



**Rural Municipality of Morris – Committee of the Whole Minutes
May 24, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.
RM of Morris Council Chambers**

Attendance

Council Members: Reeve, Ralph Groening, Stan Siemens, Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese and Michael Toews

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Driedger, Public Works Manager, Don Harder, RM of Morris Fire Chief, Bernard Schellenberg and Recording Officer, Kim Robert

RM of Morris Building Inspector, Ed Penner and RM of Morris By-law Enforcement Officer, Michael Lawrence, attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

1. Committee of the Whole Minutes – March 29, 2017:
The Committee reviewed the March 29, 2017, Committee of the Whole Minutes.

2. Reports:

2.1 Public Works Report:

Drainage:

- 6 miles have been completed;
- Repair road slide at Bill Brandt after gravel haul.

Roads:

- Road gravelling should be done by the end of May;
- Graders are pulling up shoulders on dirt roads.

Various:

- Spring clean-up dates May 23-26;
- Dust control sites have been started and should be completed by end of May;
- Replace Lowe Farm landfill operator;
- Lowe Farm lagoon existing primary and secondary cells should be ready for test drilling by the end of May;
- Brandt Street sewer and water to start May 23rd;
- Roberts' drain waiting on reply from Manitoba Infrastructure;
- Manitoba Infrastructure is investigating clay soil being removed from west dyke in Rosenort.

Additions:

- RM of Morris Landfills will need signage and information sheets to be handed out to customers relaying the rules. The operators have the authority to refuse service at their discretion;
- A new Landfill Operator for the Lowe Farm Landfill will start on Monday, May 29th;
- Manitoba Infrastructure questioned who had given permission for dirt to be removed from the dyke south of PR 205. It was determined that this was not authorized by the RM of Morris;
- There have been questions regarding when the repair of the bridge on PR 422 will take place. The CAO will make inquiries with the province;
- The Public Works Manager met with Ms. Marcie Schultz, from Manitoba Conservation, who advised that Malathion will no longer be authorized for spraying mosquitos. The new approved product effective May 16, 2017, is called DeltaGard, which will be available in 205 litre barrels.

2.2 RM of Morris Fire Chief Report:

RM of Morris Fire Chief, Bernard Schellenberg reported that Fire Halls received the following calls:

Sperling – 4 Calls (2 fire, 1 mvc, 1 ems)

Lowe Farm – 4 Calls (2 fire & 2 mvc)

Rosenort – 21 Calls (8 fire, 8 ems & 5 mvc)

Mr. Schellenberg also reported that he had a meeting with Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) regarding invoicing issues. It was agreed that more accurate descriptions would be provided from MPI to ensure that claims are paid properly.

The Fire Chief also advised that he is currently waiting for information from the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) in order to complete Fire Incident Reports and is currently researching software that would function more effectively with the OFC.

2.3 RM of Morris Building Inspector Report:

The Committee reviewed the report as presented.

2.4 Rosenort & Lowe Farm Landfill Reports – March & April 2017:

The Committee reviewed the reports as presented.

3. Delegations:

3.1 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Bonnie Thiessen – Rosenort First Responder Program Information:

Ms. Bonnie Thiessen attended the meeting and gave a brief overview of Medical First Responders (MFR) and Basic Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) at the Committees request. Ms. Thiessen advised that there are two levels of responders which are Tec and a Tec-P. There have been 176 calls that EMR's have responded to over the last 9 years in the RM of Morris.

Ms. Thiessen provided a package of what a Tec would be educated on and advised that they are taking up to 10 exams a year on the required subjects. Changes over the years to medication dosages and age categories etc., require the Tec's to have ongoing training. Paramedics of Manitoba provide the licensing and the exams for First Responders. The Paramedics of Manitoba are currently proposing to be self-regulated which may cause the \$110.00 licensing fee to increase. The amount is unknown at this time but it be increased up to \$700.00 per year. Volunteers at this time in the RM of Morris pay for their own annual license fee.

Southern Regional Health Authority (RHA) has implemented Delegated Acts for Procedures and Medications that are allowed for a Tec to use in emergency care only. Tec's are mandated by the clinical Manager Mr. Gerry Phillippot from the Regional Health Authority (RHA).

