



Rural Municipality of Morris

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 318 of The Municipal Act that the Council for the Rural Municipality of Morris has scheduled a **public hearing at the Lowe Farm Community Center located at 28 Main Street (PTH 23) in Lowe Farm, Manitoba, on the 14th day of October, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.** Council will hear any potential taxpayer who wishes to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to the following local improvement plan.

SUMMARY OF THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

The **Local Improvement Plan No. 2020-01** provides for the following construction project:

The Rural Municipality of Morris Water & Sewer Utility has been approved for partnership funding by the Manitoba Water Services Board – Manitoba Restart Program for an expansion of the water reservoir system and a watermain extension to the Rosenort Industrial Park.

The proposed costs are as follows:

Watermain to Rosenort Industrial Park	\$100,000.00
Water Reservoir	<u>\$1,520,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Project Cost	<u>\$1,620,000.00</u>

The proposed financing for the project will be as follows:

Manitoba Water Services Board – Restart Program	\$810,000.00
Rural Municipality of Morris Economic Reserve	100,000.00
Rural Municipality of Morris Local Improvement Borrowing	<u>710,000.00</u>
Total Project	<u>\$1,620,000.00</u>

The borrowing of \$710,000.00 will be repaid over 20 years at an estimated interest rate of 5%. The annual payment of \$56,972.24 will be recovered through water utility rates. The current water rate of \$13.00/1,000 gallons of water for Rural customers and \$19.01/1,000 gallons of water for Urban customers is sufficient to cover this debt payment. No utility rate increase is being proposed and no taxpayers will receive any additional levy on their annual property tax invoices.

The annual maintenance costs associated with the local improvements proposed will be covered under the Rural Municipality of Morris Utility Operating Budget.

Potential taxpayers wishing to object to the local improvement plan may file a notice of objection, by mail or in person, with the Chief Administrative Officer, at the Administration Office located at 207 Main Street North, Morris, Manitoba by October 14, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. All objections, written or verbal, must be filed prior to the adjournment of the hearing and must contain the name and address of the person filing the objection, identify the property in respect of which the objection is filed and state the grounds of the objection.

Copies of the above Local Improvement Plan are available for review on the Rural Municipality of Morris website at www.rmofmorris.com or may be examined in person by any potential taxpayer during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday to Friday) of the Rural Municipality of Morris Administration Offices located at 207 Main Street North in Morris, Manitoba.

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