

Rural Municipality of Morris

May 31, 1972

7:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL MEETING - Grasshoppers

At a special meeting to discuss the grasshopper situation, held on the above date, the following were in attendance:-

Reeve Harold D. Earl

W.F.Recksiedler

Tony Fast

Marcel Caron

Ben Klassen

Resby Coutts, Ag. Rep.

Andre Marion, Weeds Supervisor

Resby Coutts, Ag. Rep. reported that the Department of Agriculture would take care of spraying Provincial Waterways. At this date the hatch was not uniform enough for best results when spraying. Unless claims could be substantiated, there was no urgency and it was felt that better results would be obtained if spraying started next week. Spraying edges of fields adjoining ditches will help but this was the farmers responsibility.

Grasshopper spray dissipates in about three days, it was reported. Warm eather continuing, the hopper hatch would be speeded considerably.

General feeling of the meeting was to follow the departments guideline set out in its directive of March 20th, namely:

" municipalities should, if possible, take no active part in actual control of grasshoppers. - Control of grasshoppers on road allowances is the responsibility of the farmer".

Councillors were going to investigate the possibility of obtaining suitable sprayers for rent to farmers, for use in spraying road allowances and municipal drains; cost of said rental and chemical will be farmers responsibility.

Suggested rate per hour spraying was set at \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hour, if equipment was available.

Farmers could attach a straight pipe to their spraying equipment with a spray nozzle, obtainable at National Grain, which would give good results and the cost would be minimal, about \$20.00. Joining with neighbors in this effort would further reduce the cost.

A. H. Penner of Kane, attended, to enquire re grasshopper spraying.

The meeting adjourned.


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