

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 14th, 1991 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

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

Councillor Dick Zacharias excused himself from the meeting at approximately 11:45 A.M.

Minutes  
Moved by Harold Dyck, Seconded by D. Zacharias:  
#50/91. Resolved that the minutes of the February 14, 1991 regular meeting and the February 12, 1991 and February 21, 1991 special meetings be now adopted as recorded.

Carried.

Altona Hospital Doctor Recruit.  
Moved by W. E. Martens, Seconded by Glenn Curdt:  
#51/91. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris supports the Doctor Recruitment levy requested by the Altona Health Centre and authorize the levy for this program with the provision that all other involved municipalities also participate in the program.

Carried.

St. Pierre Vet. Levy Payment  
Moved by D. Zacharias, Seconded by George St. Hilaire:  
#52/91. Resolved that we authorize payment of one-half (½) of the proposed levy for the St. Pierre Veterinary Clinic in the amount of \$565.53.

Carried.

Committee Reports

Bill Martens - Union of Man. Municipalities Convention in Brandon  
- Morden/Winkler Regional Hospital  
- Morris Manor Board  
Allan Dickson - Red River Health District  
- Big "M" Centre Advisory Board  
Glenn Curdt - Union of Man. Municipalities Convention in Brandon  
- Carman Hospital meeting  
- Fire Dept. Mutual Aid meeting  
- Morris Montcalm Weed Board  
George St. Hilaire - Welfare Committee  
- Drainage Committee  
Harold Dyck - P.V.D.C. annual meeting  
- Lowe Farm Post Office closure.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:00 o'clock noon and reconvened at 1:10 P.M.

Subdivision M.Friesen SW 35-5-1W  
Moved by Glenn Curdt, Seconded by W. E. Martens:  
#53/91. Whereas Margaret Friesen has made application to subdivide part of the SW¼ of Section 35-5-1W.P.M. under Planning File No. 4152-90-3141;

And Whereas this subdivision is proposed to divide the quarter section into an 80 acre parcel and two 40 acre parcels;  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris approves this subdivision application with the condition that any additional driveways required shall be the responsibility of the owner.

Carried.

Hydro Easement 3-16239  
Moved by George St. Hilaire, Seconded by Harold Dyck:  
#54/91. Whereas Manitoba Hydro has requested an easement across Lot 3, Plan 16239 currently owned by the R. M. of Morris;  
And Whereas this easement is for the purpose of allowing a hydro line to cross the property to service the neighboring property;  
And Whereas this line will cross the roadway into this property;  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris does now approve this easement on the condition that Manitoba Hydro is totally responsible to provide proper and adequate clearance to the line above the roadway and also the Manitoba Hydro is totally responsible for any and all liability which may result from this hydro line crossing this property.

Carried.

Tree Shelterbelt

Moved by George St. Hilaire, Seconded by W. E. Martens: #55/91. Whereas Mr. Dave Milton has requested premission to establish a tree shelterbelt along the east boundary of the SE¼ of Section 14-5-1E.P.M.; And Whereas the proposed shelterbelt would have no setback from the road allowance; Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris reject Mr. Milton's request for special permission for this shelterbelt planting. Carried.

Variation Board

Moved by W. E. Martens, Seconded by Glenn Curdt: #56/91. Resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris now resolves into the Variation Board of the Rural Municipality of Morris. Carried.

The Board then held a public hearing at 1:30 P.M. for Variation Application No. 1/91. There were no presentations made to the Board. Mr. Gerbrandt was present for the hearing but did not make a presentation on behalf of his application.

Variation 1/91 NW 16-4-2W J.Gerbrandt

Moved by W. E. Martens, Seconded by Glenn Curdt: #57/91. Whereas John J. Gerbrandt has applied for a variation order to vary the site area requirement for the North 683 feet of the South 955 feet of the West 830 feet of hte NW¼ of Section 16, in Township 4 and Range 2 W.P.M.; And Whereas this variation is to allow for a 13.0 acre site area; Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the Rural Municipality of Morris approves application no. 1/91 for Mr. John J. Gerbrandt. Carried.

Variation Adjourn

Moved by George St. Hilaire, Seconded by Harold Dyck: #58/91. Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris now adjourns and resumes as the Council of the R. M. of Morris. Carried.

