

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS  
MORRIS MANITOBA.

MAY 11, 1962.

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular monthly meeting on the above date with all members present. The minutes of the April 13th Council meeting were read and adopted by motion of B. W. Thiessen and Wm. F. Recksiedler.

- Re-Construct Shannon Floodway. Wm. F. Recksiedler-Ed. Saurette: That we recommend to the Water Control and Conservation Branch to have the existing Bridges in the "Shannon Floodway" raised and lengthened; enlarge the capacity of the "Railway" and "Highway" bridges North of Sec. 32-4-1 EPM, and raise dykes to a satisfactory level.  
Carried.
- Farmers Refunds Re: Grasshopper Poisons. Otto Bunkowsky-B. W. Thiessen: That we pay a 60% refund to farmers of our Municipality on their purchases of Grasshopper Poisons, upon presentation of the purchase slips or receipts, on the understanding that the farmer in addition to treating his own infested properties will look after bordering road allowances and vacant lands.  
Carried.
- By-Law Re Fire Hall Property in Rosenort. Otto Bunkowsky-Wm. F. Schellenberg: That By-Law No. 891 being a By-Law for the purpose of purchasing property for the purpose of erecting a Fire Hall in the Village of Rosenort, Having been read a first time, be now considered as having been read a second and third time and passed.  
Carried.
- By-Law Re: Seed Grain or Fodder B. W. Thiessen-M. Ribordy: That By-Law No. 892 being a By-Law for the purpose of providing and furnishing Seed Grain or Fodder for 1962 to farmers within the boundaries of the Municipality who are unable to procure it, having been read a first time, be now considered as having been read a second and third time and passed.  
Carried.
- Support of Brief Re dam - Morris River. Wm. F. Schellenberg-Otto Bunkowsky: That we go on record as supporting the "Brief" attached, addressed to the Minister of Agriculture, requesting the construction of a dam at the mouth of the Morris River to establish a reservoir sufficient to serve the needs of the Urban and Rural communities in the Morris area.  
Carried.

B R I E F :

To the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Conservation - Mr. G. Hutton.

An adequate supply of water is a community's greatest asset. It is a well-established fact that communities with an adequate water supply have become and will continue to be growing and thriving communities. The rural and urban community of Morris has a great water problem in that the present source, Red River water, has a very high solid content, and in winter, has a very obnoxious odour. In order that the Morris community might take advantage of a better supply of water, a meeting was recently held. In September, of 1959, P. F. R. A. was requested by the Province of Manitoba to give considerable consideration to the construction of a dam near the mouth of the Morris River.

This request was made in response to resolutions submitted by the Councils of the Town of Morris and Rural Municipality of Morris who are without sufficient water supply to serve the needs of the urban community and the large rural population dependant upon it. In July of 1961, a Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration engineering branch submitted

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plan estimates on three dams they had given consideration to, indicating the feasibility of the constructions of one of them. The cost of the three dams would run to \$34,000.00, \$82,000.00 and \$173,000.00 respectively. Of the three dams under consideration, the engineering report recommended dam "B" at an estimated cost of \$82,000.00. This dam was to be built at the mouth of the Morris River to establish a reservoir sufficient to serve the needs of the urban and rural communities for the foreseeable future. As was indicated above, on the 18th day of April, representatives of the following organizations from the rural and urban areas in the Morris area met to consider what steps could be taken to bring this project to its speediest possible realization. The Council of the Town of Morris, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris, Morris Chamber of Commerce, Morris Agricultural Society, the local member of the Manitoba legislature, Mr. Harry Shewman, and several interested residents of the area, attended this meeting. There was general agreement that this was an urgent matter which has to be resolved immediately; not only to allow the normal growth and development of this area, but also to prevent this vital need from becoming acute in the very near future, and also to allow the Morris area to receive the benefits of an adequate water supply.

It was agreed that the following were the benefits which would accrue to the Morris District were an adequate supply of water established:

1. It would stimulate the development of market gardening on a small scale on both sides of the Morris River for a radius of three miles of the Town of Morris.
2. It would assure an adequate supply of water for the processing of agricultural prime products.
3. It would assure an adequate supply of water for the Town of Morris and a considerable portion of the farm population for household, stock and various farm uses such as spraying.
4. It would attract small industries to locate in the community and thus furnish employment for the surplus man power, in the community and thus help stimulate the growth of the local economy.

The dam as outlined above would give the Morris and rural areas an adequate supply of water to take care of its needs for the next twenty years, under normal growth conditions. Furthermore we understand that the Stephenfield project would assure a steady flow of water along the Morris River during the growing season, under drought conditions, to warrant Market Gardeners installing sprinkler systems on their plots with a minimum expense.

It was also indicated that at the present time the rural area uses a large supply of water from Morris, some having to truck it as far as forty miles.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that this matter be given the immediate and favorable consideration the people of the Morris area feel it deserves, and the necessary action taken that an adequate supply of potable water is assured before another winter sets in.

Accounts.

Wm. F. Recksiedler-M. Ribordy: That the accounts as approved by the Finance Committee for \$38,679.67 be passed for payment.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned and the next regular meeting will be held on FRIDAY, JUNE 8th, 1962 at 10 A.M.

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