan Siemens, Lionel Wiens

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Carried

019/07 Denis Robert – Lionel Wiens

Resolved of the R.M. of Morris to give first reading to bylaw number 1599/05.

Carried

020/07 Stan Siemens – Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the accounts from check number 20070001 to 0092 in the amount of \$205,114.51 be approved.

Carried

Council held a hearing at 9:30 a.m. regarding a conditional use and variation order. No persons attended to be heard.

021/07 Leo Kornelsen – Denis Robert

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve conditional use number 1/2007 to allow the minimum yard site to be reduced from 5 acres to 1.9 acres and to allow a grain storage facility in an “AR” zone on lot 17, SP Plan 1691 SW 6-5-2W, with the following conditions:

1. That only centrifugal fan be used for drying.
2. That two rows of trees be planted on the west side of this property.
3. That the fans intake not be directed westerly.

Carried

Mr. Bill Gidzak from the Red River Valley School Division attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gidzak is the technology director for the school division and came to speak to council about electronic agenda packages. He advised that in the school division the concern had been about paper and the amount of garbage generated. Secondary concern was that the information could be as much as a week getting out to the trustees. The school division had an 80 page board package. The school division had decided to buy Board members inexpensive laptops for between \$600.00 to \$700.00. These laptops were equipped with Word processing and Internet access, as well CD burners. Mr. Gidzak advise that the R.M. should stay with XP Pro rather than moving to the new Vista program. Mr. Gidzak also advised that the R.M. of Morris will have email addresses available through the office. The total cost for the school division for laptops was \$700.00 each which would result in a bill for \$4,900. He suggested that the R.M would need wireless hook up which would probably be an additional \$700.00. He advised that all laptop computers are set to accommodate wireless internet connection. They purchased their laptops from Power Land and a 15.4 inch screen is adequate.

Mr. Glenn Ritchie and Steve Hancock from Manitoba Conservation attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Ritchie outlined options for Sperling landfill. The R.M. of Morris can either expand this landfill, or close it either voluntarily or involuntarily in June 2008. Mr. Ritchie is concerned that closing the landfill could result in garbage being left in the ditches, and therefore he would recommend that the R.M. of Morris set up a transfer station. With a transfer station, the R.M. could still collect tires, concrete and other inert materials at this site. A transfer station does not need to be manned. Once the landfill is closed the R.M. has to install one half meter of clay and slope and landscape it. The procedure for closure is set out schedule D of the regulations. The R.M. of Morris would have to send out a closure letter to the Province with a plan. Mr. Ritchie also advised that demolition waste dumped other than a landfill can result in a clean up order. He recommended that the R.M. of Morris should attach copies of the demolition guidelines to all demolition or construction permits. All demolition or construction waste must be properly disposed of at a registered landfill site. Mr. Ritchie also advised that homeowners are not allowed to install onsite waste management systems. This had happened in the R.M. of Morris, and Manitoba Conservation is forcing the homeowner to remove the existing system, have soil testing performed, and then install a new system from a registered supplier. Mr. Ritchie suggested that the R.M. of Morris Building Inspector should advise everyone applying for a permit that a separate permit is required for waste management. Mr. Ritchie also briefly discussed classes of industrial development. Presently the R.M. of Morris does not have any development that requires environment license.

Mr. Michel Radcliff from Duboff Edwards Haight & Shactor attended the meeting at 11:30 a.m. He presented council with a proposal for a subdivision on river lot 488 to 494. After Mr. Radcliff left the meeting council instructed the CAO to write a letter advising that the R.M. of Morris has no concerns at this time and will wait for the report from the Municipal Planning Branch.

Mr. Kelly Barkman together with Marnie Erb, Tracy Holnes, and Elma Mitchell from the Red River Valley School Division attended the meeting at 1:00 p.m. They advised that the school division as part of their strategic planning, is working to increase their public relations. They advised that there have been many changes in the school system over the last 100 years. They are reevaluating the purpose of the school system, because only one third of students attend University. Eleven percent of students attend a Community College. The school division will be presenting the R.M. of Morris with their financial request by March 15th, 2007. Last year they received 75 comments from the public regarding the budget and this year they have only received 34 replies.

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and presented council with the Public Works Foreman's report. Don Harder requested and received permission to take two public works employees to the trade show.

The CAO was asked to contact the Manitoba Water Services Board for as built drawings, and to check in to a certain invoice to make sure that the services were received.

022/07 Lionel Wiens – Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the January school payments totalling \$279,326.57.

Carried

023/07 Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve accounts from check number 2007093 to 20070140 totalling \$334,095.91, less school payments of \$279,326.57 already approved.