The floor was then opened to presentations at 1:40 P.M. concerning the public hearing for conditional use application no. 1/91. There were 18 persons in attendance for this hearing. And the presentations made to the Board were as follows:

Mr. Cal Funk, the applicant for the conditional use, informed Council that he represents a group of investors who are hoping to build this hog feedlot. The particular location in question was chosen because of the roads, the available water supply and also that the nearest neighbor is almost one mile away and that prevailing winds benefit the location. The lagoon size for this hog barn would be a one to two year supply. It is planned that this operation will be a clean and efficient operation. This type of operation would have waste amounts similar to a 1,000 hog finish operation and that these size operations are currently existing in the municipality. He indicated that 80 acres of land is felt to be adequate to support the disposal of the waste from this operation. If more land is needed, he felt that it could be accomodated, however, they have not asked Mr. Olson to spread additional manure on his other land and an agreement would have to be entered into. The lagoon is to have a 5 foot dyke around it and is also planned that the waste will be through an overhead discharge into the lagoon. The pits in the barn are to be flushed every 2 weeks. The lagoon has a 1.5 million gallon capacity. Council requested information on the lagoon discharging and whether 80 acres is enough land to support the waste spreading.

Mr. Len Schieman spoke to Council in opposition to the conditional use application. The barn is a concern to area farm families. The proposed barn is not a farming enterprise but should be considered as strictly a business operation. From this operation, severe odor problems will definitely exist. There are 11 farm yards within 2 miles of the site and they should not be forced to tolerate the odor problems. He stated that Council should have guidelines established for large feedlot operations such as this.

Mr. Schieman also stated that some municipalities are no longer allowing lagoons to be built. Council should ensure that environmental problems are not created by the establishment of this feedlot. He requested that Council deny this request and allow further time for Council to study the situation regarding feedlots.

Mr. Jake Friesen stated that if such a feedlot is farmer owned, why do these farmer investors not install the feedlot near their own property. Feedlots of this size are not farming operation but should be considered as commercial enterprises.

Mr. Cal Funk clarified to Council that many of the investors are from other areas and that the situation of location must look at water, roads, market location, proximity to towns and neighboring residences, etc. This location seemed to fit the criteria and also seem relatively isolated.

Mr. Dave Thiessen felt that when this site was being contemplated, there should have been contact with neighbors of the proposed feedlot and allow area residents more time to be aware of the situation.

Mr. Cal Funk indicated to Council that as this proposed operation is to be a germ free environment, they would have some concern regarding any neighboring additional feedlots being established. There was no intention to bypass the neighbors by not informing them, however, a door to door canvass of the neighbors was not thought of at the time. Following a recent meeting with the neighbors, Mr. Funk stated that the investors were not receptive to moving the barn location to the East end of the property and they indicated that the barn should be near the existing yardsite. Having the barn near the yardsite make the operation easier for the manager.

Mr. Len Schieman presented a copy of his presentation to Council for our records.

At this time, the hearing was ended and Council felt that additional information was needed regarding this application and that a decision regarding the application would be made at a later date.

Delegation

Mr. Bill Harder, Fire Chief for the Morris Fire Department, met with Council requesting the support of the R. M. of Morris for a mock disaster training exercise which is being planned for Fire Departments of the area. He plans to use an anhydrous tank involved in a collision possibly with a school bus as the scenario for the accident. Council questioned the use of using an anhydrous tank as opposed to using something else. Mr. Harder indicated that these tanks are greatly used in the area and should there be an accident involving this type of tank, the danger is very great and firefighters must be aware of dealing with the situation. He stated that on site experience is needed by the firemen and cannot substituted by films and books in how to deal with the situation.

Morris  
Mock  
Disaster

Moved by Glenn Curdt, Seconded by Allan Dickson:  
#51/91. Whereas the Morris Fire Department plans to hold a mock disaster exercise with the location of the proposed exercise being in the R. M. of Morris;  
And Whereas some temporary closure of roads may be needed to facilitate this exercise;  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris supports this planned exercise and the necessary reasonable road closures needed for this project.

Carried.

Accounts

Moved by Glenn Curdt, Seconded by W. E. Martens:  
#60/91. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for March 14, 1991 in the amount of \$76,519.71 plus the following additional accounts:

Burkes Motel & Diner	68.35
Morris Plumbing & Heating	1,000.00
Morris Montcalm Weed Dist.	11,580.00
	Carried.

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Financial  
Statement

Moved by George St. Hilaire, Seconded by Harold Dyck:  
#61/91. Resolved that we now approve the Financial Statement for  
the month of February, 1991 as presented by the Secretary-Treasurer.  
Carried.


Budget  
Approvals

Moved by George St. Hilaire, Seconded by Harold Dyck:  
#62/91. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris Council now approves  
the following budgets for the 1991 operating year:

Rosenort C.C.D.	8,194.09
Joint Morris C.C.D.	14,476.00
Aubigny C.C.D.	830.00
Low Farm C.C.D.	14,500.00
U.V.D. of Rosenort	72,161.26
St. Pierre Vet Clinic	1,131.06
Kane C.C.D.	4,232.00
	Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned at 5:40 P.M.  
Council is to hold their 1991 Board of Revision on March 21st, 1991  
at 10:00 A.M. and it is also planned to hold a meeting with the  
U.V.D. of Rosenort following the Board of Revision.

  
Reeve

  
Secretary-Treasurer.