

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of Council of the RM of Morris held on Wednesday March 11th, 2009 commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Rosenort Credit Union. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. Mr. Don Harder the Public Works Supervisor and Ernest Buhler the CAO were also present. There were also fourteen residents from Riverside present.

Reeve Martens welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that council was seeking public input on a sewer extension into the Riverside community. Reeve Martens then turned the meeting over to Councillor Groening who is the chairman of the Utilities Committee.

Councillor Groening explained that there were three reasons for the meeting this evening.

These reasons were:

1. There has been some question regarding sewer hook up in Riverside.
2. There was potential money available from the Building Canada Fund.
3. There are proposed Provincial Regulations coming, which would eliminate all ejectors, and require a minimum of 2 acres for any septic field. These regulations if passed would mean that whenever any land changed hands, the ejector system would have to be removed. At this point the Province would only allow 2 types of field, and the land owner would have to have 2 acres in order to be able to have a field. The cost of a field would be expected to be between \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

The RM of Morris has done some preliminary estimates, and it seems that a total cost will be an excessive \$500,000.00. Because of the distance, this project would definitely require a lift station. The total cost per home, assuming everyone connects, would be approximately \$14,000.00. The RM of Morris would be prepared to offer a debenture over either a ten year or a twenty year period. This would bring the total cost down to approximately \$1,800.00 per year on a ten year debenture, or \$1,200.00 per year on a twenty year debenture. If funding was received from the Senior Governments, these costs could be reduced to one half or even possibly one third of the above numbers. Council will allow people a brief period of time to think about these options, and then will do a survey of all the potential hook ups.

The meeting was then opened up to questions from the floor, and there was several questions concerning what about drained water from the weeping tiles, pumps to pump out the lower pressure sewer, and what would happened if people just could not afford the system?

Reeve Martens then opened the floor to some discussion for an access road going North from Riverside. He advised that this road could cost approximately \$100,000.00 but then school buses would be allowed access to the community even during the flood to 2006 level. There seemed to be general support for such a proposal.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

REEVE



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