Carried

024/07 Lionel Wiens – Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris make the following appointments to the respective committees:

2007 Appointments

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Member</u>
Deputy- Reeve		Ralph Groening
Finance	Sieg Neumann	Ralph Groening
Roads	Stan Siemens	Ralph Groening Lionel Wiens
Water & Soil Management	Leo Kornelsen	Sieg Neumann Denis Robert
Equipment & Building	Denis Robert	Sieg Neumann Stan Siemens
Protection	Leo Kornelsen	Lionel Wiens Stan Siemens
Personnel	Lionel Wiens	Ralph Groening Sieg Neumann
Utilities	Ralph Groening	Leo Kornelsen
Weed, Waste & Pest Control	Denis Robert	Leo Kornelsen
Economic Development	Ralph Groening	Leo Kornelsen Stan Siemens

Carried

025/07 Leo Kornelsen – Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris make the following appointments to the respective committees:

2007 Appointments

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Memo Control Committee	Reeve Martens Ralph Groening
Rosenort C.C.D.	Leo Kornelsen
Low Farm/Kane C.C.D.	Lionel Wiens
Morris C.C.D.	Sieg Neumann
Sperling C.C.D.	Ralph Groening
Aubigny C.C.D	Denis Robert
PVDC	Ralph Groening Sieg Neumann
PVWC	Reeve Martens Ralph Groening
Lower RRV Water Comm.	Reeve Martens Ralph Groening
Morris Manor Governing Board	Stan Siemens
Red River Basin Commission	Reeve Martens Ralph Groening
Triple R. Development Corp.	Reeve Martens

	Alternate	Sieg Neumann Ralph Groening Denis Robert Ralph Groening Stan Siemens Ralph Groening Ralph Groening
Valley Regional Library Board Valley Agricultural Society RRV Health Foundation Morris Area Rec Commission LUD of Rosenort North West Water		
	Alternate	Reeve Martens Reeve Martens Ralph Groening Stan Siemens Reeve Martens Ralph Groening Stan Siemens
Building Inspection Committee Pembina Valley Tourism Rosemor Development Corp. Morris District Handi Transit		
		Carried

026/07 Sieg Neumann – Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris charge fifteen cents per copy to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts for the 8,500 photo copies with the balance of \$1,207 to be paid in cash.

Carried

The CAO was asked to prepare a final debenture bylaw for 2007 to cover all rate payers that have subsequently decided to be hooked to rural water.

027/07 Leo Kornelsen – Stan Siemens
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the reduction in values for fire trucks recommended by the Protection Committee as attached.

Carried

Council decided that all persons that have rural water installed into their homes will be charged for a minimum bill effective April 1st, 2007.

The CAO was instructed to obtain a total of 9 laptop computers, plus the wire hook up and the plug-ins for the electrical.

The following correspondence was received:

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
6A) Bruce D. Gregory	Road Plan 617	See Resolution
6B) Tax payer	Water Hook up	See Minutes
6C) Intergov	Proposed Subdivision	Noted & Filed
6D) Friesens	Postage Meter	See to Check
6E) J.R. Cousins	Fees for Engineering	Noted & Filed
6F) Genivar	Sperling WDG Expansion	Noted & Filed
6G) Valley Regional Library	Funding	Noted & Filed
6H) Municipal GIS	Seminar	Noted & Filed
6I) MB Infrastructure	Request for Grant	Noted & Filed
6J) RCMP	Summer youth employment program	Noted & Filed
6K) Tax Payer	Floor Plan	Noted & Filed

028/07 Lionel Wiens – Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the closing of road plan 617.

Carried

029/07 Leo Kornelsen – Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve application for subdivision 4152-06-5038. Gilbert Allaire on the condition that a variation is obtained for the 25 acre site.

Carried

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
8A) Town of Morris	Building Inspector	Noted & Filed
8B) Environment	Waste Disposal Requirement	Noted & Filed
8C) Evelyn Holley	Zoning By law 1610-06	Noted & Filed
8D) AMM	Seminar	Noted & Filed
8E) Intergov. Affairs	Municipal Officials Directory	Sec to Order
8F) MASS	Budget Request	Noted & Filed
8G) MB Infrastructure	Financial Assistance	Noted & Filed
8H) PVWC	Annual Meeting	Noted & Filed
8I) AMM	Meetings	Noted & Filed
8J) Hudson Bay Route Ass.	Barley Plebiscite	Noted & Filed
8K) Conservation	Notice of Public Consultation	Noted & Filed
8L) MSTW Planning District	Planning Conference 2007	Noted & Filed
8M)MB Hog Industry	Review	Noted & Filed
8N)Intergov. Affairs	Spring Flood 2006	Noted & Filed
8O)MB Agriculture	Financial Support	Noted & Filed
8P)Minister Water Stewardship	Acknowledgement of Letter	Noted & Filed
8Q)MB Good Roads Ass.	Positions to be filled	Noted & Filed
8R)2007 Rural Forum	Innovation Award	Noted & Filed
8S)RM of Morris	Strategic Plan	Noted & Filed
8T)RM of Morris	Committees	Noted & Filed
8U)RM of Morris	Employee Manual	Noted & Filed
8V)Energy Matters	Conference	Noted & Filed
8W)Intergov. Affairs	Proposed Subdivision	Noted & Filed
8X) Intergov. Affairs	Proposed Subdivision	Noted & Filed
8Y) Intergov. Affairs	Proposed Subdivision	Noted & Filed

The CAO was asked to obtain copies of the Municipal Directory for Reeve Martens, Deputy Reeve Groening, Public Works Foreman Don Harder, and the Assistant CAO Michelle Robert.

Council decided to appoint Reeve Martens as their representative to the proposed flood way committee.

030/07 Denis Robert – Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris set 2006 as the designated year for tax sale.

Carried

The CAO was asked to contact Pembina Valley Water Co-op and advise that the Reeve and Deputy Reeve would attend the annual meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 4:45 p.m. To meet again on February 23rd, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. At that time Council will complete the Information Correspondence and the report from the strategic planning session.

REEVE

CAO