

NEWSLETTER



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Greetings from the Reeve

The summer of 2016 is very quickly sliding into the fall season. Excess moisture has added to the many challenges our staff have faced this year. Maintaining our road side and urban center mowing program has been difficult. Our aggressive drain maintenance program has also been delayed because of excess rains. Council will review the maintenance program this fall to determine the best way to expedite our program for 2017.

Council is very pleased to finally see the start of construction on the long awaited expansion of the Lowe Farm lagoon project. The required work has been in the planning and development stage for more than 10 years and it was only with the support of Federal and Provincial money that we were finally able to move forward with construction. The project will be completed in 2017.

The PR 330 flood proofing and hard surfacing project is almost complete, and we have been advised that there will be a micro seal coat done in 2017. The next major infrastructure project will be the repair of the Riverside road bridge. We anticipate completion of this work by the spring of 2017.

Your RM of Morris council understands the importance of the roles and responsibilities that we have been chosen to fulfill. We understand the challenge and make every effort to meet the expectations residents have of us. Issues and projects are discussed with enthusiasm. Decisions are made based on the democratic will of council. There are times when not everyone is pleased with a decision. We accept and understand the reality of this process. The will of the people is often very difficult to define. Some level of dissent is involved in many decisions. Council makes every effort to make decisions that best reflect the common good.

Council is always open to comments, suggestions, and recommendations of our residents. We make all of our decisions with the genuine intent to serve the people that have elected us.

Council contact information is available on our web site.

The end of summer will see additional traffic on our streets and roads as farmers complete harvest and our students go back to school. Please exercise extra care and caution as you travel our roads.

CAO Report

National Tree Day – September 21st, 2016 Urban Forestation - Rosenort

Wednesday, September 21st will be National Tree Day across our nation. Communities and organizations across the Country will be celebrating this day in various ways. We here in the Rural Municipality of Morris will also spend the day celebrating.

Part 1:

As a Municipality we have managed to secure a \$5,000 funding grant from the Province of Manitoba from their Hometown Manitoba 2016 Program. This funding will be matched by our own municipal funds allowing us to purchase \$10,000 worth of trees.

These trees will be planted on the east and north sides of Rosenort where the community ring dyke used to be. We will be purchasing approximately 180 ten gallon trees that will be planted by volunteers in Rosenort in mid-September, prior to National Tree Day.

Part 2:

Then on September 21st we will be hosting a Grade 4 to 6 group of students from a school in the Inner-City of Winnipeg. These students will spend their morning planting 100 one gallon white spruce trees along the former east dyke area of Rosenort. We have been advised that there will be approximately 50 to 60 students and adults coming for this event. The students will then be treated to lunch and spend the afternoon involved in various activities in and around Rosenort.

This school activity is being coordinated by Manitoba Forestry and Qualico Developments. Qualico Developments is also paying for the trees and the students activities on this day! We look forward to participating with these organizations in helping to create a type of 'urban forest' on this re-purposed land.

Thanks to Qualico!

So this year we have been able to secure the above in order to beautify the community of Rosenort. If any of you out there have ideas, concepts or thoughts on how to beautify more of our urban centers, please send us your suggestions and ideas. Council budgets annually for community beautification, so now is the time to submit your ideas!

Public Works Report

- Drainage - 2016 has been a wet year so far, it is a struggle to get drainage done when the excavators are constantly sitting in water. With the two excavators going there will still be a carry-over to next year. We are planning on cleaning out some of the major drains from west to east over the next several years.
- Roads – Gravel roads are holding up quite well. Dirt roads are a struggle. Once it is dry enough, graders will be pulling up shoulders and putting in a decent crown again.
- Bridges – The wooden bridge structure on Road 2E Riverside road will be getting repaired this coming winter. Thanks to everyone for being patient.
- Town Beautification – Due to the wet summer, the grass cutting and trimming has been a challenge to keep up.
- Water & Sewer Connections – Two more rural water hook-ups done this year. Urban water and sewer connections are on-going.

I would like to thank all of the Public Works employees for a great job done. Weather conditions have not been favourable.

Don Harder
Public Works Manager

Construction Begins on the Lowe Farm Lagoon Expansion



Check out our YouTube channel or Website to see the video.

