

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, December 12, 1996 at 9:25 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members present were: Arthur Dueck, Stan Siemens, Ralph Groening, Art Friesen
Councillor Kerry Eidse was present for the afternoon session of the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to continue with the agenda from the December 11, 1996 regular meeting.

Delegation

Mr. Helmut Klassen of the Red River Valley Health District met with Council to discuss aspects of the newly created Central Health Region and what impact it will have on the health centres in the Red River Valley Health District.

The Central Region will have an operating budget of 90 million dollars and covers an area from the Red River to the Rock Lake area and from the USA border north to Portage la Prairie area. There are 50 health care facilities in this area.

There are 15 people on the Central Regional Health Board which has its office in Carman, Manitoba. There are also 3 District Health Advisory Councils. There are currently no members from the Morris area on the Central Regional Health Board and there may not be any on the District Health Advisory Councils.

There are grave concerns of what changes will take place to health services in the Morris area. The Red River Valley Health District has experienced a \$200,000.00 cut back in financial funding in the current year.

For the Morris District to contract health services with the Central Region, it is the Central Region which will determine what services they will contract for, which creates a degree of uncertainty of future.

The evolving of the Morris District will put it directly under the Central Region. As the best option available, the Red River Valley Health District is considering evolving with the Central Region.

The future administration of the Red River Health District is very much in question of what it will be an where from. There is also a great concern discussed that this area has no representatives currently on the Central Board and may not have any on the District Councils.

Morris
Area DHAC
for Central
Region
Health

Moved by Arthur Dueck, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#293/96. Whereas the Central Health Region has a proposed creation of 3 District Health Advisory Councils;
And Whereas the Rural Municipality of Morris is concerned with proper representation to the Regional Health Board;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris wants the creation of a fourth District Health Advisory Council to encompass the Morris-Altona area and that proper representation from the Morris area be on this fourth District Health Advisory Council.

Carried. For 3
Against 1

Federal
Gas Tax
Refund to
Provinces

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#294/96. Whereas the Federal Government is currently refunding only a small portion of the gas tax collected in the Province of Manitoba, back to the Province of Manitoba;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Federal Government reimburse the gas tax collected back to the respective Provinces for use to the Provincial road systems.

Carried.

Finance
Minister
Funding to
Capital

Moved by Art Friesen, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#295/96. Resolved that the Minister of Finance be requested to increase the budget allocation to the Department of Highways for capital road projects.

Carried.

JFKlassen
Retirement

The retirement of Mr. Jake F. Klassen from municipal employment in 1995 is to be investigated by the Municipal Office and report to Council on the events of his retirement.

Rosenort
Dyke

Moved by Art Friesen, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#296/96. Whereas the Local Urban District of Rosenort, in the Rural Municipality of Morris, is an industrious, fast growing community;
And Whereas the Local Urban District of Rosenort is situated with a dyke for flood protection;
And Whereas the dyked area is not of sufficient protected area for more industrious, commercial and residential development;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we expand the Local Urban District of Rosenort flood protection dyke to include all of the Local Urban District defined area (or part thereof depending on funding) and that we approach the Provincial and Federal Governments for financial funding assistance.

Carried.

Council then discussed the situation of donation requests to larger charities. It was decided that the Municipality not donate to national or larger charities and that individuals could do so privately if they wished and Municipal funds not be used in this regard.

P.R. 332
Hard
Surface to
No. 1 Hwy

Moved by Arthur Dueck, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#297/96. Whereas due to the increased demand for transportation needs in this area of the Province, there is a need for additional hard surfaced roads;
And Whereas the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris is of the opinion that P.R. 332 is a road which should be upgraded to support the traffic from this area;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris request that P.R. 332 be upgraded to be a hard surfaced road from Gretna straight through to No. 1 Highway and that the Minister of Highways place this road project on an urgent basis.

Carried.

P.R. 205
Hard
Surface
West of
Rosenort

Moved by Art Friesen, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#298/96. Whereas there is a desperate need to hard surface P.R. 205 from Rosenort, Manitoba west to connect to another hard surface road;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Minister of Highways be requested to incorporate the hard surface of P.R. 205 west of Rosenort into their capital program for 1997/98.

Carried.

By-law
1499/96
Amendment

Moved by Art Friesen, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#299/96. Resolved that the propose By-law No. 1499/96 be now amended by adding the following clause:
"14.1a) That the requirements of this by-law shall pertain to urban centres only in the Rural Municipality of Morris."

Carried.

By-law
1499/96

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Arthur Dueck:
#300/96. Whereas By-law No. 1499/96, is amending By-law No. 1498/96 and which was given first reading on November 13, 1996;
And Whereas a resolution amending the proposed By-law has been passed by Council;
Therefore Be It Resolved that By-law No. 1499/96 as it is now amended be now given second and third reading and finally passed in Council as a whole with Section 190(2) and 190(3) of the Municipal Act being now suspended.

Carried.

By-law
1496/96

Moved by Arthur Dueck, Seconded by Art Friesen:
#301/96. Whereas By-law No. 1496/96, being a by-law authorizing the paving of Reimer Street in Lowe Farm, was given first reading on September 11, 1996;
And Whereas this by-law has been given approval by the Municipal Board of Manitoba;
Therefore Be It Resolved that By-law No. 1496/96 be now given second and third readings and finally passed in Council as a whole with Section 190(2) and 190(3) of the Municipal Act being now suspended.

Carried.

Accounts

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#302/96. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for December 11, 1996 in the amount of \$317,217.34 plus the following accounts:

Larry Skoglund	900.00
Burkes Diner	68.71
Herm Martens	2,050.07

and further that cheque no. 4143 be now cancelled.

Carried.

Delegation

Mr. Levi Brandt met briefly with Council to update them on the Chappell billing case and the process that has been taken. He is expecting a letter from the former Reeve, Dan Thiessen, on this matter.

Financial
Statement

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Arthur Dueck:
#303/96. Resolved that the financial statement for the month of November, 1996 be now approved as presented by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Carried.

H.Thiessen
appoint.
to Hosp.
Board

Moved by Arthur Dueck, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#304/96. Resolved that Mrs. Helen Thiessen be appointed as our citizen representative to the Red River Valley Health District Board for the term from December, 1996 to December, 1999.

Carried.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:15 P.M. and reconvened at 2:05 P.M. At 1:00 P.M., Council went to view the Carman Weed District Truck with the view of what is needed for the Morris Montcalm Weed District.

For the afternoon session, Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman and Mr. Harry Penner were present.

Council discussed with Mr. Harder, at some length the hours on each machine and the future of each machine.

Pay Day
Policy

Moved by Art Friesen, Seconded by Arthur Dueck:
#305/96. Resolved that for the hourly employees, the pay day shall be on the Friday following the pay period cut-off and that the cheques dated for that Friday shall be distributed to employees at quitting time on Thursday, unless occasional circumstances justify otherwise, and that this policy shall stay in effect until further notice.

Carried.

Councillor Stan Siemens moved the adjournment of this meeting at 3:15 P.M.

Following this meeting, Council became the Drainage Committee to review and discuss proposed work for the 1997 construction year. They discussed the surveys done and needed and the equipment utilization for the 1997 year.

Reeve



Secretary-Treasurer.

