

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 8th, 1990 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Dan Thiessen presided.

Present were Councillors: George St. Hilaire, Harold Dyck, Glenn Curdt, Dave Waldner, Bill Martens, Allan Dickson.

- Minutes Moved by Allan Dickson, George St. Hilaire:
#25/90. Resolved that the minutes of the January 12, 1990 regular meeting and the January 22, 1990 special meeting be now adopted as presented.
Carried.
- By-law 1381/90 Moved by W. E. Martens, Seconded by Allan Dickson:
#26/90. Resolved that By-law No. 1381/90, being a by-law setting the 1990 remuneration for Council members be now given first reading.
Carried.
- By-law 1381/90 Moved by Dave Waldner, Seconded by George St. Hilaire:
#27/90. Resolved that By-law No. 1381/90 having been read a first time, be now given second and third readings and finally passed in Council as a whole with the requirements of Section 190(2) and 190(3) of the Municipal Act being now suspended.
Carried.
- By-law 1382/90 Moved by Harold Dyck, Seconded by George St. Hilaire:
#28/90. Resolved that By-law No. 1382/90, being a by-law setting the 1990 salaries for some employees be now given first reading in Council as a whole with Section 190(3) of the Municipal Act being now suspended.
Carried.
- By-law 1382/90 Moved by Glenn Curdt, Seconded by W. E. Martens:
#29/90. Resolved that By-law No. 1382/90 having been read a first time, be now given second and third readings and finally passed in Council as a whole with the requirements of Section 190(2) and 190(3) of the Municipal Act being now suspended.
Carried.
- By-law 1383/90 Moved by W. E. Martens, Seconded by Allan Dickson:
#30/90. Resolved that By-law No. 1383/90, being a by-law setting the 1990 salaries for the municipal office employees be now given first reading in Council as a whole with Section 190(3) of the Municipal Act being now suspended.
Carried.
- By-law 1383/90 Moved by Dave Waldner, Seconded by Glenn Curdt:
#31/90. Resolved that By-law No. 1383/90 having been read a first time, be now given second and third readings and finally passed in Council as a whole with the requirements of Section 190(2) and 190(3) of the Municipal Act being now suspended.
Carried.
- Photocopier Moved by Harold Dyck, Seconded by Dave Waldner:
#32/90. Whereas the Municipal Office is in need of a new photocopier;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris purchase a Sharp photocopier at a cost of approximately \$3,800.00.
Carried.
- Diesel Fuel Moved by Glenn Curdt, Seconded by George St. Hilaire:
#33/90. Whereas the Rural Municipality of Morris has requested tender bids for the supply of diesel fuel for the R. M. of Morris for the period from March 1, 1990 to February 28, 1991;
And Whereas a number of bids have been received;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris accepts the bid from Shell Canada for the amount of 28.3¢ per litre for marked diesel and 38.2¢ per litre for clear diesel fuel.
Carried.

Gravel
Tenders

Moved by Harold Dyck, Seconded by George St. Hilaire:
#34/90. Whereas the Rural Municipality of Morris has received several tender bids for the supplying, hauling and spreading of gravel for the 1990 gravel program;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris does now accept the tender bid from Lavallee Trucking for Blocks A, B, C, D and E for gravel and crushed stone according to the bid that they submitted and our requirements to the contractor with the gravel program to commence when road restrictions are lifted and if our road conditions permit.
Carried.

Weed Bd.
Payment

Moved by W. E. Martens, Seconded by Glenn Curdt:
#35/90. Resolved that we make a payment of \$3,400.00 to the Morris Montcalm Weed Control District as a partial payment of their 1990 levy request.
Carried.

Delegation

At approximatley 11:00 A.M., Council met with Mr. Larry McCrady, Mr. Dennis Lemay, Mr. Lionel Wiens and Mr. Lorne Bergstresser representing the Morris Macdonald School Division. Mr. McCrady and Mr. Lemay discussed with Council matters pertaining to Special education and vocational education needs with the School Division and the problems arising from these needs. There was also discussion concerning matters of social concerns relating to alcohol, family break-ups, etc. Throughout much of these discussions, Council had questions and comments regarding many of the topics raised by the School Division. The representatives also discussed matters relating to the management of the division, which included such things as the computerization of the office, new schools needed, public relations of the Board and the public, school closures due to weather and many other matters which were felt to be of interest.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:15 P.M. to reconvene at 1:15 P.M.

