

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members Present were; Ralph Groening, Stan Siemens, Barry Fraese, Leo Kornelsen, Denis Robert, Sieg Neuman.

Agenda

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#185/00. Resolved that the agenda for the September 13, 2000 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried.

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, met with Council. He noted that 46 miles of drainage work has now been completed and by mid-November, it is expected that the remainder of the drainage program should be completed.

Mr. Leo Chartier has been off work since September 5, 2000 because of an eye irritation problem that he is unable to work.

Mr. Dennis Dingwall will be leaving public works for the winter months and starting work at the Morris Arena on September 18, 2000.

The new grader has arrived and is being used.

The new bridge at the North of Section 2-6-1 WPM on the Little Morris River has been experiencing damage due to the traffic. It was felt that the low road elevations on either side of the bridge may be contributing to the damage to the bridge. Council discuss the possibilities of levelling this road area to help alleviate stress on the bridge. The elevating of these sections of road would cost approximately \$6,800.00.

For the bridge on the Marsh River East of Section 12-5-2 EPM, there is need to conduct work on this river crossing. This is on the boundary with the R. M. of De Salaberry and work would have to be agreed to by them. The Drainage Committee proposed that the bridge be replaced with culverts and that the road elevation may be similar or lower than the existing bridge elevation. The situation has been discussed with Mr. Jeff Friesen, who is the land owner most affected by possible different water elevations due to the culverts being installed. Included in the project is the gravelling of the road North and West of Section 12-5-2 EPM as an alternate routing in times of highwater. The gravelling of this road would be ongoing and the R. M. of De Salaberry must be involved in the project itself and the future maintenance of this new gravelled road. The estimated cost of \$33,000.00.

Road
Upgrade
N 2-6-1W

Moved by Seig Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#186/00. Resolved that Council agrees to upgrade the road elevations to a level path on each end of the bridge at the North of Section 2-6-1 WPM on the Little Morris River subject to the Natural Resources Dept. cost sharing in the project.

Carried.

Marsh
River
Bridge
Replacement

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#187/00. Whereas the R. M. of Morris wishes to proceed with the necessary replacement of the bridge on the Marsh River East of Section 12-5-2 EPM; And Whereas this project requires replacing the bridge with culverts and gravelling a new 1.25 miles of roadway with an approximate cost of \$33,000.00;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris proceed with this project provided that the R. M. of De Salaberry cost shares in the project and agrees to an ongoing cost sharing of the road maintenance for the new gravel road.

Carried.

Sperling
Water &
Sewer Proj.

At this time in the meeting, Council was informed that cost estimates have been received from the Manitoba Water Services Board. For the entire project of a water and sewer system the cost would be \$577,000.00 with the local share being \$384,700.00. However, at the time of receiving this cost estimate the office was informed that tendering could not be done until the borrowing authorization was completed. The borrowing process cannot start until such time as cost estimates are available and the borrowing process does take a few months. The Municipality will start the borrowing process immediately however, it is very doubtful that the project will be able to start in 2000.

Delegation

Sgt. Cal Vatamaniuck of the Morris R.C.M.P. Detachment and Ms. Deloris Patton met with Council. Sgt. Vatamaniuck reviewed for Council the April to June, 2000 statistics report. He later informed Council that two staff have returned to work and that a new staff would be joining the force in the next few months and that the force would then be close to full strength. Ms. Deloris Patton is working with the R.C.M.P. under a Victim Services Program. This is a volunteer program and there is or will be a campaign to recruit volunteers for this program. The volunteers must clear R.C.M.P. checks and whose duties would include helping the victim with court and preparation and care at the time of the event.

Minutes

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#188/00. Resolved that the minutes of the August 9, 2000 regular meeting be now adopted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried.

Delegation

Mr. Andy Anderson then met with Council to discuss aspects of having a new arena for Morris. The existing arena is on borrowed time and something needs to be done with the next few years. There were a few options available, such as constructing a new shell over the existing arena, or constructing a new arena or possibly attaching a new arena to the Rec. Centre complex. He has had discussion with the Valley Ag. Society and is currently working on a more formal proposal to the Valley Ag. Society.

There has been informational public meetings held and there will be more meetings to be held. These meetings raise questions and the Committee works at answering the questions or solutions to questions raised.

He indicated that he favours the addition to the Rec. Centre as that would make it more of a multi-use building. The fact of a multi-use building would open the possibilities for attracting other events.

A new arena added on to the existing Rec Centre would cost approximately \$1,000,000.00. With the possible addition to the Rec. Centre, it would bring into question the entire administration of such a multi-use complex and grounds.

Delegation

Mr. Al Cozzuol of A. J. Cozzuol Enterprises met with Council to make a presentation of jackets, hat, different types, styles, etc. A quality milton/leather jacket is approximately \$147.00 plus the embroidery costs. He has a variety of different products and Council would consider the information he provided.

Accounts

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#189/00. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for September 13, 2000 in the amount of \$505,178.58 plus the following additional account:

John Friesen Custom Repair	\$1,150.14
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Carried.

Hiring
M. Dreger
Office
Staff

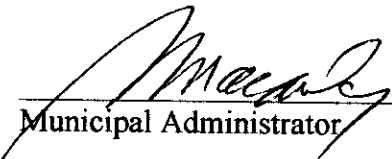
Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#190/00. Resolved that Malissa Dreger be hired as an office employee with a starting date of September 25, 2000 at a salary of \$19,500.00 per annum with their being a 3 month probationary period.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:
That the meeting be now adjourned at 12:00 noon and that Council agrees to
meet again at the call of the Reeve to continue the agenda for this meeting.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator