

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 winter of 2022 with very cold temperatures and near record-breaking snowfall is slowly coming to an end. Predictions of a significant flood event this spring have now fortunately been downgraded. We have adequate snow to provide much needed moisture for both agriculture and potable water concerns after the drought conditions of 2021, and we can now anticipate a return to more normal spring and summer. Hopefully!

The RM of Morris public works staff, under the direction of Manager Paul Robert and Urban Director Michel Carriere, provided residents with their very best efforts as they maintained and cleared our municipal roads and urban communities. We appreciate and acknowledge their response to the challenge this past winter.

Your RM of Morris council was presented with significant increased expenses this past year due to a variety of factors. We identified additional costs in our recycling program, fuel, COVID-19, and the dramatic increase in the rate of inflation not seen in decades. The 2022 budget has been completed and council will present the information on our web site. Copies of the proposed budget are also available at our office. There will be a budget public hearing on April 13. We believe our response to the current financial challenge has been thoughtful and prudent.

Managing and maintaining municipal infrastructure has always been a priority of your council. The Rosenort water expansion plan is essentially complete and we anticipate work on the expanded Rosenort/Riverside lagoon will begin this summer. These projects are essential in the development of a 221-lot residential and multi-family development just south of the community of Rosenort. More information on this project will be presented at the Rosenort Chamber AGM on April 13. Council is also completing work on a 21-lot residential subdivision in Lowe Farm with completion in the fall of 2022.

Council has made every effort to consider the responsibilities we have to the residents and ratepayers in our municipality. We work to improve, expand and maintain our community and to make decisions based on cost efficiency and the long-term improvement of the RM of Morris.

Have a wonderful 2022 spring and summer.

Administration Changes

As I was thinking about which topic to pick for my newsletter article, I realized that the day I am writing it is April 1st! Many people refer to April 1st as April Fools' Day. So no, what I am writing is not a joke to fool you, but rather to reveal a plan that we as a municipality have developed to address some administrative succession planning to ensure that the Rural Municipality of Morris has the staffing capacity to successfully move forward into the future!

I have heard several rumours in the municipality that I am retiring. So let me be the one to say yes that will be happening, however not until the end of 2023!

Background – Last fall one of our long-term staff members, Marley Wiebe, had an opportunity for career advancement and she chose to accept a position with the Rhineland Municipality heading up their Finance area. Marley was with the Rural Municipality of Morris for over 10 years at an 80% position. We wish her much success. In our process of determining how to proceed forward, another long-term staff member, Lorraine Lussier, advised me that she was hoping to retire. Lorraine has been with the Rural Municipality of Morris for over 10 years in a 60% position, and sometime this Spring/Summer she will be phasing into retirement. However, we have made arrangements that she will still be providing some periodic help as the need arises. The service of both Marley and Lorraine has been much appreciated over the years and they will be missed!

These changes have provided the opportunity for Council and me to have many discussions about how to proceed forward. You may have seen us post an advertisement for a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) over the past couple of months. What we have done is review the duties and responsibilities of our Administrative Team and restructured and redistributed them to provide the remaining staff, namely Kim Robert and Jennifer Taylor, with opportunities to take on and learn some new tasks.

This restructuring also included taking several of the financial duties that I have been performing in the past and moving them over to a CFO role to provide a focused financial position within our Administrative Team. We are now happy to announce that we have successfully recruited Rosella Janz to join our Team. She will be starting on May 2nd, 2022. Rosella comes to us with several years of experience as a CPA-CA and is looking forward to this new opportunity.

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These changes are real and have created a new challenge for us. Over the next 21 months there are several things that I am hoping we can accomplish during this transition period so that the Rural Municipality of Morris will be well poised to hire a new Chief Administrative Officer at the end of 2023.

In closing, as some people have approached me about my upcoming retirement, I have advised them that we still have lots of work to do before December of 2023 and I am excited to help transition the Administration Team into the next phase of service to you, the residents, and ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Morris.

I am not done yet!!

Larry Driedger, CAO

Building Inspector / Fire Chief Report

Happy spring everyone!

Another spring is upon us. It seems that we will not be troubled by serious high-water events this year.

As the seasons turn, please remember to use caution if you are doing any outdoor burning.

Please clean your barbeque prior to the first cook out of the year and ensure it is a safe distance from the wall of your house.

A reminder that building permits are required for any building or structure larger than 120 square feet, as well as additions to existing houses. Questions in regard to building permits can be directed to me at (204)746-7300 or trevor@rmofmorris.ca.

I hope you all have a safe, happy and prosperous spring!

Trevor Dackow

Building Inspector / Fire Chief



We want your input!

There is a new sub-division coming to Rosenort and we are looking for input on its name. Complete our South Dyke's Sub-Division Naming Survey and submit by the deadline. The survey can be found online here (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CV9FDLM>).

Public Works Report

Roads – The gravel program will be happening in May.

Spring weight restrictions started on March 19th and remain in effect until May 29th of this year, or sooner.

Drainage – The program consists of approximately 25 miles.

Miscellaneous – The annual Spring cleanup will take place on the following dates:

- May 24th – Rosenort, Riverside & Aubigny
- May 25th – Rosenort & Riverside
- May 26th – Lowe Farm
- May 27th – Sperling

Equipment – The RM again leased four new graders, which should be arriving this month (April).

Paul Robert
Public Works Foreman



Spring Cleanup

Urban spring cleanup will be taking place again this year. Place unwanted articles at the end of your driveway for pickup. This DOES NOT include regular household garbage. The schedule is as follows:

- May 24th – Rosenort, Riverside & Aubigny
- May 25th – Rosenort & Riverside
- May 26th – Lowe Farm
- May 27th – Sperling

This week will also be free dump days at the landfills.

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	\$ 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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Upcoming Council Meeting

April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13

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

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/>

Recycling & Garbage Collection

■ Garbage
 ■ Recycling Zone 1
 ■ Recycling Zone 2

Apr-22							May-22							Jun-22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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For more information visit <https://rmofmorris.ca/community/recycling-garbage-program/>