Variation
Board

Moved by Dave Waldner, Seconded by Glenn Curdt:
#36/90. Resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris become the Variation Board for the R. M. of Morris to consider application no. 1/90.
Carried.

The floor was then opened for presentations at 1:15 P.M. concerning a public hearing for variation applciaiton no. 1/90. There were no presentations made to the Board.

Variation
1/90

Moved by Dave Waldner, Seconded by Harold Dyck;
#37/90. Whereas Robert K. Eidse has applied for a variation order to vary the site area requirements for the South 176.46 feet of Parcel F, Plan 10581 to 1.6 acres and to vary the remainder of Parcel F, Plan 10581 to 1.26 acres;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the Rural Municipality of Morris does now approve this variation application no. 1/90 for Robert K. Eidse.
Carried.

Board
Adjourn

Moved by W. E. Martens, Seconded by Glenn Curdt:
#38/90. Resolved that the Variation Board for the Rural Municipality of Morris now adjourns and resumes as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.
Carried.

Delegation

Mr. Grant Deveson of Rhone-Poulenc met with Council to discuss the situation of the 1990 grasshopper infestation and the chemical to be used in the spraying for grasshoppers. His company sells Sevin XLR and he discussed with Council the benefits of this chemical.

Financial
Statement

Moved by Harold Dyck, Seconded by George St. Hilaire:
#39/90. Resolved that we now approve the Financial Statement
for the months of December, 1989 and January, 1990 as presented by
the Secretary-Treasurer.

Carried.

Delegation

A delegation met with Council as the representatives for the
proposed new Morris Library and Mr. Bud Stupnisky was the spokesman
for the group. A slide presentation was made to Council showing
libraries in the province and some of the functions which take
place in a library. There was a generalization of what a library is
and what type of things are available. It was noted that books
are generally borrowed from one library to another and this would
assist in having books available at the start of a new library.
For any library, employees would be needed and generally libraries
are funded through Municipal levies with matching grants from the
Provincial Government. A petition was presented to Council with
signatures from residents of the R. M. of Morris and Mr. Stupnisky
indicated that a lot of support has been shown for the library
and that a library is needed in Morris.

Mrs. Hamblin spoke to Council on the need for a library. There is
currently mail service available however, you may not get the
books that you want. There are currently many libraries in rural
Manitoba and communities need a library. She stated that a person
purchasing a newspaper every day cost him over \$100.00 per year
therefore, she felt that cost to ratepayers would be a minimal
cost relative to other costs.

Mr. Stupnisky indicated that the library committee was seriously
considering the purchase of the former Concepts building as a
location for this library. He forecasted that a start up budget
of \$250,000.00 would be needed, however, the municipalities would
not be involved in the start up costs but would be needed to assist
in the operating costs of the library once it is formed. Because
of the Government grants system, the only method is through property
taxation. He stating that a \$25,000.00 levy from the three
municipalities (Town of Morris, R. M. of Morris & R. M. of Montcalm)
with a matching grant from the Province of Manitoba would give
them an operating budget of \$50,000.00. He requested that the
R. M. of Morris consider the amount of \$12,000.00 as the levy
requirement for the R. M. of Morris. This amount would cost
approximately \$6.00 per quarter section of land. For residents
within participating municipalities, there would be no membership
fees, however, non-residents would pay a membership fee of
approximately \$25.00 per year. St. Pierre, Carman and South Central
Library have given verbal approval to having a reciprocal agreement
for the use of library cards with the Morris Library if it is formed.
He stated that the committee has yet to meet with the Town of Morris
or the R. M. of Montcalm, however, he stressed that the option
for the Concepts Building is only until March, 1990 and an answer
from the municipalities is needed immediately. He requested
that the Rural Municipality of Morris accept joining a Regional
Library System, however, whether the Municipality wishes to join or
not, the Committee requests that an answer be given.

