

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. on the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members present were: Ralph Groening, Stan Siemens, Sieg Neumann, Barry Fraese, Denis Robert, Leo Kornelsen.

Rosenort
Emergency
Tower
Repair

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#53/01. Resolved that we authorize necessary upgrades to our emergency signal tower in Rosenort at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Support for
Farming

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#54/01. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris write to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Agriculture and to the Minister Responsible for Canadian Wheat Board expressing our concerns of the farming situation in Canada and that the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba need to take a more positive role in alleviating this crisis situation.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Request
Wildlife
Office
Stay in
Morris

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#55/01. Whereas the Department of Conservation is considering the relocation of the wildlife Natural Resources Office from Morris to Steinbach; And Whereas the R. M. of Morris believes that this office and staff do conduct an important service to this area; Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris is opposed to this proposed relocation and request that the Department of Conservation not proceed with this relocation.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Day Care
Demolition

Council then held a discussion on the Busy Nest Day Care in Morris and the request to assist in the demolition of the old building. Council had previously been asked to help with this project and had agreed to help. Council did now agree that our track hoe would be used in the demolition, however, we do not have trucks to haul the debris and the Day Care would have to arrange for trucks to haul this material. It was also a concern that this demolition be done as soon as possible as our equipment would be unavailable after mid-April. Council also felt that the tipping fees at the land fill sites should be waived for this project.

Basin Bd.
Seminar

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#56/01. Whereas the Red River Basin Board is hosting a seminar conference in Morris, Manitoba and the R. M. of Morris has been requested to support the event; Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris contribute the amount of \$750.00 to this event.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Pembina
Valley
Travel Guide

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#57/01. Resolved that we authorize the placement of an advertisement in the Pembina Valley Travel Guide for the 2001 year.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Cousins
Gravel

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#58/01. Resolved that Cousins Gravel Service be paid for gravel work done on Municipal road under their invoice # 529, 573,524, 531, 532 in the amount of \$3,708.29.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Private
Dykes Pay
Road Gravel

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#59/01. Whereas a number of persons constructed private flood protection dykes that involved the raising of the Municipal road;
And Whereas the respective property owner was made aware of his responsibilities for the future gravelling of their particular raised road;
And Whereas some of these properties have not paid their respective bills for the gravel placed on the raised road portion of their flood dyke protection;
Therefore Be It Resolved that these unpaid billings for gravel be charged against the property taxes for the respective properties.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Sperling
Centennial
Gazebo

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#60/01. Resolved that the Sperling Centennial Committee be granted permission to place and construct a gazebo structure on Lots 9 and 10, Block 10, Plan 916 in Sperling, Manitoba and which is currently owned by the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Hydro Pole
Relocation
in Rosenort

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#61/01. Whereas Manitoba Hydro is planning to undertake a project of pole replacement along River Road North in Rosenort, Manitoba;
And Whereas the LUD of Rosenort Committee wishes to relocate 3 poles along this road to more preferred locations;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris grant permission to Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the LUD of Rosenort, to undertake this pole relocations projects at an estimated cost of \$11,936.95.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Highways
Drainage
Requests

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#62/01. Whereas the R. M. of Morris wishes to undertake necessary clean-out drainage work along certain Provincial Road in the R. M. of Morris;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we request permission from the Department of Highways to undertake such drainage works at the following locations:

North of Section 1-6-2 EPM	PR 205
South of Section 12-6-2 EPM	PR 205
West of SW of Section 23-6-1 EPM	PR 330
West of NW of Section 23-6-1 EPM	PR 330
North of NE of Section 2-6-1 EPM	PR 205
North of NW of Section 4-6-1 EPM	PR 205
South of Section 1-5-2 WPM	PTH 23
West of Section 6-6-1 WPM	PR 332
West of Section 7-6-1 WPM	PR 332
West of NW of Section 18-6-1 WPM	PR 332
East of Section 31-5-2 WPM	PR 336
North of Section 23-6-2 WPM	PR 205
South of Section 2-5-2 WPM	PTH 23

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Drainage
Request

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#63/01. Whereas the R. M. of Morris wishes to undertake necessary clean-out drainage work along the pilot ditches along certain Provincial Drains in the R. M. of Morris;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we request permission from the Department of Conservation to undertake such drainage works at the following locations:
North of Shannon Drain (through Sec. 33-4-1 W - 1 mile)
South of Shannon Drain (through Sec. 32-4-1 W - ½ mile)
South of Shannon Drain (through Sec. 33-4-2W - 1 mile)
Carried. For 7
Against 0

Accounts

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#64/01. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for March 14, 2001 in the amount of \$174,840.34.
Carried. For 7
Against 0

For the issue of the fuel tenders, Councillor Ralph Groening declared being in a conflict of interest on the basis of being on the Lowe Farm Co-op Board and he then excused himself for this portion of the meeting.

Fuel Tender
Discussion

Council then reviewed the tender bids for the supply of our diesel fuel for the year 2001-2002. There was considerable discussion on the matter of how we are tendering and how would be the best way to tender for this to obtain our best price and to also be able to check through out the supply period to verify prices. The matter was left unresolved at this time.

Councillor Groening then returned to the meeting.

By-law
1550/01

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#65/01. Resolved that By-law No. 1550/01, being a by-law authorizing the borrowing of funds for the necessary operational expenditures of the Rural Municipality of Morris.
Carried. For 7
Against 0

By-law
1551/01

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#66/01. Resolved that By-law No. 1551/01, being a by-law re-zoning the Lowe Farm Park to "O" Open Space District, be now read a first time in Council as a whole, rules suspended.
Carried. For 7
Against 0

By-law
1552/01

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#67/01. Resolved that By-law No. 1552/01, being a by-law authorizing the sale of Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, Plan 11498, be now read a first time in Council as a whole, rules suspended.
Carried. For 7
Against 0

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Ralph Groening then further excused himself from the meeting, due to conflict of interest, while Council discussed the fuel tenders.

Diesel
Fuel

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Seig Neumann:
#68/01. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has requested quotation bids for the supply of diesel fuel for the requirements of the Municipality;
And Whereas a number of such bids were received;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris does now accept this quotation from the Lowe Farm Co-op Services in the amount of \$.417/litre for marked diesel fuel and \$.536/litre for clear diesel fuel subject to any increases and decreases in the market price and that this supply is to be for the period from April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2001.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Discussion
on Property
in Lowe
Farm

Council then held a discussion on the property owned by the R. M. of Morris in Lowe Farm being Block 6, Plan 522. Council felt that some of this property should be subdivided to provide potential development property. Most of this property was not needed by the Municipality and that the subdivision of the property should take place. There would need to be some work done on the design of the proposed subdivision taking into account the need for roads, sewer and water lines, etc.

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:
That this special meeting be now adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator