

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

A Special Meeting concerning the Rosenort Dyke Project was held on Thursday, October 24, 2001 at 10:15 a.m. in the Rosenort Fire Hall.

Present for this meeting was Reeve Herm Martens, Councillor Ralph Groening and Councillor Barry Fraese with the R. M. of Morris. Grant Macaulay, C.A.O., and Don Harder, Foreman, R. M. of Morris. Steve Topping and Jim McLean with Dept. of Natural Resources. Alain Vermette and Duane Boutang with P.F.R.A. John Irvine and Delbert Rempel residents along the Morris River with concerns of project.

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Reeve Herm Martens opened the meeting and expressed that there were a number of issues that need to be discussed at this meeting.

1. In the area of the dyke that is between the Morris River and the diversion channel there are three families that were isolated in the spring of 2001 and again during heavy rains in the summer of 2001. There is a concern of compensation to them relating to the spring and summer flooding and whether their MEMO claims have been paid.
2. The Low Level Crossing on the Morris River one mile south of PR 205.
3. The height elevation for the south end crossing on the Morris River, two miles south of PR 205.
4. Issue of drainage along the municipal road in front of John Irvine and Delbert Rempel.
5. The flood gate structures and who is responsible, what levels do they operate at, etc..

Mr. Steve Topping indicated that this issue and situation is one of partnership and they had done a tour of the area and believe that possible solutions are available to some of the problems.

Mr. John Irvine stated that on the issue of compensation from MEMO, claims had been put in for the spring and summer times that the three families in that area were cut off from any access to or from their houses. Mr. Irvine did not evacuate and therefore, MEMO has indicated to him that he was not eligible for compensation from MEMO for his inconvenience. However, there were others affected and he was not aware of their claim status with MEMO.

Mr. Delbert Rempel stated that he had been informed from MEMO as to what they were paying him and that amount of \$2,000.00 less than what had been claimed. He had not yet received any funds and could not confirm the exact amount that he was being paid. Mr. Topping stated that this was still an issue to resolve and that it would have to continue to be worked on.

On the matter of the drainage along the Municipal road between Delbert Rempel and John Irvine, it was mentioned that this drain is to be checked with a laser and that it should be ensured to have a 3% slope on the ditch bottom.

For the issue of the access for the three families, between the river and the diversion, it was stated that the top of the dyke would be made into a gravel road for the 2 miles of dyke south of PR 205. The road would be built in 2002 and that for the spring of 2002 pumping would be available to keep water levels low enough to provide access across the Morris River. John Irvine indicated that they preferred that the Low Level crossing on the Morris River should be raised to provide access and that the gravelling of the top of the dyke was not a preferred solution. He wanted to know what water levels the gates would be operating at? What figure would be considered an emergency?

Mr. Topping stated that the amount of water that would be coming through the gates would overflow this low level crossing. To even consider such a situation, it will depend on the event and a frequency analysis of the crossing. There is a maintenance manual currently being created for the operation of these gates and until that document is completed, it is impossible to answer such questions.

Mr. Jim McLean indicated that the south crossing is the same elevation as the bridge was at and it will be under water as well when the gates are open.

Mr. John Irvine asked that in the event of a major flood, when is a decision made to close the gate.

Mr. Jim McLean commented that the gates would be closed in the fall and would not be opened until after the spring run-off.

Mr. Steve Topping stated that the manual of the operation of the gates is planned to be developed over the winter months and that this manual will provide answers to these questions.

Mr. John Irvine questioned the potential loss of property value because of this process and he wanted to know what level the river water would be at, or maxed at, on the Morris River section inside the dyke.

Mr. Jim McLean noted that the road on the dyke cannot be done until the machinery is finished working on the dyke and that it would be planned to be done during the summer of 2002. This would require that a pump would be needed to allow access over the low level crossings on the Morris River south of PR 205.

Mr. Delbert Rempel stated that he was not supportive of this gravel road being built on the dyke and he preferred that the low level crossing be raised and he wanted to know what the cost would be to raise this crossing.

Mr. Duane Boutang noted that the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans may have a concern when lengthening culverts on the Morris River.

Mr. Steve Topping that raising the low level would likely cause potential of ice jams at these locations.

Mr. Alain Vermette questioned that there should be an analysis done on raising this crossing.

Mr. Jim McLean stated that KGS Consultants indicated that this low level would always go under.

It was mentioned that there is more information needed to such a request. Information relating to the level that the river is to be kept at, how high to raise the low level, and how much the culverts would have to be lengthened, and what could be done to minimize the frequency that the crossings would be under water. All of such information of elevations would be in the operations manual.

Mr. Steve Topping stated that the gravel road on the top of the dyke would still be needed to eliminate liability to the Province and the Federal Governments. The gate culverts are to allow 4 cfs to go through them and there is a dyke at the north gate that is 1.6 meters higher than the river bottom and the culvert gates are at river bottom.

Mr. Delbert Rempel mentioned again his disappointment that the crossing will not be raised. He has a concern over property values as the local credit union has indicated to him that without year round access, they questioned the resale value of his property.

Mr. Alain Vermette requested that Mr. Topping consider that there needs to be work done on these different scenarios and to have information available to the TAC Committee.

Mr Jim McLean mentioned that they would be requesting KGS Consultants to start working on the operations manual.

Mr. Steve Topping stated that engineering overruns authorization needs to be approved by the R. M. of Morris. His office needs reassurances from the Municipality on the continuation of this project and before any further engineering work can be authorized the Municipality needs to sign an authorization of these engineering overruns.

Reeve Herm Martens mentioned that a field crossing is needed on the north side of PR 205 west of the new bridge into the property of Elmer Brandt. It was indicated that this crossing would be put in this fall.

There was a question raised as to the floodway bottom and whether the bottom grade has been verified and it was unknown if such a check had been made.

For the east closure on PR 205, it was asked if this location was on a watershed boundary line and that issue is to also be checked.

There was mention of the work shutdown for a period of time because of sensors in the gate structures. Mr. Topping and Mr. McLean provided an explanation that the pour pressure sensors has indicated a high reading and work had been delayed until these issues could be approved.

The drainage along the east dyke was no longer an issue as most of the drainage of that area is now going to the east and not towards the dyke. It is believed that there would not be much water volume using this outside dyke ditch.

It was made mention that general information on this project needs to be provided on a more regular basis.

Mr. Alain Vermette and Mr. Duane Boutang commented that information on the project needs to be provided regularly and not once per year. Regular meetings should be held to help resolve issues that arise and the Province should be advising more to those concerned.

Mr. Steve Topping stated that there are 13 dykes and that would require many meetings.

It was asked that percentage of the project is completed.

The seeding is done on the east side, however, the north area is not growing but it was felt that it may grow in the spring.

Westfield has requested to be allowed to purchase a portion of the old Rosenort dyke. It was mentioned that Westfield is to be arranging this meeting to discuss this request further.

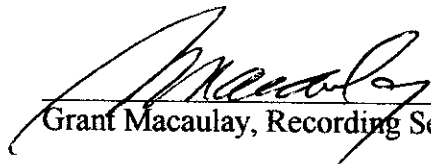
For the matter of the cemetery, 2 miles south of PR 205, any expansion of the cemetery must now be made to the west as the east area has been used for dyke construction. It was mentioned that a resolution be sent in from the R. M. of Morris making this request that the cemetery have access to use and acquire this property.

Mr. Steve Topping again mentioned that his department requires that the Municipality agree to the engineer overruns and a commitment from the Municipality as to paying its share of the 10% of the project costs.

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The Reeve and Council present agreed that the engineer sign off should be done immediately and the Reeve did sign a necessary document on behalf of the Municipality.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.


Grant Macaulay, Recording Secretary.