

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members present were: Ralph Groening, Stan Siemens, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese, Leo Kornelsen, Sieg Neumann.

Agenda

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#39/00. Resolved that the agenda for the March 8, 2000 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Seimens:

#40/00. Resolved that the minutes of the February 9, 2000 regular meeting and the February 10, 2000 special meeting be now adopted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Friesen  
LUD  
Resignation

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#41/00. Whereas Mr. Art Friesen has submitted his resignation as a member of the L.U.D. of Rosenort Committee effective February 5, 2000; Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris regretfully accepts this resignation by Mr. Art Friesen.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

LUD of  
Rosenort  
By-election

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann;

#42/00. Whereas due to the resignation of Mr. Art Friesen as a member of the L.U.D. of Rosenort Committee, the Council of the R. M. of Morris wishes to initiate the required by-election as soon as possible; Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris authorize that the Returning Officer have nomination for this position as soon as possible under the Act and that elections, if required, be held according to the Act.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Weed Dist.  
Budget

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#42/00. Resolved that the budget for the year 2000 for the Morris Montcalm Weed Control District be now accepted by Council with the R. M. of Morris portion being \$28,371.96.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Sperling &  
Rural Water  
Projects

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#44/00. Resolved that the Manitoba Water Services Board be requested to provide funding for water projects in Sperling and also a water line extension south of Lowe Farm as outlined in a letter from P.F.R.A. dated February 22, 2000.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

CRHA  
Meeting

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Sieg Neumann;

#45/00. Resolved that Councillor Barry Fraese be authorized to attend the Central Regional Health Authority conference in Morden on April 26, 2000.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Rural  
Forum  
2000

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded Barry Fraese:  
#46/00. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris agree to being involved in Rural Forum 2000 in Brandon with the involvement being in conjunction with other area participants.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Public  
Works  
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, met with Council. He mentioned to Council the issue of putting up road restriction on certain roads in the Municipality as we had done previous. The roads would soon be needing these restrictions and the Foreman was advised by Council to put the signs up as soon as possible.

He presented Council with a survey of oil prices and hydraulic 50 oil and mentioned the possibility of having a bulk system with oil tanks at the shop. The R. M. of Morris could possibly build their own tanks, however, the pump, reel, hoses, etc. would have to be purchased at a cost of \$1,400.00 per tank.

For drainage for 2000, the map is almost completed and should be mailed out soon for public response, if any.

He mentioned that possibly Council could budget for some work to get done with a G.P.S. system.

Mr. Harder was asked to complete his report at our special meeting.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Office  
Basement  
Cleaning

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Denis Robert:  
#47/00. Whereas there is a situation requiring that the lower level of the Municipal Office Building be cleaned;  
And Whereas PGA Enterprises has provided a quotation to the Morris Macdonald School Division to undertake this work at a cost of approximately \$1,600.00;  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris agrees to pay \$750.00 towards this work.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Variation  
Board

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:  
#48/00. Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris hereby become the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris to consider Variation Application No. 1/2000.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

The floor was then opened for a public hearing on this matter and there were no persons present for the public hearing. The hearing was then closed.

Variation  
1/2000  
D.Thiessen  
NW 5-4-1W

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:  
#49/00. Whereas David L. Thiessen has made application for a Variation Order for the North 750 feet of the West 605 feet of the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 4 and Range 1 WPM;  
And Whereas this Variation Application is to create a 10.4 acre yard site;  
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris hereby approves this Variation Application No. 1/2000.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Adjourn  
Variation  
Board

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:  
#50/00. Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now  
adjourn and resume as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

PVDC Tourism  
Membership

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:  
#51/00. Resolved that we agree to purchase a membership to the P.V.D.C.  
Tourism at a cost of \$500.00.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Conditional  
Use Hearing  
P. Falk  
SW 16-4-1W

At this time in the meeting, Council held a public hearing for a Conditional Use  
Application by Mr. Peter Falk for a hog barn on the SW 1/4 of Section 16-4-1  
WPM.

Present for this hearing were: Peter J. Falk, Peter F. Falk, Walter Sawatzky, Denis  
Friesen, Steve Sawatzky, Abe Sawatzky, Erna Sawatzky, Brenda Matte, Eva  
Wiebe and Gordon Wiebe

Mr. Peter J. Falk explained that he planned to construct a 2000 feeder hog barn on  
the SW 1/4 of Section 16-4-1 WPM. This operation would have a 2 cell lagoon.  
Mr. Peter J. Falk will be the manager of the barn operation and will likely have a  
part-time person to help at certain times. He lives close to Lowe Farm and does  
not plan to move to this location. He indicated that trees that would be planted  
would be a proper distance from the road.

Ms. Brenda Matte then spoke indicating that they own a house and property  
approximately 1 mile north of the proposed barn site. They may decide to move  
and retire to their yard site and are opposed to this barn being built. There are a  
few barn in the area already and feels that there is enough barns in the area. There  
is a willingness to tolerate existing operations but is opposed to additional barns  
being built in the area. Mr. Falk has no experience operating a hag barn and she  
expressed concern as to who enforces smell issues. There is a concern of the  
smell from the barn and the lagoon as well as the issue of dead animals. From a  
barn there is methane and ammonia put into the air as part of the smell and this  
can be harmful. P.R. 332 has a lot of normal traffic on the road and this barn  
would cause and increase in traffic, dust, ruts, etc. to the road. The fact that the  
owner is not living at the yard site is also a concern. There needs to be a policing  
of concerns relating to the land, soil, air pollution, etc.

