

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Deputy-Reeve Ralph Groening presided.

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

Rosenort
Dyke

At the start of the meeting, Council met with Mr. Ross Madder, of the Water Resources Branch to discuss the Rosenort Dyke Project. There are a number of concerns relating to drainage and culverts that needed to be brought to the Province's attention regarding this dyke project. Council feels that the outside ditches are to be built with a 10 foot bottom. All of the outside and inside ditches are to have a grade slope of at least 18 inches per mile. Some of the ditches are being built with a "V" bottom which is not acceptable and it was questioned as to the degree of slope of the ditches being built.

Mr. Madder explained that the engineer had not finalized the plans yet with a copy to contractors but there had been an amendment sent out to contractors. Apparently the East ditch, South of PR 205, has been built as a "V" ditch and has no room left on the East side for the widening of the ditch to provide a 10' ditch bottom.

The borrow ditches are to have a flat bottom pilot ditch.

Mr. Madder indicated that the NE corner, on the East side dyke, has a "V" ditch and there is no plans to have a flat bottom ditch at that location.

Councillor Groening indicated that our discussions and assumptions for a drainage ditch was that of having a 10' wide bottom.

For the location 1 mile South of PR 205 (on the East side dyke), the culverts should be reversed with the 24" culvert being on the inside and the 36" culvert on the outside.

On River Road South, there is to be a 1.0m. culvert installed immediately south of the dyke.

The issue of the Reimer yardsite was discussed and was questioned as to why they were keeping the property. The driveway is planned to be maintained and there are three large and long culverts planned to be installed at this driveway location. Council questioned the keeping of this property and selling same in relation to the cost of the driveway and the culverts being installed. Council's view was that the Province should sell the house to have it moved off.

It was decided that the Municipality would send a letter to Mr. Madder expressing our concerns and issues that need to be incorporated into the design of the dyke project.

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, met with Council. He indicated that 36 miles of drainage have been completed and this now finishes approximately 1/2 of our planned drainage program.

The gravel program is now finished. For the road South of the SE of Section 27-6-1 EPM, this dirt road is to be gravelled. Mr. Harder indicated that it was now too wet to start on this road and that we would start later in the year when the road is drier.

For the new gravel road to Mr. Wilf Wiebe's new barn site on the SE of section 13-4-1 WPM, Council indicated that the R. M. of Morris will do the gravelling. There should be letter from the landowner requesting the gravelling of the road and the start of the barn construction. There is also still an issue of some work needing to be done in the shaping of the road.

The Rosenort sidewalk and road paving projects have been completed. There is a problem of water runoff from the asphalt near the residence of Mr. Elmer Friesen on Brandt Road.

Agenda	<p>Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Barry Fraese: #169/00. Resolved that the agenda for the August 9, 2000 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried. For 6 Against 0</p>
Minutes	<p>Moved by Seig Neumann, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen: #170/00. Resolved that the minutes of the July 12, 2000 regular meeting and the July 13, 2000 special meeting be now adopted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried. For 6 Against 0</p>
Support for an Acute Care Facility	<p>Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens: #171/00. Whereas the Central Health Authority of Manitoba has identified an acute care centre for the Town of Morris and area as one of the top priorities in their strategic plan for the years 2001 and 2004; And Whereas an acute care facility in Morris would be of great benefit to the entire area; Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the R. M. of Morris request that the Provincial Government and Manitoba Health give favourable consideration to the establishing of a new acute care facility for Morris and area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried. For 4 Against 2</p>
Request to MEMO for Basement Flooding	<p>Moved by Seig Neumann, Seconded by Barry Fraese: #172/00. Whereas the Rosenort area in the R. M. of Morris has experienced heavy rains in August, 2000; And Whereas this heavy rain did cause some water damage to basements in the area; Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris request disaster financial assistance from MEMO of the Province of Manitoba for this area around Rosenort.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried. For 6 Against 0</p>
Conditional Use Hearing 8/2000 JPF 2000	<p>Council then held a Conditional Use Hearing for Application No. 8/2000 from JPF 2000 and the floor was then opened at 11:00 a.m. for this hearing. Mr. Doug Small of DGH Engineering spoke on behalf of JPF 2000 and informed Council that the existing chicken operation is about 380 AU and the proposed hog barn would be approximately 50% more. The operational plan is to compost the solids in another building on the site. The barns would be operated with straw on the barn floor and the manure and straw removed regularly to the compost building and there the manure and straw would be turned as needed for approximately 2 months and then stored outside. There are 14 residences in the 1 mile area and they have visited most of the residences within 3/4 mile of the site. With this method of composting, there should be no concern with ground water. All the manure on the site will be in buildings and the composted material will be outside. In the compost barn the material will be turned once, or as often as needed, and the runoff from the compost pile will drain into the borrow pit on site. The composted material once spread on the fields is to be incorporated with 48 hours. They have spreading agreements with a number of neighbouring property owners and is indicated in the presentation from DGH Engineering. With this process there could be reduction of odour from the current chicken operation to that of the proposed hog barn. The manure is to be transported by truck from the barn to the compost building and then again trucked to the field where it would be loaded onto a spreader unit.</p>

