

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of Council of the RM of Morris held on Wednesday January 14th, 2009 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.

254/09 Lionel Wiens – Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the January 14th, 2009 agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.

Carried

255/09 Denis Robert - Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the minutes of the December 10th, 2008 council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

256/09 Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the school tax payments of a total of \$470,432.30.

Carried

257/09 Sieg Neumann - Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque number's 20081580 to 20081751 totalling \$229,204.01 not including school taxes.

Carried

258/09 Sieg Neumann – Ralph Groening
Resolved that the RM of Morris adopt the November, 2008 financial statement as distributed.

Carried

Councillors Don Pfrimmer and Richard Hildebrand from the RM of Roland attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. They had come to discuss a culvert that the RM of Roland has installed on the boundary road. Councillor Pfrimmer advised that the RM of Roland had wanted to put in an extension on this culvert, and then were advised that it was all rusted. They contacted Dave Buhler for sizing and decided to replace a 3ft x 5ft oval with two 36 inch culverts. They had inadvertently not notified the RM of Morris, and sent a bill for one half of the cost. This stated that the farmer in the RM of Morris was not flooded and the culvert that had been cut off had been totally blocked before they started their project.

Mr. Don Harder the Public Works Supervisor attended the meeting at 11:00a.m. He advised that the RM of McDonald had requested permission to install a culvert across the boundary road. This culvert would drain approximately 80 acres in the RM of MacDonald, and would be entirely at their cost. This culvert would be North of Section 34-6-1E. Council approved this request.

The CAO was asked to look into ownership of a road by McTavish.

259/09 Denis Robert – Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the RM of Morris purchase a 1994 Arne's from Anseeuw for \$27,000.

260/09 Stan Siemens – Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the RM of Morris purchase 6 grader tires at \$3,495.00 each or less

Carried

261/09 Lionel Wiens - Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase a Neptune water reading upgrade at a net cost of \$11,200.00.

Carried

262/09 Sieg Neumann - Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M of Morris purchase a membership in the MGRA for \$130.00 per year.

Carried

263/09 Lionel Wiens - Denis Robert
Resolved that the RM of Morris resolve into camera to discuss employee matters.

Carried

264/09 Leo Kornelsen - Stan Siemens
Resolved that Council resolve back to open session.

Carried

Reeve Martens invited Michelle Robert into the council meeting, and offered her the congratulations of council on completing the first National Municipal Administration course.

265/09 Lionel Wiens - Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the RM of Morris accept the recommendations from the Employee Relations Committee.

Carried

266/09 Sieg Neumann - Denis Robert
Resolved that the RM of Morris authorize Councillors Groening on Tuesday and Councillor Robert on Wednesday with Reeve Martens and Councillor Kornelsen for both days to attend the Red River Basin Commission Conference.

Carried

Shauna McMillan attended the meeting at 2:00 p.m. She advised council that she had studied interior decorating in Vancouver, and had prepared a design for the municipal office. She had reviewed the original plans and is proposing that the main floor be refurbished. The basement would be gutted, and would have the interior walls changed to six inches of insulation, but would not be finished. The main floor should be more productive after renovations are done. Her design will provide a barrier free access, with the front door to be replaced. She is also proposing new flooring consisting of tile and carpeting. The council chambers would have the existing wood removed, and would have drywall applied. She would suggest a sage green color, and would also be looking at a new board room table. The estimated cost would be approximately \$58,000.00 for furnishing, and \$130,000.00 for renovations.

Sheryl Feller attended the meeting at 2:50 p.m. She confirmed January 27 at 10:00a.m as the pre-planning meeting.

267/09 Lionel Wiens - Ralph Groening
Resolved that the RM of Morris purchase an ad for \$100.00 to the MB Fastball Hall of Fame banquet. *TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE 1947-52 SPERLING LADIES TEAM*

Carried

Councillor Wiens had to leave the meeting due to a prior commitment at 3:00 p.m.

Councillor Kornelsen reported that the Fire Department should be changed so surpluses in one year could be set aside for projects in the future.

Council discussed the proposal from the food bank to provide funding for rental space. Council was of the opinion that the food bank should explore donations from various church groups.

268/09 Leo Kornelsen – Stan Siemens

Resolved that By-law Number 1623/08, be read a third time and passed being a By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 1580/04 to delete Policy 3.3.10 and be replaced with a new policy.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Carried

269/09 Denis Robert – Ralph Groening

Resolved that the RM of Morris give second reading to By-law 1640/08 to amend By-Law No. 1615/07 to provide for the construction of a Public Works Shop as a Local Improvement.

