

Vision Statement

A future with growing, sustainable communities and a diverse economic base resulting in more people, more jobs and more housing.

DUE TO COVID-19, WE ENCOURAGE CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS AND OTHER SERVICES. OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE ONLINE BANKING, DROPBOX OR MAIL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP DURING THIS TIME TO REDUCE THE SPREAD, STAY SAFE!

Reeve Report

There is no debate about the fact that 2020 has been an historic and memorable year. Health, personal safety and wellness have become a priority for everyone. Despite the obvious challenge Council and Staff of the RM of Morris have persevered with the support of Zoom meetings and social distancing protocols.

Infrastructure priorities remain, and work on the drainage maintenance program will conclude this fall with the completion of about 50 miles of improved water management infrastructure.

The RM of Morris Council approved the expansion of the water reservoir capacity to serve the Rosenort community and rural water customers north of the #23 highway. The reservoir will likely be located at the junction of #422 and #23 highways.

The project cost is estimated at about 1.6 million dollars with 50% provided by the Province of Manitoba through the Restart program.

Council has been discussing strategies for extending the lifetime of our solid waste sites at Rosenort and Lowe Farm. We will be expanding our recycling pick up capacity and be able to service approximately 75% of all homes in the RM of Morris. MWM has secured the contract to manage both recycling and garbage pick up in the RM of Morris. The goal is to encourage recycling and minimize solid waste delivered to our 2 municipal sites.

Council spent time in early September planning and establishing short- and long-term service and capital purchase goals. The challenge of managing and serving our urban communities generated the most discussion and we plan to establish initiatives that will provide renewed focus to urban expectations.

The essential role of Reeve and Council is to support staff in order to serve our residents efficiently and effectively. Please contact administration if there are concerns that need to be addressed and, if you require further explanation please contact your Reeve or Council member.

Take care and stay well.

CAO Report

Approximately a year ago the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris created a Special Committee to review our Recycling Program and other Solid Waste Collection Program. Council has now recently approved some contracts that will see significant changes.

RECYCLING – The Committee recommended an increased effort to recycle more should be made. Therefore, effective January 1, 2021 MWM Environmental will be starting to collect our recycling. The Communities of Lowe Farm, Rosenort and Sperling will be benefitting from curbside pickup of recycling on a bi-weekly basis. We have also created a Rural Loop which will see the residents, etc. along PTH 23, PR 422, Road 2E (between PTH 23 and PR 205), PR 246 (between PTH 23 and PR 205), PR 205 (between PR 246 and PR 336) and Road 31N (between PR 205 and PR 336). Map is attached. All of the developed properties in the above communities and also along the Rural loop will be receiving rolling carts for recycling collection. Details as to placement, time and dates, etc. will be provided when the carts are delivered. We estimate that between 70% to 75% of our residents will be getting curbside recycling collection services.

If you live in the rural area and would like to also be involved in further recycling, we will be continuing with our bulk recycling bins that we currently have in a number of areas.

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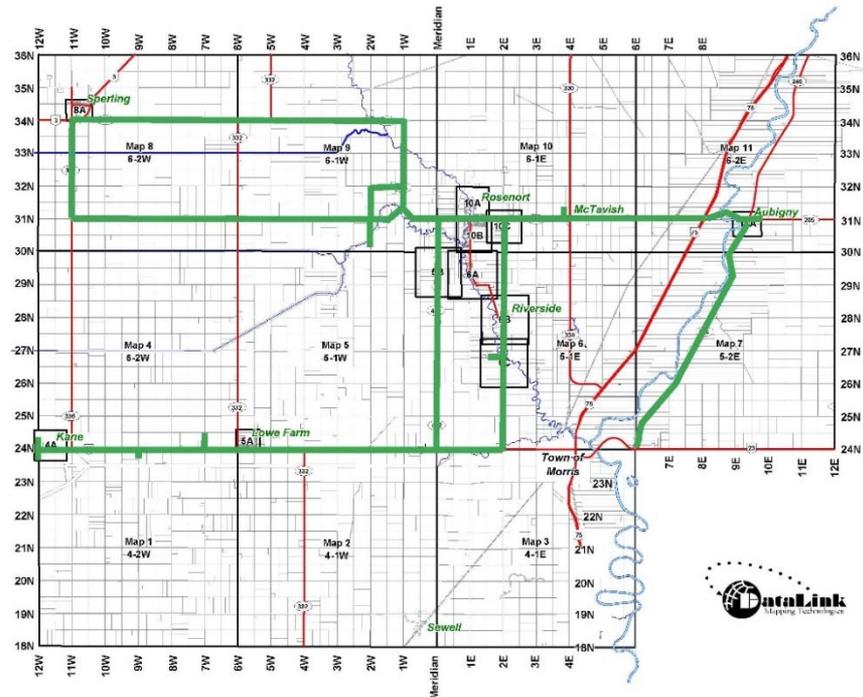
Serving the communities of
Sperling, Aubigny, Rosenort,
Riverside, McTavish, Silver Plains,
Lowe Farm, Kane and Sewell since
1880.

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We are hoping that this will help to increase the amount of recycling that is done and if you have more suggestions as to how to improve it, we are open to suggestions.

MWM is planning to deliver the recycling carts to your properties sometime in December.

Recycling Map for Rural Route Loop



SOLID WASTE – Effective January 1, 2021 those customers that currently receive garbage collection via the Municipality will be switched to MWM Environmental. These customers are primarily in Rosenort & Spierling and a loop along the way. To date, a mixture of billing methods for these customers has been used, however with these changes all these customers will be charged on a ‘user pay’ basis.

We should note that during the Solid Waste Review the question about expanding garbage collection to Lowe Farm was put forward. A survey of Lowe Farm was conducted and the majority of those who returned the survey stated that they did not want the Rural Municipality of Morris to provide such service. Therefore, they are not included in this service.

All customers being provided with garbage collection services will receive their garbage carts sometime in December.

We know that the above changes are significant and ask for your patience in rolling them out. If any of you have questions you can email or call us and we will try our best to answer those questions.

Email – info@rmofmorris.ca or phone – 204-746-7300

Public Works Manager Report

The Summer came and was gone so quickly, and now Winter is approaching. We have been short a public works employee mostly all year but at different times. Some projects didn't get done, and I do apologize for that.

Drainage – We have approximately 13 miles left to do. We have spread most of the dirt piles already.

Roads – Roads held up well this harvest season with it being dry. Also, I do encourage farmers on the roads to let us know if any dirt roads need attention, especially if the weather man is calling for rain.

Various – The water plants will be receiving new data logging equipment, and monitoring equipment this month. Culvert work is ongoing

Roadside Mowing – It is one third done the winter cut. With weather on our side we will try and cut some ditch bottoms as well.

Paul Robert

Public Works Manager

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R.M. of Morris Media

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

Water Works Emergency Line:
204-746-7300

Quick & Easy Billing and Receipts

- Sign up for emailed utility billing to receive your bill quicker. Email accounts@rmofmorris.ca, or go to our website and apply online! (Not available for tax bills)

- Emailed receipts are an option when paying **any** bill to the RM of Morris; to set it up please email reception@rmofmorris.ca.

Connect Communications

The RM of Morris is happy announce that we have signed up with All-Net Connect Communications.

Go www.rmofmorris.ca to learn more and how to register.

Fire Chief/ Building Inspector's Report

Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is approaching quickly. Now that the weather is going to turn colder once again, people will be using wood stoves for extra heat. Please ensure that you have your chimney cleaned by a WETT certified tradesperson before you begin burning this year. Since we will soon be indoors most of the time, this is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and to practice your family fire escape plan.

Are you prepared for a lengthy power outage like the one we experienced last year? Have you test run your generator yet? Do you have easy to prepare food, bottled water and portable heaters on hand? The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a much colder than usual winter for us so it is prudent to be prepared.

Should you be considering building a garage or shed this fall to store your tools and toys, please remember that any structure over 120 square feet requires a building permit. Call or email me at the municipal office for more information.

Trevor Dackow, CBCO
Building Inspector / Fire Chief
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2020 Recycling Pick-Up

-  Sperling-Riverside-Rosenort-Aubigny
-  Lowe Farm-Rosenort
-  Holiday.....Closed

OCTOBER						
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Landfill Hours and Price List

DAYS	Rosenort 204-746-0417	Low 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
Sundays & Holidays	CLOSED	CLOSED
FEES		
5 Bag Max.		\$7.00
Half Ton Truck or Small Trailer		\$14.00
One Ton Truck (min. rate)		\$35.00
Scale per Tonne		\$35.00 <small>(not accepted at Lowe Farm)</small>
Fridge (Freon removed)		\$35.00
Asphalt Shingles per Tonne (not mixed)		\$35.00

rates effective July 1st, 2018.

Upcoming Council Meetings

- November 10th, 2020
- December 9th, 2020
- January 13th, 2021
- February 10th, 2021

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Payment Options

- 1) **Online Banking** – You may process your payments online if your bank is set up for such. Please be sure to choose the RM of Morris, not the Town of Morris as a payee. Always allow 5 business days for your bank to process payments to ensure it is received by its deadline. We **DO NOT** deal with TD Bank.
- 2) **Preauthorized** – Call or email our office to arrange. Both utility and tax bills may be paid this way.
- 3) **Dropbox** – Located beside our front office doors.

Compost Survey

If you reside in Sperling, Riverside, Lowe Farm, or Rosenort, we would appreciate your input. Please answer the following, write down your name(s), street address and mailing address and send back to our office; email reception@rmofmorris.ca or Box 518, Morris, MB, R0G 1K0

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Would you be interested in a compost program/curbside pickup in your community?

Yes

No