RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of Council of the RM of Morris held on Wednesday March 12th, 2008 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Kornelsen, Robert, Siemens and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. Councillor Sieg Neumann had sent his apologies.

042/08 Lionel Wiens – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that the March 12th, 2008 Agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.

Carried

043/08 Denis Robert – Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the minutes of the February 13th, 2008 council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

044/08 Denis Robert – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that the minutes of the March 7th, 2008 meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

045/08 Leo Kornelsen – Denis Robert
Resolved that the R.M of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque number's 20072173 to 20080027 totalling $117,592.16.

Carried

046/08 Denis Robert – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that the R.M of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque number's 20080028 to 20080087 totalling $66,943.09.

Carried

047/08 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert
Resolved that By-law Number 1624/08, be read a first time being a By- Law to amend its By-law No. 1572/04, as amended by By-Law No. 1592/05.

Carried

048/08 Leo Kornelsen – Stan Siemens
Resolved that By-law Number 1625/08, be read a first time being a By- Law to amend By-law No. 1522/99 as amended by By-law No. 1574/04, 1587/05 and 1593/05.

Carried

049/08 Lionel Wiens – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that By-law Number 1626/08, be read a first time being a By- Law to amend By-Law No. 1614/07 to provide water and sewer connections.

Carried

050/08 Stan Siemens – Lionel Wiens
Resolved that By-Law number 1627/08 being a water debenture By-Law be read a first time.

Carried

051/08 Stan Siemens – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that By-Law number 1628/08 being a debenture By-Law be read a first time.

Carried

The RM of Morris Fire Chiefs, being Mr. Todd Paetkau from Lowe Farm, Lyle Rance from Sperling and Dalton Duerksen from Rosenort, as well Henry Thiessen from Rosenort attended the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Councillor Kornelsen as the chairmen of the Protection committee lead this portion of the meeting. There was general discussion concerning the challenges faced by the fire departments and the new regulations. The Rosenort department is willing to obtain a set of Jaws of Life. The CAO was asked to check with the AMM regarding passing on fire inspections fees. Mr. Lyle Rance who has offered to do fire inspections, presented council with an additional option on the fees. He also advised that in the RM of Morris there would be 12 to 15 annual mandatory inspections.

Mr. Don Harder the Public Works Supervisor attended the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Council agreed to have the Grand Opening for the new Public Works Garage on April 11th, 2008 and the CAO was asked to do the necessary advertising. Mr. Don Harder will look after the food. Council decided that they would have the ribbon cutting at 11:00 a.m. with lunch consisting of pork and a bun at twelve noon, and the open house being finished at 2:00 p.m. Councillor Kornelsen will try to find a person to clean the office area of the garage.

052/08 Leo Kornelsen – Stan Siemens
Resolved that the RM of Morris order 7 street lights in the Rosenort Industrial Park.

Carried

The CAO was asked to check in to grants for recycling.

053/08 Lionel Wiens – Denis Robert
Resolved that the RM of Morris set up community recycling with the RM to do the hauling.

Carried

The CAO was requested to contact the businesses in Sperling plus the residents on the rural route. Residents in Sperling will not have a choice on garbage pick up at the street, but rural residence will be giving a choice on higher price.

054/08 Denis Robert – Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the 2008 financial plan as presented.

Carried

055/08 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the 5 year capital program as presented.

Carried

056/08 Stan Siemens – Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the 2008 tax levy By-Law, being By-Law No. 1628/08 be read a first time.

Carried

Council decided that Pak Man would be requested to go from Rosenort to Sperling along PR 205, do the Sperling pick up, then go 3 miles South and then East towards Rosenort. The packer would be requested to circle section number 11-6-1W, and then go South for three miles then East to 422 and back to Rosenort. This service will be requested to start on June 15th, 2008.

Council decided to open grader tenders on March 24th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve Martens reported on an EMO meeting, and progress being made Pembina Valley Water Co-op.

Councillor Wiens reported that the Lowe Farm CCD has agreed to demolish the old rink.

