

The RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

April 11, 1975

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular monthly meeting on the above date with all members of council present.

Moved by G.M.Cretton, seconded by B.A.Wiebe: That the minutes of March 14th regular meeting and those of Feb. 27, March 3rd and March 17th Special meetings be adopted as read.

A.K.Fast-M.A.Caron: That we indicate to the Union of Manitoba Municipalities that this council is in favor of Mayor Stephen Juba's proposal, in principle, of sharing in the Provincial Growth Tax.

G.Cretton-M.A.Caron: That we donate one Trophy Rifle to the Manitoba Stampede as a prize for the Steer Wrestling event; cost of said rifle \$180.00.

Ben Wiebe-Alvin Rempel: That we underwrite the out-of-pocket expenses of our Fire Chiefs if they decided to attend the Annual Fire Chiefs College to be held at Boissevain June 9th to 12th. Allowance \$20 a day plus car mileage.

A.K.Fast-W.F.Recksiedler: That we authorize any interested council member to attend the Annual Meeting of the Branch Lines Association to be held at Brandon on April 21st and the expense connected therewith be paid by the municipality.

Alvin Rempel-M.A.Caron: That the annual estimates of all amounts required for the lawful purposes of the municipality for operating expenses for 1975, including all amounts required to pay debts of the municipality, becoming due and payable during the year, as well as all amounts it will require to expend in that year for capital purposes, be adopted and first reading given By-Law No. 1064 levying taxes for the year 1975.

A petition of 125 electors was received requesting the construction of a high level bridge across the Morris River at NE 17-5-1 EPM for the following reasons:

1. The present low level bridge is of inconvenience to local residents and all traffic, from 3 to 6 weeks each spring, plus extra periods during heavy rains in summer, and has already caused one fatal accident and several near fatalities.

2. This bridge is on a market road carrying the main traffic between Rosenort and Riverside communities, and P.T.H. #23 and is in need of major repair or replacement and with the extra waters, due to more and larger drainage, a bridge is needed that can accommodate this extra flow of water.

A fairly lengthy discussion ensued, even though this same request had been thoroughly discussed at various meetings last year. This resulted in the following motion being passed:

Ben A. Wiebe - W.F.Recksiedler: Whereas the present bridge across the Morris River at NE 17-5-1 EPM has not been washed out in 39 years, due to flood waters, Council feels that building a high level bridge at this location is too speculative an issue to be considered at this time. Carried 4; Against 2

Councillors voting against this motion were: Alvin Rempel and A.K.Fast.

A follow-up to the above noted discussion brought about the next resolution:

W.F.Recksiedler-G.M.Cretton: That repairs, as deemed necessary, to a low level bridge across the Morris River at NE 17-5-1 EPM be proceeded with this year. Carried.

Councillors voting against this motion were: A.K.Fast and Alvin Rempel.

A.K.Fast-G.M.Cretton: That we purchase a set of front and rear tires from Rosenort Motors, for the bridge truck, at a price of \$266.00 together with our used tires.

Dorothy Dixon attended to discuss what materials and pictures she should gather for the purpose of compiling a history of the Municipality. She was engaged to catalogue historical material from the records of the municipality, interview old timers from different areas in the corporation and obtain pictures. The first meeting of the R.M. of Morris was held on May 3rd, 1880.

A.K.Fast-Ben Wiebe: That we authorize the closing of the office on May 5-6 & 7 while the office staff is attending the Annual Convention and Course in Municipal Administration of the Manitoba Municipal Secretariat-Treasurer's Association and the expenses connected therewith be paid by the municipality.

Alvin Rempel-M.A.Caron: That the accounts as examined by Council and approved by the Finance Committee for \$20,380.77 be passed for payment.



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Secretary-Treasurer