Conditional Use Hearing Continued

Conditional
Use
Hearing

The mortalities are to be picked up by Rothesay and they will also have a refrigerated facility on site for the dead animals. The water for the barn will be taken from the community water line system which will provide a substantial sales volume for the system. They would have a backup power system. Jake and Peter Friesen have experience operating hog barns as they have managed a number of barns in the area. They are trying hard to accommodate the concerns of the neighbours. This is an independent operation and is not a corporate barn.

Councillor Kornelsen questioned the ability to compost the manure and straw within 2 months. Mr. Small stated that under ideal conditions, it should be composted in the 2 month period.

Councillor Robert asked that if air is being pumped into the barn then there must also be exhaust and the odour from the exhaust.

Councillor Neumann questioned using the borrow pit for run off from the compost pile. He did not feel that this was a good plan because the borrow pit is so large and that would likely make the borrow pit into a lagoon.

Peter and Jake Friesen do plan to purchase this property if this conditional use is approved.

There was a question raised concerning flies and Mr. Jake Friesen mentioned that the manure was inside a building and the compost material should not attract flies.

Councillor Fraese noted that with the dried compost material is to be stored outside, what happens in times of rain. The run off from the pile would drain into the borrow pit and he felt that the borrow pit should not be deliberately contaminated.

Councillor Groening stated that this indoor composting is a new concept and is totally experimental.

Mr. Kerry Eidse said that he does not want a barn in a area of population and there is no barn that does not smell. The compost pile will attract animals.

Mr. Doug Small stated that composting has been happening for a long time. In the compost barn there will be an auger and conveyer to turn the pile of manure. In the barn there is room for 2 windrows of manure and room for a 3rd row empty to roll the manure into.

Ms. Eileen Klassen questioned the term anarobic manure and the explanation of its meaning.

Councillor Robert questioned that after 20 months, the manure would be ready for sale. If the compost is not ready and there are problems would they allow the R. M. of Morris to shut down the operation.

Mr. Doug Small stated that there may be a market for the compost material with nurseries. If the nutrient test is adequate then the material may have a saleable market.

Councillor Neumann asked if a smaller operation was proposed it may have a different reaction.

Mr. Jake Friesen stated that they already have a contract for weanlings and would cause some difficulty.

Mr. Lonnie Friesen questioned that 3600 hogs having less odour and believes that the proposed barn would be an increase in odour from the current chicken operation.

Ms. Eileen Klassen asked that if the Council does approve the application, what is Council prepared to do if the barn is a problem.

It was noted that if less straw was used then it would have a higher manure ratio and would compost quicker. But they plan to use sufficient straw to keep the barn cleaner and less odour.

Mr. Dennis Friesen stated that the ecoli concerns are becoming greater and there is still more and more manure being put into the system. Tests should be taken on the river and drains for ecoli and Council should stop barn approvals for 5 years and testing done in the Municipality.

Conditional Use Hearing Continued

Cond. Use
Hearing

Mr. Kerry Eidse mentioned that the applicants are currently managing the barn of Mr. A. Weiss and a barn in the Town of Morris. There have been complaints about those two operations. If the hog prices go down and costs are to be cut to keep making a profit, then it will be the manure operation that will likely be the first affected.

Mr. Peter Friesen informed Council that they live in the community and want to operate property.

For this hearing there were letters of objection received from Tim Loewen, Paul and Myrtle Brandt, Marilyn Penner, Gil and Arlene Cornelsen, Alfred and Margaret Dueck.

The hearing was then adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Following the hearing, Council did discuss the various aspects of the application and the proposed operation of the hog barn.

Conditional
Use 8/2000

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#173/00. Whereas JPF 2000 has made application for a conditional use to operate a 3,600 feeder hog livestock operation on Lots 1, 2 and 3, in Plan 17337, which is part of the NW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 5 and Range 1 EPM;

And Whereas this property is currently owned by Dunn-Rite Food Products Ltd. and Carleton Hatcheries Ltd.;

And Whereas a Public Hearing was held on August 9, 2000 for this Conditional Use Application No. 8/2000;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris hereby approves this Conditional Use No. 8/2000 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Morris Livestock Guidelines be adhered to.
2. That all additional driveways and accesses shall be at the expense of the owner.
3. That there be a cold storage unit of sufficient size for dead animals or that the operation is to have a container with 48 hour dead animal pickup.
4. That a minimum three row tree shelter belt, of a minimum of 2 varieties, be planted and maintained around the yard site with trees being planted by the first spring and that one row of trees be 4' to 6' high.
5. That a 1% refundable performance bond of capital construction costs be submitted to the Municipality.
6. That the manure disposal be done with immediate incorporation.
7. That the manure pile be disposed of two times per year, spring and fall.
8. That a shelter structure be built to cover the compost manure and that a small dyke structure be built around this structure.