Fire Department Report

This spring Community Safety Net had gone through the RM requesting donations from local businesses for fire safety education booklets, which will be ready in fall. We have used this program in the past and think it is a very useful tool for teachers, as well as a great opportunity to get into the schools to show the kids some of what we as firefighters do. This year the donations were enough for 89 booklets. I would like to thank the businesses that make this program possible. We hope to distribute these booklets to both Lowe Farm and Rosenort Schools.

Bernard Schellenberg
RM of Morris Fire Chief



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Building Inspector Report

The summer of 2016 has had challenges with excess moisture; not only on agricultural land but also in basements. Here are a few tips to avoid damaged basement interiors:

Sump Pumps – Below grade moisture may be flowing for some time so make sure your sump pumps are in working condition. Check your pump, discharge hose and check valves.

Back Water Valves – These valves prevent sewer back up and need to be checked for debris buildup and cleaned for protection.

Grade Levels – The soil on the perimeter of a home (especially new homes) tend to settle. Replace the soil to correct level for grading level to prevent moisture buildups.

Eaves Trough's and Downspouts – Check for debris build up and position the downspouts for proper drainage away from the house.

Ed Penner
Building Inspector

Recycling Pick-Up



Sperling, Riverside, Rosenort & Aubigny



Rosenort & Lowe Farm



Holiday (Closed)



R.M. of Morris
Website

Please take the time to visit our website and check out our upcoming events. We want to include as many community events as possible, so please forward information to Jennifer Reimer at the R.M. of Morris office at 204-746-7300 or email her at jennifer@rmofmorris.ca



Water Works
Emergency Line:
204-746-7300

Animal Control
Officer: John
Doerksen
C: 204-746-0593

Upcoming Council Meetings

- ❖ Sept 14/16
- ❖ Oct 12/16
- ❖ Nov 11/16
- ❖ Dec 14/16
- ❖ Jan 11/16

*Council meets every second Wednesday of the month.



Summers out, School's in!

Reminder to reduce your speed in school zones as summer vacation is almost over.

The maximum speed permitted for vehicles in school zones are as follows:
 Low Farm- 30km/hr
 Rosenort- 50km/hr
 Morris- 30km/hr



DAYS	Rosenort 204-746-0417	Lowe Farm 204-746-4337
Monday	9am - 4:30pm	CLOSED
Tuesday	9am - 4:30pm	1pm -5pm
Wednesday	9am - 4:30pm	CLOSED
Thursday	9am - 4:30pm	10am-8pm
Friday	9am - 4:30pm	CLOSED
Saturday	9am - 4:30pm	9am-3pm
FEES		
Scale per ton		\$25.00
1 Ton Truck		\$25.00
Half Ton Truck		\$10.00
Car with Trailer		\$10.00
1-5 Bags		\$5.00

Anyone bringing shingles mixed with other products to either the Rosenort or Lowe Farm Landfill will be charged triple the normal tipping fee for such loads.

*Residents of the Municipality are asked to use the Landfill Site closest to their residence.

To allow us to properly identify you when you inquire about your tax account information, please email us your name, spouses name, roll number and address so we can send you tax information via email.

jennifer@rmofmorris.ca

Online Banking

If you process your payments online please make sure you choose **THE R.M. OF MORRIS**. If you see "Town of Morris" listed under your selected payees, **DO NOT USE IT**. Otherwise your payment will not be applied to your account and you will receive penalties if it is late. Please allow 5 days for your bank to process your payment. This will ensure we receive your payment by its deadline.

***Please Note:**

We do not deal with TD bank.

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Building Permits
 Any new buildings, removals or demolitions, require a permit. Permits can be done at the RM of Morris Office.

Reminders
Tax Sale Auction: The 2014 Tax Sale Auction will be held November 3rd 2016 in the RM of Morris Council Chambers.
Taxes: 2016 taxes are due on October 31, 2016.
Address Change: Please remember to advise the RM of Morris Office if you are moving so changes can be made to your water and tax accounts.
Outstanding Utilities: Water bills are sent out quarterly. Any accounts overdue 45 days will be transferred to your tax account.
Emailed Billing: The R.M. of Morris now offers emailed utility billing. To sign up please email marley@rmofmorris.ca with you name, spouses name, address, account number, and phone number.