The following Correspondence was received:

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
7A) RM of Morris	Estimate Cost of Lights for the Ind. Park	See resolution
7B) RM of Morris	Town of Morris	Noted & Filed
7C) Lyle Rance	Proposal	Noted & Filed
7D) Migration Network	Learning Event	Noted & Filed
7E) Rosenort Recreation	Walking Path	See resolution
7F) RM of Franklin	Municipal Curling	Noted & Filed
7G) Morris District Skating	Donation	Noted & Filed
7H) AMM	Meetings	Noted & Filed
7I) RM of Morris	Town & RM Meeting Schedule	Noted & Filed
7J) MB Hydro	Service Agreement	Noted & Filed
7K) MB Intergov.	2008 Statutory Levies	Noted & Filed
7L) MB Transport	Southern MB Railway Co.	Noted & Filed
7M) Southern MB Railway	Asset Purchase Agreement	Noted & Filed
7N) RM of Argyle	Rail Line	Noted & Filed
7O) FCM	Budget 2008	Noted & Filed

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
8A) Queen's Bench	Decision at Hearing	Noted & Filed
8B) L.F. Fire Dept.	Calls for 2007	Noted & Filed
8C) RM of Morris	Lowe Farm Project	Noted & Filed
8D) Valley Regional Library	Thank you	Noted & Filed
8E) Bruce D. Gregory	BDO	Noted & Filed
8F) Handi Van	Financial Statement	Noted & Filed
8G) Rosenort Community Centre	Budget	Noted & Filed
8H) AMM	Thank you	Noted & Filed
8I) Bruce Gregory	North Star Transport	Noted & Filed
8J) Examiner of Surveys	Monument Restoration	Noted & Filed
8K) Water Stewardship	Water Officer Change	Noted & Filed
8L) Minister of Intergov.	2007 Annual Convention	Noted & Filed
8M) Sport MB	2008 Kidsport Application	Noted & Filed
8N) Borderland School	Budget	Noted & Filed
8O) RM of Rhineland	Public Hearing	Noted & Filed
8P) Taxervice	Tax sale	Noted & Filed
8Q) Treasure House Imports	Advertisement	Noted & Filed
8R) MB Hydro	Newsletter	Noted & Filed
8S) Canada	Budget 2008	Noted & Filed

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
9A) Focus Group	Summary Report	Noted & Filed
9B) RM of Morris	Financial Proposal	Noted & Filed
9C) HED	General Insurance Program	Noted & Filed
9D) Bruce Gregory	Small Claim Hearing update	Noted & Filed
9E) Barnes & Duncan	Plan of Subdivision (14 Lots)	Noted & Filed
9F) Southeast Regional Groundwater Mgmt. Plan	Minutes	Noted & Filed
9G) RM of Morris	PCWM	Noted & Filed
9H) Lyle Rance	Report	Noted & Filed
9I) Hudson Bay Route Ass.	Membership	Noted & Filed
9J) Manitoba	Capturing Opportunities	Noted & Filed

9K) PVDC	Immigration	Noted & Filed
9L) MB Habitat Heritage Corp.	Caveat	Noted & Filed
9M) Livestock Health Services	Clinic	Noted & Filed
9N) MB Clean Environment	Report	Noted & Filed
9O)MB Intergov. Affairs	Proposed Subdiv. NE ½ 6-6-1E	Noted & Filed
9P) MB Health	West Nile Planning	Noted & Filed

Council decided that the RM of Morris first choice for fire protection would be to maintain the status quo. The RM of Morris is prepared to increased their annual levy of $10,000.00 by the same percentage increase as the Town has in the future.

057/08 Denis Robert – Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that the RM of Morris agree to provide the liability insurance for a walking trail sponsored by the Rosenort CCD.

Carried

058/08 Lionel Wiens – Stan Wiens

Resolved that the December 31st, 2007 financial statement be adopted as presented.

Carried

059/08 Lionel Wiens – Stan Siemens

Resolved that the R.M of Morris set the Council Indemnities at:

	2007	**2008**
Reeve	$675.00	$750.00 per month
Councillors	$525.00	$ 600.00 per month

With an hourly rate of $19.13 effective January 1st, 2008, with mileage being set at $0.41 per kilometer effective March 1st, 2008.

Carried

The CAO was asked to check with the Public Works Supervisor regarding the value of ballast.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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REEVE CAO