Defeated For 2
Against 4

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:20 p.m.. Councillor Sieg Neumann was unable to attend the afternoon session.

E. Goertzen
Resignation

Moved by Stans Siemens, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#174/00. Resolved that we now regretfully accept the resignation of Mrs. Evelyn Goertzen from her employment with the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Rosenort
Lift Stn.
Repairs

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#175/00. Whereas the pump has been damaged at the Rosenort sewage lift station;
And Whereas it is felt that this pump should be repaired;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris does now authorize the repair of the sewage pump for the Rosneort lift Station at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Multi-pork
Bond
Refund

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#176/00. Whereas Mr. Leighton Siemens, of Multi-Pork, has requested a refund of the performance bond submitted for the construction of his hog barn;
Therefore Be It Resolved that Council does now authorize the refund of ½ of that performance bond to Multi-pork in the amount of \$2,500.00 subject to verification by the Compliance Officer of the R. M. of Morris.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Lowe Farm
Sidewalks

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#177/00. Whereas G-Line Bldg. And Concrete Ltd. has provided a cost quotation for a sidewalk project in Lowe Farm, Manitoba;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris does now accept this price quotation of approximately \$12,000.00 being work on 1st St. E. to 1st St. W. and 1st St. E and 2nd Ave. and on 4th St. W as per his letter of July 4, 2000.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Crop Damage
Request to
MEMO

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#178/00. Whereas heavy rains in 2000 have resulted in serious damage to agricultural crops in the R. M. of Morris;
Therefore Be it Resolved that the R. M. of Morris request that the Province of Manitoba provide financial crop compensation for the disaster caused by these rains.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

By-law
1544/00

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#179/00. Resolved that By-law No. 1544/00, being a by-law entering into an easement agreement with Mr. Edwin Dueck, be now read a first time in Council as a whole.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

By-law
1544/00

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#180/00. Resolved that By-law No. 1544/00, having been read a first time, be now given second and third readings and finally passed in Council as a whole.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Accounts

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#181/00. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for August 9, 2000 in the amount of \$421,732.23 plus the following additional accounts:

Grant Macaulay \$56.44

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Financial
Statement

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#182/00. Resolved that the financial statement for the month of July, 2000 be now accepted by Council.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Sperling
Water
Project

At this time in the meeting Council discussed the Sperling Water and Sewer Project. The Manitoba Water Services Board has prepared cost estimates for the project and will be forwarding those numbers to us very shortly. They have indicated that the cost estimates will be similar to the previous numbers given. Manitoba Water Services Board indicated that the environmental process for the lagoon is at least a 4 to 6 month process in obtaining the necessary approvals. The discussions with the Water Services Board was to try to have the water reservoir and water and sewer lines done and leave the lagoon until 2001. There was also a question raised on the financing from the Water Services Board and whether the financial agreement covered a water and sewer system. This matter is to be looked into further and try to have the funding allocated to the sewer and water program.

Foreman
Compensation
to Fire

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#183/00. Whereas Mr. Don Harder attended a fire at Mr. Philip Chartier's property on Sunday, July 30, 2000 and brought Municipal Equipment to this fire;

Therefore Mr. Don Harder be paid the amount of \$100.00 as an emergency response service for this fire.

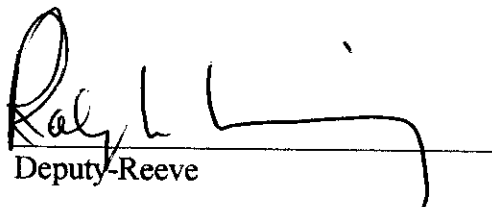
Carried. For 5
Against 0

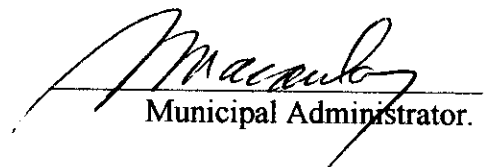
Drain on
CNR Line

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Leo Korenlsen:
#184/00. Resolved that the C.N.R. be requested to lower the culvert in the SE of Section 6-6-2EPM as this culvert is too high to provide proper drainage.

Carried. For 5
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens,
That the meeting be now adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


Deputy- Reeve


Municipal Administrator.