

RED RIVER COUNCILS MEET

Re: St. Mary's Road

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Morris, Manitoba.

At a joint meeting of representatives of Councilors and Reeves of the Rural Municipalities of Ritchot, Morris and Montcalm, held Monday night, November 8th at Morris, a general discussion was held for the purpose of approaching the Dept. of Public Works, Highways Branch, Winnipeg, to classify the St. Mary's Road as a Provincial Trunk Highway.

Bruce MacKenzie, was appointed chairman of the meeting and D. J. Harder as Secretary.

The main arguments brought forth at the meeting for the above request to the Government Department were:

1. Due to heavy traffic at all times, by farmers of the Municipalities concerned, as well as neighboring Municipalities, for purposes of hauling their crops of Sugar Beets, Grain, Livestock, Gravel, etc., as well as for School, Hospital, Bus, Transfer, Business and other services, and due to insufficient bridge crossings, especially during the Spring and Fall seasons when Ferry operations cease, it was felt that the Government Dept. should take over the St. Mary's Road as a Provincial Trunk Highway.
2. It was estimated that the 3 Municipalities present, had expended at least \$50,000. on this road so far;
3. And, according to reports submitted, St. Mary's Road was designated as a Public Highway as far back as the year 1914, and is considered one of the oldest roads in the Province.

Upon motion of Art Beaubien of Montcalm Municipality and seconded by C. J. Neufeld of Morris Municipality, the following resolution was passed:

"THAT the Rural Municipalities of Ritchot, Morris and Montcalm, herewith request the Honorable Minister of the Dept. of Public Works, Highways Branch, Winnipeg, to take over the ST. MARY'S ROAD in toto, being that portion lying east of the Red River, commencing ~~At the~~ of the Indian Reserve at Letellier, Man., and carrying through to the City of St. Vital, Man."

Upon motion of Phil Leblanc of Ritchot Municipality and seconded by Wm. F. Recksiedler of Morris Municipality, the following committee was appointed to present the proposal of the Municipalities affected to the Government:

Bruce MacKenzie, Reeve - R. M. of Morris  
C.J. Neufeld, Councillor- R.M. of Morris  
Art Beaubien, Reeve - R. M. of Montcalm  
*Reche* Abe Marion, Councillor- R.M. of Montcalm  
Dave Proteau, Reeve - R. M. of Ritchot  
Harry Paul, Reeve - R. M. of St. Vital

The Committee will meet on Monday, November 15th at Morris, to compare notes as to the brief they will present to the Government.

The meeting adjourned.

D.J. Harder, ~~Secretary~~  
Secretary.