Mr. Stupnisky informed Council that the books within a library would
hopefully reflect the ethnic needs of the participating municipalities
and the people of the general area.

At that point, the presentation ended and Council would give further
consideration to the request and make a decision in the near future.

Delegation

The Committee for the U. V. D. of Rosenort, Mr. Art Friesen, Mr. Earl
Braun and Mr. Jim Heinrichs met with Council to discuss the situation
of the upgrading of River Road South and also the financing of the
hard surfacing of this road. Mr. Art Friesen informed Council that
the U.V.D. of Rosenort intends to continue with the hard surfacing of
this road, however, the cost of approximately \$510,000.00 and
completing the road in three years would mean an annual expenditure
of \$170,000.00 with Grant-in-Aid paying one-half of the cost. Therefore,
the U.V.D. would still be required to raise \$85,000.00 for the road.
The Committee feels that it can contribute \$50,000.00 towards this
project however, the remaining \$35,000.00 would be required from
other sources.

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Mr. Friesen elaborated to Council that there were many tax dollars coming to the municipality from the U.V.D. area and he questioned what was being received by the Rosenort area for those tax dollars.

He stated to Council that a prior commitment of \$15,000.00 towards this road hard surfacing, however they would now request that the R. M. of Morris Council consider making additional funds available for this project.

Mr. Friesen also noted to Council that because of the tax and other revenues received by the municipality because of the Rosenort area, they feel that consideration should be given to the aspect of some of these monies being contributed back to the U.V.D. of Rosenort.

Council indicated that they would give some further review to their request, but that it would have to be done at a later date.

Delegation

The Hon. Clayton Manness, M.L.A. Morris Constituency, met with Council to discuss matters of general concern to Council. Councillor Martens mentioned the aspect of the construction of Highway 75 and that south of Morris, there would be no access roads planned. Also that for our area, the Carman Highways Office should be involved in the planning aspects. He also questioned as to whether 75 Highway to Morris would be built in their 1990-91 year. Mr. Manness indicated that because of costs, they were trying to use municipal roads whenever possible and eliminate having to construct access roads and also that it is planned that 75 Highway continue construction towards Morris during the 1990-91 year. Councillor Waldner mentioned the Pembina Valley Water Task Force and the need for treated water in the area, however, matter were being jeopardized by talk of including irrigation into the study. Councillor Dickson stated that Morris now had a postal service retail outlet and that it would have a negative impact on the postal service in the community. Mr. Manness indicated that this was under federal jurisdiction and that the Province had no involvement in such matters. Councillor Waldner questioned Mr. Manness concerning the matter of the exchange of P.R. 330 for River Road South and Mr. Manness that he could not add anything further than what Council already knew of the situation. Councillor Dickson asked Mr. Manness on the U.V.D. of Rosenort becoming an Incorporated Village. Mr. Manness stated that because Rosenort did not fall within the guidelines for Incorporation, it would have to be done by a private members bill. However, it indicated that communities wanting to govern their own growth, etc. is looked upon with a positive attitude from the Provincial Government. Councillor Curdt question Mr. Manness on the matter of policing costs and was informed that these costs will likely increase as the Federal Government is forcing more of these costs onto the Provincial Government and in all likelihood these additional costs would be passed on to the municipalities. Councillor Martens brought up the matter of health care costs and Mr. Manness noted that these costs are rising at a high rate and that all levels of government must address the problem. New technology, increase in the age of the population, etc. all contribute to these rising costs. These was some general discussion on matters and at that point, Council thanked Mr. Manness for attending their meeting.


Accounts

Moved by W. E. Martens, Seconded by Harold Dyck: #40/90. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for February 8th, 1990 in the amount of \$34,962.12 plus the following additional accounts:

Burkes Restaurant	58.18
Willie Thiessen	275.00

Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned at 5:05 P.M. and Council agreed to meet again on February 13, 1990 at 9:00 A.M. to complete the agenda.



 Reeve



 Secretary-Treasurer.