

Vision Statement

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

Reeve Report

There is no discussion necessary to describe the most memorable year that has just concluded. However, it is noteworthy to comment on the resiliency and community strength of our residents. We can all be proud of the responsible and respectful compliance of rules and regulations designed and intended to protect the health and safety of all citizens in the RM of Morris, in Manitoba, Canada and for that matter world wide. The conclusion to this remarkable health pandemic can not come soon enough.

Despite these challenges our farmers and business owners maintained their economic health and adjusted to various market realities and achieved success in their various enterprises. Well done!

Your RM of Morris Council has also adjusted to the realities of virtual meetings to continue to maintain and to build our communities. Major changes to the management of solid waste will begin on January 1 2021. We continue to develop plans to expand the water reservoir system that serves Rosenort and water customers north of the #23 highway. The \$1.6 million project will be going to tender in March 2021. Our 2021 budget process is nearing completion and one of the major initiatives we expect to include in our projected expenses will be a dedicated urban works team that will take on the responsibility of maintaining and managing the needs of the communities of Rosenort, Riverside, Lowe Farm, Sperling and Aubigny. We will communicate details of the Urban Works Plan in early spring.

Bottom line for RM of Morris 2021 budget is that our ask of the taxpayer will align with CPI-inflation increases.

The RM of Morris Council would like to thank our Administrative Staff and Public Works department for providing the required essential services for resident and ratepayers during this unique pandemic event.

We appreciate and value the dedication of our staff.

The hope for 2021 would be that we see continued control and improvements in the management of COVID-19 pandemic.

On behalf of RM of Morris Council, we hope that everyone enjoyed a memorable Christmas experience and we wish you a safe, and healthy 2021. Stay well!

Ralph Groening

CAO Report

January 2021! - WOW what a different year 2020 has been. Starting normally with in person meetings and open offices to finishing with video conferencing meetings and facilities closed to the public and by appointment only. Not the way that anyone would have predicted the start of a new decade to be.

Effective January 2020 we will see major changes in the way we as a municipality deal with solid waste management. The Municipal Council has expanded and enhanced the municipal recycling. With the addition of the rural loops for recycling approximately 75% of our properties will have access to curbside recycling collection. Information regarding collection routes and dates is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

For several years, the Communities of Rosenort and Sperling have received curbside Garbage collection. A loop in the rural area benefitted from the garbage truck travelling between these communities. We have now standardized the garbage collection for these communities based on a 'user-pay' principle.

Curbside bins for those in the Garbage Collection and Recycling Collection streams have been delivered by the new contractor, MWM Environmental. While there may be a few start up things that need to be worked out, we believe that in a short period of time most of the potential problems will be resolved.

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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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Looking into 2021:

- we have been awarded partial funding for the expansion of our water reservoir capacity for Rosenort and area. Working in partnership with the Manitoba Water Services Board the design work is proceeding so that any tenders for these works should hopefully be ready for in late January/February.
- Bridge on Road 2E over the Morris River – During the summer of 2020, several items inside the structural portion of the bridge were noticed that needed attention/repairs. A company has been retained to complete such repairs as soon as practical.

Finally – on behalf of the Staff of our municipality I would like to thank you for your patience in 2020, as we learned to do business differently. Our desire would be to return to normal as soon as possible, however appropriate health guidelines must be adhered to.

Larry Driedger

Upcoming Council Meeting

- January 13th
- February 10th
- March 10th
- April 14th

Building Inspector / Fire Chief

Hello everyone! Happy New Year from my family to yours! I wish you all health and prosperity in the coming year!

The municipality has been busy with new homes, shops and other projects this year. If you are considering a new build or other project in the new year, please remember to call me for a permit.

This is the time of year when the weather outside is frightful, but a fire is so delightful! It's also a good time of year to check the batteries on your smoke and CO detectors. If you are heating with wood, please have your chimney and wood stove cleaned and inspected by a WETT certified professional on a regular basis. The cold weather may also have you plugging your vehicle in when it is parked outdoors. Remember to use an outdoor heavy duty extension cord that is rated for use with an engine block heater.

I wish each and every one of you a safe and prosperous New Year!

Trevor Dackow, 204-712-0022

NEW Recycling & Garbage Collection Program – Effective January 1st, 2021

RM of Morris Rural Area Recycling -2021

Yellow Zone 1
PR 422 & Areas West

Green Zone 2
East of PR 422

Collection Schedule RM Of Morris Zone 1

Legend: Recycling (Blue Cart), RM Of Morris Trash, Holiday

Collection Schedule RM Of Morris Zone 2

Legend: RM Of Morris Recycling, RM Of Morris Trash, Holiday

MWM ENVIRONMENTAL

For more information visit <https://rmofmorris.ca/community/new-recycling-garbage-program/>

Public Works Report

Another year has cone and gone. As we get into the winter season please be reminded to remove parked vehicles from the street during snow plowing or clearing operations. Parked vehicles not only slow the operation, but also leave large amounts of snow on the road, which is inconvenient for everyone and dangerous.

Riverside Rd bridge (Rd 2E) will be closing sometime in the new year for some pile installs and maintenance work. Again, please slow down at wooden bridge structures.

The Public Works crew will be busy with equipment maintenance this winter

Paul Robert

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		
Item	Resident	Non-Resident x3
1-5 bags	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00
1/2 ton truck	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00
1 ton truck	\$ 60.00	\$ 180.00
Mattress	\$ 15.00	\$ 45.00
New rates effective January 1st, 2021		

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Payment Options

- 1) At Landfill** – Currently we have a debit machine at the Rosenort Landfill ONLY.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Dropbox** – Located beside our front office doors.

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

Notice for Animal Owners

As a municipality, every year we receive complaints about animals defecating (pooping) on properties, both private and public. These could be from horses, dogs, cats, etc. We would encourage people to please clean up after your pets. No one likes to clean up after someone else's horse, dog, cat, etc. poops on the pathway, sidewalk, street, lawn.....

PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNER!

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!

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.