

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a Special Meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 4th, 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, Allan Dickson and ~~Dave Waldner~~ *Bill Martens*

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and resolve matters relating to the 1990 gravel program and the requirements set by Council for this years gravel program.

Also present at the meeting were 6 municipal ratepayers as interested parties for the gravelling of thier respective areas.

Reeve Thiessen opened the meeting by indicating that the reason for the meeting was that Council had previously set an average yardage per mile per ward which was to be used for the 1990 gravel program. The gravelling had started in Ward 2 and the average yardage was higher than allowed. The gravel trucks were subsequently sent to another area to commence gravelling and this meeting is the result of these events.

Councillor Dickson informed Council that at the last special meeting a written request was submitted for more gravel and was not dealt with. Mr. Dickson was unable to attend that meeting and he asked why the request had not been dealt with and that the request be put forth at this meeting.

Councillor Dyck indicated that the request came in when gravelling was already going on in Ward 2 and Ward 2 was where the request was for. His understandign of the resolution was that extra gravel was to be done later and not at the time of gravelling a particular area.

The written request was lacated and presented to Council.

Councillor Dickson stated that his gravel map was in at the May meeting however a review of the gravel maps was not done by the Roads Committee as should have been done. The Riverside Road has a high traffic volume on it and requires more gravel than other roads. Special consideration should be given to this road and the averaging should not involve this road. Councillor Dickson asked that his request for more gravel be dealt with by Council.

Councillor Dickson objected to the scrutinizing of his Ward 2 gravel map and that if this was to be done it should be done to all the gravel maps.

Reeve Thiessen reviewed for Council the mileage in each ward, the amount of gravel requested and the allowed average for the ward at the average rate of 90 yards per mile. These figures however were not truly accurate.

Councillor Waldner informed Council a 6 mile by 8 mile area of the municipality has one-half of the population of the municipality and therefore the gravel needs for the roads in this area is greater than areas which have less traffic volume. This area has many livestock barns, nuisance grounds, etc. which requires that the roads be passable at all times. In 1984 the roads of his Ward were in poor shape and in the years since, more gravel has been put on these roads. The roads are in better shape now and it is because of there being more gravel put on the roads. If the gravel is to be reduced then the regression of the roads will take place also.

Councillor St. Hilaire stated that the gravelling done in the fall is extra gravel which is to be put on where it is needed.

Councillor Dyck requested that Council should try to work with the system. The gravelling program and system may not be perfect however it should be worked with as is. The overall objective is to come in at the budget figure.

Councillor Waldner advised Council that for the years 1988 to 1989 some Wards had a large increase in the amount of gravel used, some were down and others were up only a little. However, the largest increases were in Ward 1 and Ward 5.

Councillor Dyck stated the years prior to his being Councillor for Ward 5 there was only an average of 80 yards per mile of gravel put on the roads. He has increased the amount used, however, he is still only averaging 90 yards per mile of gravel.

Councillor Waldner requested that the budget amount should be further reviewed in depth. Gravel road are important to rural areas and not enough study is done as to the amount of gravel needed and our gravel budget should be done accordingly.

Councillor Martens stated that we are now receiving a better deal on our gravelling done than we were in years past. This has resulted in a saving for our gravel program than we were paying from a few years past. As we have encountered a saving with our gravelling, this saving should be passed on to the ratepayers and not keep the cost up to its prior level by increasing the amount of gravel put on the roads.

Councillor Curdt viewed that the intent is to put gravel on all roads and not differentiate different areas as to the gravelling they are to receive.

Councillor George St. Hilaire was a recorded vote on the next resolution.

Gravel Map  
Ward 3

Moved by Dave Waldner, Seconded by Allan Dickson:  
#174/90. Resolved that the gravel map for Ward 3 be accepted as presented.

Defeated.	For	Dave Waldner
		Allan Dickson
	Against	Harold Dyck
		George St. Hilaire
		Glenn Curdt
		Bill Martens

Councillor Martens stated that he could not support such a request when he has not seen the map and does not know what is indicated on the map.

The consensus of Council was that the Roads Committee is to look at Riverside Road for an allocation of extra gravel. A decision should be made within the next day or 2 so that gravelling can continue.

Councillor Waldner requested that since the approval of the gravel map for Ward 3 has not been accepted, what is he to do with regards to the gravelling of the Ward.

None of the gravel maps have been approved by Council and therefore, nothing has changed. Council has passed a resolution indicating the average yardage per mile for the Ward and that is what the Councillor is to work with.


Councillor Dickson informed Council that he did not agree to the resolution on gravel and he is opposed to the system. He feels that he is doing what is needed to be done for Ward 2 and for the municipality.

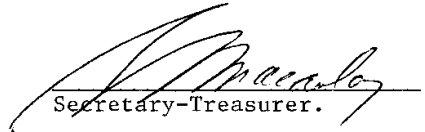
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At this point in the meeting, Reeve Dan Thiessen admonished Councillor Allan Dickson for a lack of co-operation with regards to the gravel program. A resolution was in place stipulating the amount of gravel allowed and it was the responsibility of the respective Councillors to follow that which was stated in the resolution. Not following the resolution was not a proper avenue to follow and in future, greater co-operation would be expected.

By a consensus of Council, the Roads Committee was authorized to allocate further gravel if required.

The special meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

  
Reeve

  
Secretary-Treasurer.