

Vision Statement

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

Reeve Report

The RM of Morris Council faced a variety of unique challenges this summer however the untimely passing of Councillor Barry Fraese inserted a very somber conclusion to the end of the season. Barry served on Council for almost 20 years and provided dedicated and loyal service to the residents of our municipality. Despite many health challenges Barry continued to contribute to Council and committee work with strength and courage. We extend our condolences to Marion and family.

Provincial law requires that a by-election be called to fill the vacancy. Two candidates, Al Rowe of Sperling and Jerry Waldner of Rosenort have submitted their names to fill the vacant Council seat. The election date is November 3, 2021. Additional information on advance polls is included in this newsletter. The unseasonably warm dry weather has resulted in a reasonably successful end to the harvest of 2021. The weather this summer has however created some serious concerns about access to good clean potable water. We have requested our water customers to be respectful and adjust water use accordingly. Adequate rains this fall and snow this winter would help bring soil moisture back to normal. Michel Carriere was hired by Council this spring to manage the urban public works program and provide additional support for our PW Manager Paul Robert. The goal was to provide additional support to maintain and improve our urban communities. Tree planting was initiated in Rosenort last fall. Additional support for walking trails, and the completion of a cross walk in Rosenort on #205 were included in the work plan this summer. The dry conditions certainly added to the challenge of managing improvements in our communities but we were very pleased with the enthusiasm and leadership provided by Michel and Paul and their public works team. Thank you.

Council will begin the final year of our Council mandate with a preliminary planning workshop next month. Improvements to our drain maintenance program and adding efficiencies to our Urban Works plans will be the focus of Council discussion.

Your RM of Morris Council and staff continues to make every effort to find cost effective strategies to improve the quality of life for our residents. Please contact administration or a Council person if you have questions or concerns. Contact information is available on our website.

Stay safe, stay well and enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

CAO Report

Elections & By-Elections – What is the Difference?

Under Provincial Legislation every four years, on the fourth Wednesday in October, an election is held to elect people to serve as municipal Councillors all over Manitoba. Every municipal organization in Manitoba is involved in this process. This is often referred to as a General Municipal Election.

A By-election is held when a Councillor position becomes vacant because of a resignation, death or disqualification of a member. Usually, a by-election is held to fill the vacancy and the actual dates of the by-election can vary, whereas the General Election Dates are set well in advance.

As a result of the death of one of our Council Members, Barry Fraese, we are required to hold a by-election. The date of our by-election has been set at November 3rd, 2021. We have had two qualified 'electors' submit their nomination forms, and since we only need to fill one vacancy, we will need to hold an election.

As stated, the election date will be November 3rd, 2021. Voting opportunities will be as follows:

- **Election Day** – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM – location – 207 Main Street North, Morris, Manitoba (Municipal Administration Office)
- **Advance Polls** – We will be having numerous days of advance polls as follows:
 - **R.M. of Morris Office, 207 Main St. N, Morris MB** – October 18th, 2021 to October 27th, 2021 during regular hours (8:30 AM to 12:00 and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM)
 - **R.M. of Morris Office, 207 Main St. N, Morris MB** – October 28th, 2021 between 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
 - **Aubigny Community Hall - 30182 PR 246, Aubigny** – October 21st, 2021 between 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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- **Low Farm Community Center – 28 Main Street, Lowe Farm** – October 25th, 2021 between 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Rosenort Fire Hall – 1118 PR 205E, Rosenort** – October 26th, 2021 – 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Sperling Community Center – 13 New Street, Sperling** – October 27th, 2021 – 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Vote by Mail – There is always the opportunity to vote by mail as well. More details for voting by mail are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

We encourage you to take advantage of your right to vote and whatever method of voting that you choose, please vote.

Public Works Report

Drainage – 2021 has been a very dry year; consequently, the drainage program is behind somewhat. We are well over half way done spreading the dirt piles.

Roadside Mowing – Started the winter road cutting.

Bridges – Just a reminder again to please slow down when crossing our wooden bridges.

Various – Town projects completed this year.

- We added 7 ribbons for headstones in the Lowe Farm cemetery.
- In Lowe Farm we added a walking trail from 1ST ST E to the park along the school yard. We also poured the sidewalk along 1ST ST E from 1ST Ave to PTH 23.
- The Rosenort walking trail was extended behind Kroeker St.
- More tree planting in Rosenort is happening.

Paul Robert

AUTOMATIC TAX PAYMENTS

The RM of Morris is now offering more options for automatic tax payments! Taxpayers now have 3 options to pay their taxes automatically through the municipality:

- a. You would specify a certain amount to be paid to your taxes from your bank account on a **MONTHLY** basis (if you are already set up with this option, your payment(s) will continue on with current details)
- b. We will withdrawal from your bank account the **TOTAL** amount owing on your tax account (less the 1.5% discount on current taxes) as of June 25th, and apply it to your tax account on an **ANNUAL** basis
- c. We will withdrawal from your bank account the **TOTAL** amount owing on your tax account as of October 25th, and apply it to your tax account on an **ANNUAL** basis

To set up, follow **ALL 3 STEPS**:

1. Email reception@rmofmorris.ca a scan of a VOID cheque
2. In your email specify which option(s) you would like; more than one option may be selected. (a) may be combined with either, but (b) & (c) **CANNOT** be combined
 - i. If selecting (a), specify the amount you would like paid each month.
 - ii. If selecting (a), specify which month and year you would like to start and end. If no end date in mind, simply say 'no date', we will continue to withdrawal until you ask us to stop. Next start option is November 2021. If dates are not provided, we will assume start November 2021 and no end date.
 - iii. If selecting (b), specify if you would like to start in 2022 or a future year. If no year is provided, we will assume 2022.
 - iv. If selecting (c), specify if you would like to start in 2021 or a future year. If no year is provided, we will assume 2021.
3. Provide your roll number. If you have multiple tax accounts, you must specify which account(s) you'd like setup (all roll numbers **MUST** be provided). Roll number can be found on your property tax bill and/or on tax receipts under 'account'.

With that information we will email you back the preauthorized form requiring signatures of all bank account holders. If you have already paid your taxes, you may still signup for future taxes.

Upcoming Council Meeting

- October 12th, 2021
- November 10th, 2021
- December 8th, 2021
- January 12th, 2022

Connect Communications

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

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

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION R.M. OF MORRIS

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the voters of the R.M. of Morris will be taken to elect one (1) **Councillor** from the following duly nominated candidates:

For the office of Councillor:

ROWE, Al
 WALDNER, Jerry

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday the 3rd day of November 2021 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the:

Poll	Name of Voting Facility	Physical Location of Voting Facility
All	Administration Office of the Rural Municipality of Morris	207 Main Street North, Morris

IDENTIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE.

A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification, (for example – driver’s license or passport) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, advance voting opportunities will be held on the dates and locations listed below:

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APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by fax to Larry Driedger, Senior Election Official at the RM of Morris office, 207 Main St. N., Morris, MB or by fax to 746-8801.

If applying in person*, a voter may apply between October 6th, 2021 and October 29th, 2021

*A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail or fax**, a voter may apply between October 6th, 2021 and October 29th, 2021

**A voter applying by mail or fax will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the senior election official.

Rural Municipality of Morris
 Larry Driedger- Senior Election Official
 Ph 204-746-7300

Building Inspector / Fire Chief Report

Where did the summer go? Thanksgiving is almost here, with Christmas following close behind! 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. Fire Safety Week runs from October 3rd to 9th. The theme of Fire Prevention Week for 2021 is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!” which aims to educate about the different sounds that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Understanding the sounds of your alarms can help you to take action to keep you and your family safe.

The Sounds of Smoke Alarms A continued set of three loud beeps means there is smoke or a fire. If you hear this noise, you should get out of your home, stay out and call 9-1-1. When the battery is low on your smoke alarms, they will make a single chirp every 30-60 seconds. If you hear a chirp, replace the batteries in your alarms. After replacing the batteries if you still hear a chirp, it means the alarm is at the end of its life and needs to be replaced. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

The Sounds of Carbon Monoxide Alarm A continuous set of four loud beeps indicates that carbon monoxide is in your home. If you hear four beeps, you should get out of your home, stay out, and call 9-1-1. If you hear a single chirp every 30-60 seconds, replace the batteries in your carbon monoxide alarms. After replacing the batteries if you still hear a chirp, it means the alarm is at the end of its life and needs to be replaced. CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.

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

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		

Council Contact Information

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Councillor Shane Kroeker (204) 209-0375
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CAO Larry Driedger (204) 746-7300
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Payment Options

- 1) **At Landfill** – Debit
- 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.
- 4) **In Office** – We accept cash, cheque and debit, **NO CREDIT**.

More information can be found here <https://rmofmorris.ca/government/payment-options/>

Recycling & Garbage Collection

Garbage

Recycling Zone 1

Recycling Zone 2

Oct-21

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Nov-21

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Dec-21

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

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