

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 29th, 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, Allan Dickson, Bill Martens, Glenn Curdt.

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with representatives of the Provincial Government to discuss the proposed transfer of P.R. roads from the Government of Manitoba to the R. M. of Morris.

Mr. Doug Gourlay has been appointed by the Provincial Government to be the liason contact between the various Municipalities involved and the Government of Manitoba.

Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Council discussed various concerns and aspects of discontent regarding this action being taken by the Provincial Government.

At 10:00 A.M., Council met with Mr. Doug Gourlay and he reviewed with Council the roads to be transferred. Mr. Gourlay provided Council with a listing of Municipalities in the Province which would be receiving P.R. roads and the number of kilometers to be transferred to each municipality.


The criteria used in the basis of determining the roads to be transferred was outlined in a letter from the Minister of Highways dated June 14, 1991.

Council was informed that for 1991, all of these P.R. roads in question have been gravelled. Council expressed concern over receiving roads which did not have proper drainage. An area along P.R. 336 does not have proper drainage and Council felt that this should be addressed prior to the transfer of any roads. Another concern involved the bridges located along these P.R. roads. The bridges are currently the responsibility of the Department of Highways, however with the transfer, they would then become the responsibility of the R. M. of Morris of one bridge and the Water Resources Branch for the remainder of the bridges involved. The Water Resources Branch has a very minimal budget for its bridge construction program and this is only adding extra to those they already administer to. Mr. Gourlay mentioned that fact that there may be possibilities of transfer of responsibilities of the service roads along PTH 75 to the R. M. of Morris. Councils initial reaction to this suggestion was not well received by Council.

In general terms, Council discussed with Mr. Gourlay aspects of grading, gravel, drainage, snowclearing, etc. for the roads in question.

Mr. Gourlay informed Council that the concerns expressed by Council would be noted and brought to the attention of the Minister of Highways and in time, he is to respond to and address the concerns expressed by Council.

At that point, Mr. Gourlay left the meeting and the meeting was adjourned soon after.

  
Reeve

  
Secretary-Treasurer.