

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a public hearing on Monday, February 19, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sperling Arena, 13 New Street, Sperling, Manitoba.

The purpose of this public hearing was for the borrowing authorization for the installation and construction of a sewer and water system for the general southern area of Sperling.

Reeve Herm Martens chaired the hearing.  
Council Members present were: Ralph Groening, Sieg Neumann, Barry Fraese, Leo Kornelsen, Denis Robert.

There were approximately 32 persons present for this public hearing.

Public notice had previously been mailed out to all the affected property owners within the area designated to receive this service.

At the start of the hearing, Reeve Martens welcomed everyone to this hearing.

Following this greeting he then turned the hearing over to Mr. Grant Macaulay, who then gave a presentation on the project. Mr. Macaulay explained the nature of the project, the area affected by the proposed installation of the sewer and water system and also the estimated tax implications of this project.

There were general questions concerning the locations of specific items in the project such as the lagoon location, water reservoir, etc.

A question was raised as to why the north end of Sperling was not part of the sewer portion of the project. It was explained that the north end of Sperling was connected to water when the Pembina Valley Water Co-op water line was first brought into Sperling. The last discussions on the situation was that the north end of Sperling was not planned to be part of this project. However, it was also noted that based on the number of water connections on the north side, bringing the sewer line to the north side would be extremely expensive. To bring a sewer line system to the north end of Sperling, the line would have to cross a highway road, two railway lines and then bring the line to the houses. For an estimated 5 or 6 connections, such an undertaking would be expensive on a per connection basis.

There were questions raised regarding the funding of the project and it was explained that there was funds available from the Water Services Board, however, any funding from P.F.R.A. could not be guaranteed or counted upon. They were also told that the R. M. of Morris had also applied for an infrastructure grant for this project. Should the infrastructure grant be approved, there would be a considerable local saving on the project which would mean that their debenture costs would be much lower.

Everyone was again told that this project includes a pumphouse, sewage lagoon and water and sewer main lines. The householder would be responsible for the cost of their household connection and whatever other connection costs may be needed.

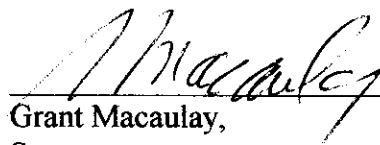
There was also a comment made that for the water and sewer project that was done in Brunkild, Manitoba, the project paid for new septic tanks and septic pumps to all the households. This information could not be verified, however, undertaking such work adds to the overall cost of the project.

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At the end of the meeting, there was a request for hydrants being part of the project. Hydrants were not planned for the project because the water lines are not big enough and that a fire truck connected to a hydrant could cause damage to the water lines. The aspect of having a couple of hydrants would be considered for the project.

There were no serious issues raised or outright strong objections to the project and no written objections were received.

The hearing was then adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grant Macaulay", is written over a horizontal line.

Grant Macaulay,  
Secretary.