Ms. Thiessen advised the Committee that the Town of Morris only has one ambulance and it is not operated 24 hours a day. The ambulance is only 'on-call nights', meaning that during the night, there are no persons on a regular shift, they are on-call.

Currently in the RM of Morris there are the following:

Rosenort: 9 medics
 5 fire medics

Lowe Farm and Sperling do not have any medical responders at this time.

RM of Morris Fire Chief, Bernard Schellenberg, advised that it is helpful to have the different levels of medics available to help with triage and provide support for ambulance personnel and fire fighters.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the lack of process from the RHA and questioned if the program for volunteers would be sustainable. Ms.

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Thiessen advised that if the licensing fees go up substantially, it may prove difficult to keep volunteers.

3.2 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Leonard Rodzinski

Mr. Leonard Rodzinski attended the meeting and gave a brief overview of his concerns to the Committee. Mr. Rodzinski advised that he bought a house in Sperling at 68 Main Street 5-6 years ago and had plans to renovate the house and make it his future residence. He currently resides in Winnipeg. Mr. Rodzinski has been receiving correspondence from the RM of Morris By-law Enforcement Officer regarding the state of his building and property and feels he has been doing his best to comply with the orders. At this time he acknowledged that shingles have not been attended to, as he has an on-going lawsuit with the contractor. He was disappointed to find that a truck that was parked at the property with no affixed plates was towed and would like the Committee to consider refunding the approximately \$300.00 towing expense and \$75.00 fine. Mr. Rodzinski reported that he attempted to pick up his property in December 2016, but since then, he has not been able, due to illness and work schedule. He is asking for an extension to have the property in good order in 2-3 years' time. The Committee advised Mr. Rodzinski that 2-3 years is not an acceptable time frame. The Committee asked if there were any structural issues with the house and if there was water in the basement. Mr. Rodzinski advised that there was no structural issues and there was no basement just a crawl space that had some water accumulation in the spring. The Committee thanked Mr. Rodzinski for attending the meeting and advised that they would let him know of their decision.

The Committee then questioned the RM of Morris By-law Enforcement Officer and the RM of Morris Building Inspector who both visited the property if the house can become habitable. They both agreed that this building would not be worth the effort. There is no sewer and water connection at this time. The By-law Enforcement Officer advised the Committee that Mr. Rodzinski told him he wanted to demolish the house and not renovate.

The Committee requested that the CAO draft a letter to Mr. Rodzinski stating that if he would like to renovate the property to make it habitable, the exterior would need to be finished by September 30, 2017, and the lot must be kept clean and free from weeds. Sewer and water must be hooked up by June 30, 2018. An option to include in the letter would be the approximate cost of the demolition if done by the RM of Morris.

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4. Other Business:

4.1 Red River Glass & Hardware – Front Door Estimate:

The Committee reviewed the estimate and agreed to go forward with the renovation.

4.2 Manitoba Good Roads Association – 2017 Annual Competition:

The Committee reviewed the information and asked the CAO to have the Administration Office go forward with looking for nominations.

4.3 The Manitoba Water Services Board – Water & Sewer Program:

The Committee reviewed the correspondence and will provide a list of upcoming projects.

5. Information:

5.1 CN – 2017 CN in Your Community Report:

The Committee reviewed the report. The CAO will be informed by CN for 2018 projects with Tree Canada and will apply at that time.

5.2 Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba Inc., 83rd Annual General Meeting Invite – May 29, 2017:

The Committee reviewed the invitation.

5.3 Indigenous & Municipal Relations – 2017 Provincial Budget Funding:

The Committee reviewed the correspondence which showed the RM of Morris grant money is lower by approximately \$6,000.00 compared to 2016. This is determined by province allocation per capita. The RM of Morris is below average in growth.

5.4 Valley Regional Library Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2017:

The Committee reviewed the Minutes.

5.5 Morris Area Senior Services Board Meeting Minutes and Income Statement – May 4, 2017:

The Committee reviewed the Minutes and Income Statement.

