

The Rural Municipality of Morris

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1972

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SPECIAL MEETING

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Council met on the above date to discuss matters of general interest with its municipal employees. All members of Council were present and the following employees attended:

Peter H. Klassen	Jake L. Rempel
Erdman H. Klassen	Erdman Heinrichs
Abe H. Harder	Jacob H. Kehler
Edward Funk	Willie Penner
Henry Hildebrand	

The newly formed Ward boundaries received some discussion with suggestions being made as to equipment distribution in the various areas. Operators were asked to keep close tab ~~on~~ as to the hours worked in each Ward.

The Secretary was to prepare maps of the new boundaries and distribute same to each operator.

The snowplow operators felt that their machines were too cumbersome to do small driveways, etc. The danger of getting stuck and properly maneuver around in a small area, was always a threat. Council felt that situations of this type would have to be weighed on their merits.

PRIVATE WORK: Ratepayers wishing private work to be done by municipal equipment, should first contact their Councillor, who will check out with the Equipment and/or Roads committees for the go-ahead-signal. On the spot requests for work to be performed very often upsets a planned program and creates bad feelings. Again, emergencies may arise that call for quick action; here the operator or Councillor or both must weigh the seriousness of the situation. - Delinquent accounts will be reviewed by each councillor in his Ward and some restrictions of service may have to be made.

PAY DAY will fall on the 1st Monday after the month end, with cheques ready for pick-up or mailing by Wednesday noon.

Upon choice of the employees, vacations pay will be made at the end of the season and in one lump sum. (or upon separation).

Information was to be obtained regarding Group Insurance, as well as a Pension Plan, for municipal employees; rates, regulations and cost sharing.

The Equipment Committee will check with employees regarding repair of the respective units.

Due to the rising cost in wages, etc., possible restrictions may be made on over-time work.

The approval of our Provincial Employment Program for 1972 showed \$5,200. allocated for labor on the following projects:

1. Fire Halls - insulate and repair - - - - - \$2,000.
2. Skating Rinks (3) repairs - - - - - \$1,200.
3. Municipal Residence - Repair - - - - - \$2,000.

Willie Penner was hired as foreman of a 3 to 4 man crew to insulate and repair the Fire Halls in the municipality.

Councillors in Wards 5(Lowe Farm), Ward 6(Sperling) and Ward 3(Rosenort) were to check into the repair required in these respective Skating Rinks.

A request by the students group of the Morris Collegiate, under the "Opportunity For Youth" program, received considerable attention. With grants towards wages, supplies and transportation from the government and an indication of available facilities in school for setting up a community library, council felt its needs were without further financial assistance.