

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 commencing at 10:00 a.m. Councillors Ralph Groening, Sieg Neumann, Denis Robert, and Lionel Wiens were present with Deputy Reeve Groening in the chair. Reeve Martens, and Councillors Kornelsen and Siemens were unable to attend to a prior commitment, and sent their regrets. This meeting had been called by Deputy Reeve Groening to discuss some equipment purchases, including a CAT, truck, and laptop computers. Mr. Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman was also present.

Mr. Jerald Schmidt from Genesis Networks Inc. attended the meeting. He gave councils a quotation for a total of 9 laptop computers and advised what these computers would be capable of. He also advised council that Vista will use more memory than Windows XP, which is why he recommends Windows XP.

031/07 Lionel Wiens – Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase 9 laptops for a total of \$7,289.49 plus shipping.

Carried

Councillor Groening reported that he had been at a Pembina Valley Water Co-op. meeting at 8:30 this morning. Pembina Valley has been turned down by the Clean Environment Commission. They are looking at several options. These options include restricting Municipalities to the same water consumption from June to August as they had into 2006. One suggestion would be to double the rates for any water more than was used in 2006. This would very negatively affect the Rural Municipality of Morris due to all the extensions that were done in 2006. Sam Schellenberg will also ask for a deferral on a clean environment commission hearing. He will also initiate engineering to increase the size of the Morris plant.

Don Harder advised that the motor is gone on one of the R.M. trucks. Replacing the motor will cost more than buying a used truck.

032/07 Sieg Neumann – Denis Robert

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase a 1994 Chevy for \$6,320 from F & L Truck Center

Carried

Mr. Harder continued his report and advised that the CAT at the landfill had been burnt. It was sent to Caterpillar for an estimate. The Equipment Committee has also obtained prices for a similar CAT that is 9 years newer. The rental on this machine would be \$5,600 per month, or it can be purchased for \$13,500.

033/07 Denis Robert – Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase a crawler tractor for \$13,500 from Saras Enterprises Ltd.

Carried

The CAO was asked to phone the insurance company and try to get \$10,000 cash settlement from them which would include rental and it would also include repairs.

The CAO was also asked to put \$20,000 into the warranty reserve, which would be \$10,000 for the new back hoe and \$10,000 for the new grader.

The Public Works Foreman will advertise the trencher for sale with an asking price of \$120,000. He also reported that the Red River Community College is looking for 2 students that could work for GPS data Collection in the R.M. of Morris. Mr. Harder and Councillor Kornelsen are also reviewing the house number list.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 11:00 a.m.