5.6 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes – May 1, May 10 and May 15, 2017:

The Committee reviewed the Minutes provided.

5.7 Promissory Note – Ag West Street & Canola Drive Correction:

The Committee reviewed the Promissory Note. The Public Works Manager has determined that this work could be done in 2017.

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- 5.8 Minister of Infrastructure – Acknowledgment of Meeting Request**
The Committee reviewed the correspondence.
- 5.9 Bruce D. Gregory – Incorporation of the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation:**
The Committee reviewed the correspondence.
- 5.10 2017 RM Of Morris Emergency Plan:**
The Committee were encouraged to review the plan.
- 5.11 Q MEC Net Ltd. – Local Authorities Emergency Planning and Preparedness Regulation:**
The Committee reviewed the information provided.
- 5.12 Minister of Indigenous & Municipal Relations – RM of Morris Development Plan Amendment By-law No. 1719/2016 Approval:**
The Committee reviewed the By-law Approval.
- 5.13 Minister of Indigenous & Municipal Relations – RM of Morris Development Plan Amendment By-law No. 1720/2016 Approval:**
The Committee reviewed the By-law Approval.
- 5.14 Notice of Public Hearing – RM of Macdonald, Zoning By-law Amendment – June 13, 2017:**
The Committee reviewed the Notice.
- 5.15 Animal Control Correspondence:**
The Committee reviewed the correspondence.
- 5.16 Proposed Subdivision File No. 4152-17-7636, RL 373, 375 & 377, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris, JT Holdings Ltd. – Conditional Approval:**
The Committee reviewed the Conditional Approval.
- 5.17 Proposed Subdivision 4152-17-7649, SW ¼ 34-5-1E, RM of Morris, Herbert J. Goossen – Conditional Approval:**
The Committee reviewed the Conditional Approval.
- 6. RM of Morris Culvert Damage Discussion:**
Public Works Manager, Don Harder, reported that he does not have a cost on the amount of damage to culverts this year but it should not be significant. Road wash-outs were more substantial for 2017. The Public Works Manager kept records of all time worked to submit to the province if a flood claim is submitted. The CAO will inquire with the province when the deadline is for claims.

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7. Aubigny Property – Access Approval Discussion:

The Committee had a discussion regarding a potential buyer of the Aubigny property receiving approval from the province to obtain an access road to the property. Manitoba Infrastructure has denied access from PR 205. The Committee's only concern would be the level of an installed culvert if a driveway is built.

8. Sharpe & Company - Audit Proposal:

The Committee had a discussion regarding the Sharpe & Company Audit Proposal. The CAO advised that proposal was a fair price, however, they should guarantee to meet the mandated provincial deadline of June 30th. The CAO was asked to survey neighbouring municipalities of their Auditor costs and who they retain. The province will need to know who the RM of Morris appoints as auditor by August 31st.

9. Aubigny Storm Sewer Discussion:

The RM of Morris submitted a proposal to Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) to install a storm sewer in Aubigny. The original proposal was rejected due to failing to indicate the direction of water flow. A letter has now been forwarded to MI with more information.

10. Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. – CEO, Mr. Greg Archibald:

Mr. Greg Archibald, the new CEO for Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. (PVWC) attended the meeting and gave a brief presentation on the past, present and future of the PVWC. The PVWC owns 3 plants and currently provides drinking water needs for 11 municipalities plus provides a percentage of service to Winkler, Carman and Morden. The PVWC is 100% municipally owned and is the third largest utility in the province. Rate increase are approved by the Public Utilities Board.

The PVWC is currently working on a 'flow agreement' with the United States for the Red River. The goal of the PVWC is to be able to share water. One way to do this, is to tie into another water source like the Assiniboine River.

All plants with the PVWC will be issued 5-year licenses starting in 2017.

A PUB rate application for 5 years will also be submitted in the fall of 2018. This will give municipalities a long term projection of what costs will be.

On June 23, 2017, there will be an all-day planning meeting and representatives from the municipalities are encouraged to attend to give their thoughts on the future direction of the PVWC.

9. New Committee of the Whole Meeting: June 27, 2017

10. Adjourn: 12:00 p.m.