THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a Special meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 29th, 1990 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Dan Thiessen Presided. Present were Councillors: George St. Hilaire, Harold Dyck, Bill Martens, Allan Dickson, Glenn Curdt.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss and resolve a policy regarding the 1990 policy program for the destruction of grasshoppers and also to discuss culverts and a public reserve closure by-law.

Delegation

Council firstly met with Mr. Jay McCullough of the Department of Agriculture and held a general discussion regarding the grasshopper situation. Mr. McCullough informed Council that the grasshopper eggs were in various stages of development and that the hatching would likely take place over the next 2 to 3 weeks. Mr. McCullough explained to Council that a farmer spraying his own road allowance could be paid by the Municipality and in such cases the municipality would be reimbursed for the cost of the chemical. The intent of the Provincial policy is that farmers doing spraying should only be doing property bordering their own farm land. Normally, custom application of chemical should be done by a licenced applicator and in cases where a licenced applicator does spraying on road allowances for the municipality, then the cost of chemical would be reimbursed by the Province to the Municipality. Council then held a general discussion with Mr. McCullough on the Provincial policy, what other municipalities may be doing and what the Municipality may do and whether costs would be reimbursed. Calculations at the meeting indicated that 1 four liter jug of furadan would cover approximately 8 miles of one side of a road allowance.

Grasshopper Policy Moved by Glenn Curdt, Seconded by W. E. Martens: #148/90. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris provide the following policy for the spraying of grasshoppers:

- 1. the Protection Committee shall authorize the spraying of major drains or locations where the situation warrants.
- the Municipality shall supply chemical where the farmer has approximately 40 acres of road allowance and drains to be sprayed.
- 3. farmers spraying less than 40 acres of road allowance and drains shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$10.00 per mile of road allowance and drain.

Carried. For 4
Against 1

By-law 1393/90 Moved by Allan Dickson, Seconded by George St. Hilaire: #150/90. Resolved that By-law No. 1393/90 being a by-law authorizing the closure of a public reserve property in Rosenort, Manitoba be now given first reading in Council as a whole with the requirements of Section 190(3) of the Municipal Act being now suspended.

Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

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