

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

Prairie
Grain
Roads

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#187/01. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has made application to the Prairie Grain Roads Program to upgrade part of Road 2E;

And Whereas this project to upgrade the road West of Section 4, 9, 16, 21, 33-5-1 EPM and West of Section 4-6-1 EPM has been approved;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris approves the entering into an agreement with the government of Canada for the cost sharing of this proposed project and that the Reeve and Municipal Administrator be authorized to sign necessary documents.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Delegation

At 9:00 a.m., Council then met with Bernie Bergen and Menno Bergen. They had applied and had approved a Conditional Use in 1999 to expand their hog barn, however, to date they had only done minor work on the project. They indicated that they purchased some rafter material in 2000 but had not proceeded with the project and wanted an extension of time for their barn expansion. Council expressed the view that they would likely be required to reapply for their conditional use.

Councillor Neumann questioned the issue of the lactose whey that is currently being hauled into their lagoon. There have been numerous complaints from neighbours concerning the smell that is caused by the whey being dumped into their lagoon.

Menno Bergen explained that in the fall of 2000, Armstrong Cheese of Winkler starting hauling whey into their lagoon. This process was approved with Mr. Mark Stevens of Environment. Armstrong Cheese is now hauling much less. They have put straw cover on the lagoon in late June, however, the dumping of the whey does cause holes in the straw cover and they need to fill in the holes on a continual basis. They have not been keeping the straw holes filled regularly and the neighbours have been unhappy with the odour. They have a two cell lagoon which is top fed from the barn. The whey that is put into the lagoon is a very strong odour. Their barn is located approximately 16 miles from Winkler. During the winter months, this whey is spread on the field in the winter months. Their lagoon is over a 400 day storage capacity for the size of their barn operation. They emptied their lagoon in the fall and again in the spring. It was mentioned that the lagoon is not big enough for the barn and also the whey that is being hauled to the lagoon. Menno Bergen commented that they may have to put a tarp on their lagoon.

Councillor Groening stated that they should put a tarp on their lagoon. Their neighbours are very upset with the smell from their lagoon.

Councillor Robert mentioned that the issue is smell with all barns and every operator must make an effort to have the smell reduced as much as possible.

Menno Bergen stated that they want to work with Council. They have a continuous flow barn and need to have an expansion and a greater number of pigs and more room for the pigs as they are now kept to a larger size before going to market. A portion of their barn is used for isowean operation. They still do winter and spring spreading from the operation. They cannot get a firm contract from Armstrong cheese for the supply of whey. Without a definite supply of whey, they cannot consider using this whey in the feed for their pigs. Financially, this whey is a very lucrative endeavour.

Bergen Delegation

Council questioned the amount of whey that is being delivered and if there is approximately ½ million gallons per month, then there lagoon cannot contain much of this whey.

Menno Bergen mentioned that this summer was exceptional for hot humid days and the wind direction which affected some neighbours more than other neighbours.

Bernie Bergen asked when Council would decide on their conditional use issue. He was told that Council would review the matter as soon as possible.

Delegation

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Arvid Ewashko and Mr. Ron Vinet, of the Dept. of Conservation met with Council.

Councillor Groening mentioned that the Anderson Drain is not working properly and is in need of upgrade maintenance work.

Arvid Ewashko stated that they just cannot just do such dirt work on the drain without first doing a study on the drain.

We may have a view that this standard design is not good enough. They use chemicals much less for the control of weeds and grass and they are also doing much less maintenance work.

Councillor Neumann mentioned that there is a ridge on the Anderson drain near the meridian and needs addressing.

Councillor Groening indicated that they continue to use a standard of design that we do not agree with. These design standards are not adequate for agriculture needs.

Arvid Ewashko stated that he has to view the situation relative to their basic design standards. This design standard is the same throughout the Province and it is not his decision on what design standard to use.

Reeve Martens commented that this area of the Province needs drains that flow and drain properly

Councillor Neumann mentioned that when there was a heavy rain this summer on the Anderson Drain, near the meridian, it took one week to start dropping in levels and other drains around the area had started to drop many days previous.

Arvid Ewashko stated that if work is needed, then that is a major project and there must be a review of situation and determine first what needs to be done. This branch office is not really receiving added funding. He has been given verbal indication that there will be added funding and they are planning to undertake the spraying of cattails and do some dirt work along some of the pilot ditches.

Councillor Neumann asked about the situation of the Rosseau River, in the R. M. of Montcalm, and their proposed 7 bridge project as a flood easement.

Arvid Ewashko stated that for this project, consultants have been hired.

Delegation

At 11:00 a.m., Mr. Bruce Mazinke met with Council to discuss the situation of the access road into his new barn that has been approved.

Councillor Neumann commented that the traffic flow to this barn would likely be from many directions, however the feed to the barn will be likely from the south. The south road access is preferred by Council, however, it is approximately 2 miles of dirt road which must be built up and gravelled to provide that road access.

Bruce Mazinke explained that he cannot write a blank cheque for something like this and wants to know what the costs are going to be for this road. He mentioned that 2 to 3 loads of feed per week going into that barn and the feed is planned to come from his home yard.

It was mentioned that this would cost approximately \$15,000.00 per mile initially and added gravel costs after that and that it would be for the next three years.

Mazinke Delegation

Don Harder noted that this portion of dirt road is narrow and work would be need to be done to widen the road and to make it capable of carrying traffic. Bruce Mazinke stated that he understands the road access from the south and that he would be responsible for costs relating to the road for the first year and that he would pay for extra gravel needed for the next 2 years. These are all additional costs to the project. The new barn lagoon is three cells and the tarp on the lagoon is an added cost, and the tarp on his home barn lagoon is also an added cost of \$40,000.00. For the lagoon at his home yard, he asked if it would be OK to put the tarp on next year as this is now very late in the year.


Triple R
Donation

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#188/01. Resolved that we donate \$100.00 towards the Triple "R"
Entrepreneur and Volunteer evening presentation on October 10, 2001 in
St. Pierre, Manitoba.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Sieg Neumann:
That the meeting be now adjourned at 12:05 p.m. with Council agreeing to
meet again on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. to continue the
remainder of the agenda.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator