



### Reeve Report

This past year has certainly presented us with a variety of challenges as we collectively struggled through the COVID-19 reality. The summer of 2021 was hot and dry, and the drought conditions reminded us all of the importance of managing our water resources and motivated many councils in Central Manitoba to review and assess access to additional sources of water.

Despite these challenges our residents, farm and business community adjusted and thrived. The agriculture sector generally reported reasonable production despite the drought concerns and our business community, especially the Rosenort Industrial Park, continued to expand and was faced with the challenge of sourcing adequate workers to keep production at maximum levels.

There were 17 residential housing units built in 2021 and the value of building permits continued to increase over previous years.

As your RM of Morris Council moves into its final year of our four-year mandate, we are planning for the future by responding to the infrastructure required to maintain continued residential and business growth. The expansion of the Rosenort and rural water system will be completed early in 2022 and the expansion of the Rosenort/Riverside wastewater lagoon will be going to tender early in the new year. These infrastructure improvements will be in place to manage the 230+ residential and multi-family Rosenort South development. Council has also completed a 21-lot residential plan for Lowe Farm and we expect lots will be available for sale by the summer of 2022.

As we move into the winter season, we are grateful for the recent snow events that we hope will mitigate some of the 2021 drought concerns. Our Public Works staff has made every effort to quickly and efficiently clear our municipal and community roadways and we thank them for their dedication.

Our office staff and administration has made every effort to communicate and respond to the concerns of our residents and council acknowledges their contribution to our municipality.

On behalf of your RM of Morris Council, I want to thank you all for your understanding through a sometimes-difficult year and we join with you in the hope that 2022 will be a year of continued growth and prosperity. Council is always ready and willing to hear your concerns and we make every effort to effectively serve our community.

Take care, stay well. Stay safe.

Wishing everyone a very special 2022.

### CAO Report

Happy New Year to you all!

It seems like just a short time ago that we started 2021, however Covid seemed to make 2021 a very long year! Hopefully 2022 will bring some sense of 'normal' to our lives again!

As the Reeve has reported, the municipality is in the process of ensuring an adequate supply of residential lots are available to continue the residential growth that we have continued to experience over the past number of years. This is a new venture for the municipality, and we are hoping that everything will work out well. Council has acquired a 21-lot subdivision in Lowe Farm and has also created a conceptual design for a residential sub-division in Rosenort that will provide in excess of 230 residential lots. This conceptual design will be a combination of Single Family, Two Family and Multiple Family dwellings. A phased approach will be taken over several years to bring this development to fruition. Stay tuned to our media, as we will be posting the conceptual design as soon as we receive approval from the Province of Manitoba. Our hope is that the Lowe Farm lots will be available for development by mid-2022 and that some of the Rosenort lots will be available late 2022 or early 2023.

Our Rural Water System has experienced some difficulties in the recent past and we thank the Pembina Valley Water Coop for their efforts over the Christmas Season in trying to ensure an adequate supply of water. There were a couple of trying days that we had behind scenes in working on the plan, however the potable water is still flowing!

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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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Administration is working with the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) in bringing the expanded Rosenort Water Reservoir to completion. We have also been working with MWSB on an expansion to the Rosenort Lagoon System. Engineers are in the design phase, and we are hoping that the tenders will be out within the next 2 months, with a build being done in 2022.

We are currently working on our Financial Plan for 2022 and beyond, and already see many projects that we are hoping to complete. Looks like it will be an exciting year!

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, there will be a Municipal Election that will see a new mandate for Council. Please watch our media posts for more information about the election as the year progresses.

As the Chief Administrative Officer, I would like to wish you (residents, ratepayers and staff) a safe, healthy and happy 2022.

### Public Works Report

- Winter months reminder, please remove parked vehicles from streets during snow clearing operations. To the rural residents, please refrain from pushing snow onto the road allowances. This can be dangerous for snow clearing equipment travelling at high speeds.
- We have a long list of equipment maintenance and repairs for the shop this winter.
- Manitoba Infrastructure will be removing the bridge on Recksiedler Drive in Sewell and replacing it with Culverts over the winter months.
- NEW Landfill fees will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Both landfills have debit / credit machines.

	EFFECTIVE:	1-Jan-22
○ Morris – Residents of Town or RM – 1-5 bags		\$14
○ Morris – Residents of Town or RM – ½ Ton Truck		\$28
○ Morris – Residents of Town or RM – 1 Ton Truck		\$70
○ Morris – Residents of Town or RM – Mattress		\$15
○ Morris – Non-Resident of Town or RM – 1-5 bags – Triple Rate	x3	\$42
○ Morris – Non-Resident of Town or RM – ½ Ton Truck – Triple Rate	x3	\$84
○ Morris – Non-Resident of Town or RM – 1 Ton Truck – Triple Rate	x3	\$210
○ Morris – Non-Resident of Town or RM – Mattress – Triple Rate	x3	\$45

- Rosenort water plant expansion is coming along, expected end date of constructions is in February.  
From all of Public Works, we are wishing you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!

Paul Robert



**Building Inspector / Fire Chief Report**

**Upcoming Council Meeting**

- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Connect Communications**

The RM of Morris has signed up with All-Net Connect Communications.

Go [www.rmofmorris.ca](http://www.rmofmorris.ca) to learn more and how to register.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

It has been a busy year for me in both my position as Building Inspector and as Fire Chief. Our three fire halls have responded to over sixty calls this year and over sixty building permits have been issued. Other challenges this year have been COVID and the drought.

If you are planning a building project in the spring, please contact me for permitting requirements or other information regarding building in the municipality.

With the winter upon us, I recommend that residents who use wood for heating ensure that their woodstoves or fireplaces are in good working order and that the chimneys are being cleaned annually by a WETT certified professional. Also, I strongly suggest that each household have a 72-hour emergency kit consisting of food, water, blankets, medications, portable radio, flashlight and batteries as well as a non electric method of cooking (i.e.: Coleman stove). Given that a major winter storm may also cause power outages and delay emergency responders, purchasing a portable generator should also be considered. Please think about taking these precautions to protect your families during snow events and other emergencies.

I wish each and every one of you a happy, safe and prosperous 2022!

**Trevor Dackow**



**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](mailto:reception@rmofmorris.ca)

**Water Works Emergency Line:**  
204-746-7300

**Recycling & Garbage Collection**

■ Garbage Collection    
 ■ Recycling Zone 1    
 ■ Recycling Zone 2

**Jan-22**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	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	31	1	2	3	4	5

**Feb-22**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	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	1	2	3	4	5

**Mar-22**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	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

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

Landfill Hours and Price List		
DAYS	Rosenort 204-746-0417	Lowé 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	\$ 14.00	\$ 42.00
1/2 ton truck	\$ 28.00	\$ 84.00
1 ton truck	\$ 70.00	\$ 210.00
Mattress	\$ 15.00	\$ 45.00
New rates effective January 1st, 2022		

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#### Payment Options

- 1) **At Landfills** 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/>

**Happy New Year from RM of Morris Council and Staff!**