Carried

270/09 Sieg Neumann - Denis Robert

Resolved that the RM of Morris give third reading and pass By-law 1640/08 to amend By-Law No. 1615/07 to provide for the construction of a Public Works Shop as a Local Improvement.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Carried

271/09 Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that By-law Number 1641/09, be read a first time being a By-law to open a municipal road.

Carried

272/09 Leo Kornelsen – Ralph Groening

Resolved that the RM of Morris give first reading to By-law Number 1642/09 to close the road allowance East of NE 29-5-1W.

Carried

273/09 Sieg Neumann - Ralph Groening

Resolved that the Council of the R.M. of Morris approve the following interim budget for 2009:

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	\$ 50,000.00
	\$950,000.00

Carried

The following correspondence was received:

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
7A) AMM	Workshop Registration	Noted & Filed
7B) Minister Steve Ashton	By-law 1623/08 Approval	See resolution
7C) Red River Basin	Registration	See resolution
7D) Community Planning Branch	4152-08-5354, NE ¼ 36-5-2E	See resolution
7E) Neptune	Meter Reading	See resolution
7F) Miller Environmental	Household Hazardous Waste	Noted & Filed
7G) MB Good Roads Ass.	Memberships	See resolution
7H) MB Infrastructure	Grant-In-Aid Program	Noted & Filed
7I) MB Habitat	Caveat	Noted & Filed

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
8A) Assistant CAO	NACLAA Course grade	Noted & Filed
8B) Strategic Planning	Rooms booked	Noted & Filed
8C) Minister of Conservation	Recycling Program	Noted & Filed
8D) Sun Valley Co-op	Equity	Noted & Filed
8E) FCM	Grant – Wind Power Conservation	Noted & Filed
8F) Municipal Board	Subdivision Appeal-RL 438	Noted & Filed
8G) Community Planning	4152-05-5351 Lot 2 Plan 46609 SW¼ 6-5-1W	Noted & Filed
8H) MB Hydro	4152-05-5351 Lot 2 Plan 46609 SW¼ 6-5-1W	Noted & Filed
8I) MB Culture, Heritage...	Forms	Noted & Filed
8J) Imperial Oil	Safety Information	Noted & Filed
8K) MB Legislative Assembly	Library Cards	Noted & Filed
8L) MLA for Ste. Rose	Infrastructure	Noted & Filed
8M) Nestle Waters	Bottled Water	Noted & Filed
8N) Caterpillar	Brochure	Noted & Filed

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
9A) RM of Morris	Household Hazardous waste	Noted & Filed
9B) Community Planning	4152-08-5369, W ½ L.S. 2, 7, 10, & 15 and L.S. 3, 6, 11 & 14 in 1-6-2W	See resolution
9C) Community Planning	4152-08-5371, N ½ of N ½ 32-5-1E	See resolution
9D) MB Infrastructure & Transp.	Grant in aid funding	Noted & Filed
9E) Public Utilities Board	Water rates & water safety	Noted & Filed
9F) RM tax payers	Gravelling a dirt road request	Noted & Filed
9G) MB green Team	Grant Application	Noted & Filed
9H) MB Education	Premier's Volunteer Service	Noted & Filed
9I) Community Planning	4152-08-5269, S ½ of S ½ of SW ¼ 25-4-2W	Noted & Filed
9J) Leafy Spurge	Donation	Noted & Filed

274/09 Sieg Neumann – Stan Siemens
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve application for subdivision number 4152-08-5354 with no condition.

Carried

275/09 Ralph Groening - Stan Siemens
Resolved that the RM of Morris increase the price of lots in Lowe Farm by \$1,500.00.

Carried

276/09 Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve application for subdivision number 4152-08-5369 with no condition.

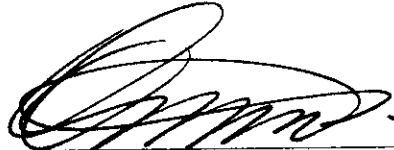
Carried

277/09 Stan Siemens - Denis Robert
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve application of subdivision number 4152-08-5371 with no conditions.

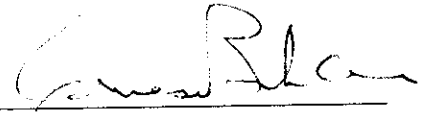
Carried

278/09 Stan Siemens – Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that Council do now adjourn at 4:50 p.m. To meet again on February 11th, 2009 or at the call of the chair.

Carried



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