

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the RM of Morris held on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**203/07** Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen  
Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.

Carried

**204/07** Sieg Neumann – Lionel Wiens  
Resolved that the minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

**205/07** Leo Kornelsen – Stan Siemens  
Resolved that the minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

The CAO was asked to reallocate a portion of cheque number 20071569 to the LUD of Rosenort.

**206/07** Sieg Neumann – Lionel Wiens  
Resolved that the R.M of Morris approve the supplementary accounts as presented from cheque number's 20071377 to 20071622 totalling \$2,816,908.07 including school taxes of \$1,793,867.12.

Carried

**207/07** Ralph Groening – Lionel Wiens  
Resolved that the Council of the RM of Morris resolve into Board of Revision for the 2008 assessment role.

Carried

A total of four separate appeals were heard.

**208/07** Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann  
Resolved that the Board of Revision resolve back to the Council of the RM of Morris.

Carried

**209/07** Stan Siemens – Ralph Groening  
Resolved that the RM of Morris adopt the 2008 assessment roll as amended by the Board of Revision.

Carried

**210/07** Lionel Wiens – Ralph Groening  
Resolved that the R.M of Morris approve the supplementary accounts as presented from cheque number's 20071622 to 20071672 totalling \$84,983.80

Carried

Councillor Groening reported that a meeting was held by the Economic Development Committee and gave council the proposed rates for building permits. These rates represent a relatively minor increase, with some question on the fee for Agriculture Buildings. The committee was asked to come up with a final recommendation.

Mr. Don Harder the Public Works Supervisor attended the meeting at 11:30 a.m. He presented council with his report for the previous month.

Mr. Jeff Reimer the Senior Water Resource Officer, and Dave Buhler from Manitoba Water Stewardship in Morris attended the meeting at 1:30 p.m. They discussed several items with council including licencing, staffing of Natural Resource Officers, and changes in the department. They advised that the turn around for licences should now be one month. It was agreed that both the RM of Morris and Water Stewardship would work on better communications.

**211/07** Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann

Resolved that By Law Number 1614-07, be read a second time being a By law to undertake as a local improvement, a connection of a business on section SW6-5-1W North of Lowe Farm to the municipal water and sewer system..

Carried

**212/07** Lionel Wiens – Stan Siemens

Resolved that By Law Number 1614-07, be read a third time being a By law to undertake as a local improvement, a connection of a business on section SW6-5-1W North of Lowe Farm to the municipal water and sewer.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Carried

Councillor Wiens left the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

**213/07** Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the RM of Morris accept the recommendation from the Employee Relations Committee.

Carried

Councillor Wiens returned to the meeting.

Cheryl Crick attended the meeting at 2:30 p.m. She gave council a proposal for the use of the basement in the Municipal office. After Ms. Crick left the meeting, council decided that they were not in a position to rent out this space due to air quality concerns.

The CAO was asked to bill the Lowe Farm Community Center for the sewer installation.

**214/07** Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that the RM of Morris bill the Lowe Farm CCD for \$2,000 for a sewer hookup with the balance to be paid by the Rural Water account.

Carried

The CAO was asked to book the Strategic Planning Session in the Canad Inns around February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. This should be a two day planning session and council would like to have Sheryl Feller as the coordinator.

**215/07** Ralph Groening – Lionel Wiens

Resolved that the RM of Morris give employees an extra holiday on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Carried

The CAO was requested to try to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Highways, concerning the RM of Morris drainage problems at the South end of the Town of Morris.

The following Correspondence was received:

### ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
7A) CAO	Property	See Resolution
7B) Building Inspector	Midland	Noted & Filed
7C) Sperling Fire Truck	Tender	See Resolution
7D) Community Plan. Serv.	Prop. sub.div. 31-6-1W	See Resolution
7E) MB Water Stewardship	Planning Group	Noted & Filed
7F) SE Regional Groundwater Management Plan	Agenda	Noted & Filed
7G) CN	Level Crossing	Noted & Filed
7H) MB Intergov. Affairs	Emergency Preparedness	Noted & Filed
7I) EMO	Disaster Conference	Noted & Filed

### INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
8A) MB Intergov. Affairs	Prop.subdiv.lot 15 plan 44686 & lot 1 plan 24033 in NE1/4 5-6-1E	Noted & Filed
8B) MB Intergov. Affairs	Prop.subdiv. SE1/4 3-6-1W	Noted & Filed
8C) MB Intergov. Affairs	Prop.subdiv. lot 15 plan 44686 NE1/4 5-6-1E	Noted & Filed
8D) MB Intergov. Affairs	Prop.sub. N1/2 of SW1/4 16-6-1E	Noted & Filed
8E) MB Intergov. Affairs	Prop.subdiv. West ½ 17-5-2W	Noted & Filed
8F) MB Intergov. Affairs	Prop.Access. SE1/4 6-6-1E	Noted & Filed
8G) Minister of Culture...	Thank you letter	Noted & Filed
8H) MB Historic Resource	Heritage Matters Guidelines/Worksheet/Project Application	Noted & Filed
8I) Fisheries & Oceans Cnd.	Application for Water Rights	Noted & Filed
8J) Fisheries & Oceans Cnd.	Application for Water Rights	Noted & Filed
8K) AMM	MTCML Rebate	Noted & Filed
8L) AMM	Resolution Committee	Noted & Filed
8M) Sperling Fire Dept.	Report	Noted & Filed
8N) Minister of Intergov. Affairs	VLT Revenue Distribution	Noted & Filed
8O) MB Ombudsman	Report on RM of Killarney	Noted & Filed
8P) City of Thompson	AMM Convention	Noted & Filed
8Q) Tax Payer	Municipal work on NW10-6-2	Noted & Filed
8R) MB Intergov. Affairs	Tangible Capital Assets	Noted & Filed
8S) PSAB	Update	Noted & Filed
8T) MB	Newsletter	Noted & Filed
8U) MB	Newsletter	Noted & Filed
8V) Voice Logic	Effective Green Marketing Solutions	Noted & Filed
8W) D. Vielfaure	Education	Noted & Filed
8X) RM of Rhineland	Public Hearing	Noted & Filed
8Y) Western Economic	Access West Newsletter	Noted & Filed
8Z) Winnipeg	Travel Survey	Noted & Filed
8AA) MB District	Installing Radio & Antenna System	Noted & Filed
8BB) Sequoia Energy	Newsletter	Noted & Filed
8CC) Land Titles Morden	Notice of Completion	Noted & Filed
8DD) FCM	Members' Advisory	Noted & Filed
8EE) MB Hwys	Notification Bridge Closure	Noted & Filed

### NEW CORRESPONDENCE

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
9A,1) CAO	Employee Relation Committee	See Resolution
9A) CAO	Sperling Industries	Noted & Filed
9B) Councillor Siemens	Railway Abandonment	Noted & Filed
9C) RM of Montcalm	Public Hearing	Noted & Filed
9D) Mavis Taillieu	A Special Thank you	Noted & Filed
9E) MB Intergov. Affairs	Approved subdivision lot 15 pl.44686 NE1/4 5-6-1E	Noted & Filed

New Correspondence Continued.

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
9F) MB Intergov. Affairs	Policy Requirements	Noted & Filed
9G) MB intro. to Acrodex	Managing Software	Noted & Filed
9H) Neptune Technology	Service Contract	Noted & Filed

There was some discussion concerning the RM of Morris taking over River Road South.

**216/07**           Ralph Groening – Stan Siemens  
Resolved that the RM of Morris allow the Assistant CAO to attend the entire AMM convention and purchase her a laptop for municipal use.

Carried

**217/07**           Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann  
Resolved that the RM of Morris agree to purchase a lot from Roberta Fehr for \$1,200.

Carried

**218/07**           Leo Kornelsen – Dennis Robert  
Resolved that the RM of Morris agree to sell the old fire truck in Sperling to Brad Coulombe.

Carried

**219/07**           Stan Siemens – Lionel Wiens  
Resolve that the application for subdivision number 4152-07-5151 be approved with no condition.

Carried

The CAO was asked to invite Lewis Instruments to the next council meeting.

Council decided that at the planning session they should discuss putting up markers for school, churches and cemeteries.

The CAO was asked to obtain further information on getting warranty insurance for the water reading system.

Council decided that they will do evaluations with the Public Works Supervisor and the CAO on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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CAO

**P.S.**

**220/07**           Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann  
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris apply to the Public Utilities Board for authorization of an operating deficit in the Sperling Utility Fund in the amount of \$6,399.88 for 2006.

Carried