Mr. Abe Sawatzky spoke that there are 8 homes about 1 mile away from this barn  
site and that many are within 1/2 mile from the edge of the field where the manure  
will be spread. This barn will affect the living conditions of these neighbouring  
houses and will be unable to have some outside activities at their houses. The  
barn owner is not living on the site and the neighbours are left to tolerate the  
smell while the owner goes to his home many miles away. The barn would reduce  
the value of the neighbouring properties. Barns should be put into locations that  
do not affect neighbours. He is opposed to this barn application.

Mr. Denis Friesen expressed his opposition to the barn as well. He has barns all  
around him and he currently has no smell when the wind in from the south east  
and this barn location in the south east will create a smell from that direction.

Mr. Steve Sawatzky is also opposed to the barn application. He owns property  
near the barn and he indicated that he may build on his property but if the barn is  
built, he will be unable to build on his property.

Mr. Gordon Wiebe stated that he has been trying to sell his property and with the  
additional barn in the area will make it more difficult to sell and at what value.  
Councillor Ralph Groening indicated that the new Provincial Government may  
take a different view of hog barns and lagoons. Council has the responsibility to  
decide upon these issues such as hog barns. When a barn is miles away, no one  
objects.

Conditional Use  
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Conditional  
Use Hearing  
P. Falk  
SW 16-4-1W

Councillor Sieg Neumann asked the size of the barn in Abe Sawatzky yard which is 250 feeders and the other site where Walter Sawatzky has a barn of 400 feeders on a seasonal basis.

Ms. Brenda Matte mentioned that North Cyprus and South Cyprus have strict regulations on monitoring ground and water.

Councillor Sieg Neumann asked where the manure would be spread and was informed that it would go on this quarter section and they also own land 2 1/2 miles away but did plan to dispose of the manure nearer to the barn.

Mr. Falk stated that this is a family operation in that it is a father/son operation. At this time the hearing ended.

Conditional  
Use Hearing  
K. Penner  
NW 2-6-1W

A Conditional Use hearing was then started for a hog barn application from Mr. Kenton Penner which is planned to be done on the NW 1/4 of section 2-6-1 WPM. Attending were: Kenton Penner, Gladwin Penner, Elwyn Eidse.

Mr. Kenton Penner stated that he wants to increase his hog operation from 400 feeders to 900 feeders and that it is the same situation and information as his last application except that this application includes a sewage lagoon. He will be moving his old barn to a new site on his yard and have another barn added to it. Mr. Elwyn Eidse indicated that he is in favour of the barn application and he does not feel that the increase will cause much change.

Mr. Penner asked council about using Gold 2000 in his lagoon and that his cost would likely be \$700.00 per year.

Reeve Herm Martens questioned if a plastic cover would be needed would he proceed with the barn.

Mr. Penner stated that a tarp had no long term guarantee and that he did not plan to use a tarp.

Reeve Herm Martens indicated that his understanding was that they had a 10 year guarantee. It was explained that there were different grades of tarp and the most expensive may have a long guarantee.

Mr. Penner explained that Gold 2000 does not work with a cover or tarp on the lagoon. For the placement of the operation, he indicated that the centre of the barn would be the centre of the lagoon.

Mr. Eidse informed Council that in his view, straw cover does help. It does not eliminate all odours but it does provide a significant reduction.

Mr. Penner told council that he currently has pickup and deliveries through the yard and will continue in that manner. He plans to do manure injection and would use his field as well as the field to the north.

Reeve Herm Martens stated that he feels that it should have a plastic cover on the lagoon and also that an agreement should be completed to ensure conditions are met.

Mr. Penner told Council that the old barn is to be moved to the new site and that it obtain funding from Natural Resources for flood proofing, the old barn must be relocated or destroyed. He then questioned the aspects of the agreement.

Reeve Herm martens noted that the performance bond amount was a concern and he feels that an agreement is a better situation.

At that time, the hearing ended.

Adult  
Education  
Support

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#52/00. Whereas a number of alternative and vocation-oriented education centres, particularly targeting adults and "at risk" youth, have been established in various local communities in southeast Manitoba in recent years;

And Whereas such programs and facilities offer labour market and self-employment training, technological literacy training, and alternative high school education programs;

And Whereas many residents and families have improved their outlook for personal economic self-reliance by participating in such locally delivered opportunities where they currently exist in the region;

Resolution 52/00  
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Adult  
Education  
Support

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris urge the Government of Manitoba and the Department of Education and training to continue to support and further expand, such fundamental, opportunities to be delivered in local communities, and not to have such services regionalized to larger centres;

And Further Be It Resolved that the local delivery and flexible nature of such programs encourages many residents to strengthen their ability to participate in the economy with a personal growth situation that many people would not pursue if they had to leave their community to receive such services;

And Further Be It Resolved that we ask for greater recognition to be paid to the long-term positive impacts that such locally established services provide families and assist with addressing the challenges of developing sustainable communities.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Library  
Budget

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#53/00. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris does now accept the proposed 2000 budget for the Valley Regional Library with the R. M. of Morris levy share being \$6,046.00 with the Town of Morris accepting their portion of the budget.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:

That the meeting be now adjourned at 5:15 p.m. with Council agreeing to meeting again on March 9, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. to continue the agenda.

  
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Reeve

  
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Municipal Administrator