

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

Also present for this meeting was Steve Hancock, Taras Jeremy and Don Rocan of the Dept. of Conservation and Dr. Shelly Buchan of the Regional Health Authority and Don Harder, Public Works Foreman for the R. M. of Morris.

Water
Testing
Results

The purpose of this meeting was for Provincial and Health officials to apprise Council of the results of a recent water testing done in the Municipality. It was indicated to Council that 74% of the samples were positive for coliform and 17% of the tests showed ecoli. It was noted that these samples were from private systems, that is not part of an aquifer, not a municipal system but are individual water systems and from their perspective there is very little that they or the Municipality would be able to do immediately. It remains the responsibility of the people to correct and repair their water treatment and water cisterns.

Council was also advised that this individual information on the results was strictly confidential and is not for public knowledge except knowledge of their own system.

The Municipality of Morris decided that this basic information would be sent to the Water Services Board to supplement information to requests for funding for a regional water system. Having a regional water system throughout the Municipality is the only way to provide proper water to residents of the Municipality. It was decided to submit an application to Infrastructure for funding towards a regional system.

There were some general discussions on the situation and at approximately 2:30 p.m. the delegation left the meeting with Council.

Rosenort
Dyke

It was then mentioned to Council that Mr. Steve Topping would be meeting with some the TAC Committee for the Rosenort dyke project on October 25, 2001 at approximately 10:30 p.m.

BMD Pork
Conditiona
Use
Situation

Council then discussed the situation of BMD Pork and their construction of a hog barn. The response from BMD Pork was that they were planning to expand cell 1 of their lagoon. The whey being brought onto their property is going into the current cell 2 and apparently cannot be mixed with the manure from the barn. Therefore, the lagoon capacity for the barn operation is now that of only cell 1 and is therefore not large enough and there needs to be an expansion or an additional cell built in order to provide the necessary 400 day storage capacity. Council indicated that they may allow straw cover for cell one for one year provided that definite plans are given as to the expansion or addition to cell 1 of the lagoon. This information indicates that the lagoon which is to be for the hog barn is not large enough and work needs to be done this fall to provide 400 day storage capacity for the hog barn operation.

There is to also be a total dirt closure between the current cell 1 and cell 2. Council indicated that unless definite information can be provided then cell 1 and cell 2 must have a tarp cover and also any additional lagoon cells that may be built.

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With BMD Pork agreeing to undertake these concerns and commit to there being completed, Council did indicate that they were willing to allow construction to proceed. Without a definite commitment from Menno Bergen and Bernie Bergen of BMD Pork, Council would have to reconsider the entire situation.

The meeting was ended at approximately 3:30 p.m.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator