

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Friday, September 25, 1998 at 7:30 a.m. at Burkes Restaurant.

All members of Council were notified of this special meeting.

This meeting was called to discuss the matter of a letter recently received from a lawyer with Suche, Gange regarding the P.V.W.C. water line to Rosenort. With the consent of Council present, other matters may be discussed.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.  
Council members present were: Ralph Groening, Kerry Eidse, Stan Siemens, Arthur Dueck.

The Municipality received a letter from the firm of Suche, Gange indicating their client being the L.U.D. of Rosenort and that the P.V.W.C. water line currently under construction to Rosenort was not correctly done and that they planned to take this matter to the Minister of Rural Development.

Council spent considerable time discussing this letter and what options may be available. During this time, Council did express very candid views of such an undertaking by the L.U.D. of Rosenort Committee.

It was the consensus of Council that a legal opinion be obtained as soon as possible.

Council expressed no concerns regarding the issue being made to public awareness should it happen.

Legal  
Advice

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Kerry Eidse:  
#229/98. Resolved that Council is authorized to obtain a legal opinion relative to the letter from the legal firm of Suche, Gange concerning the P.V.W.C. water line to Rosenort.


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Council mentioned hosting an employee dinner in the near future and also having a Council retreat of some kind in the near future and the expression of Council was that it would likely have to be after the election.

It was also mentioned, the matter of the leveling of piles from our ditch digging and whether motor graders should be used and whether we use our own equipment or hire contractors. The issue was left unresolved to see how this work proceeds in the next few weeks.

Councillor Stan Siemens:  
Moved the adjournment of this special meeting at 9:45 a.m.

  
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Municipal Administrator

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a meeting with representatives of M.E.M.O. to discuss matters pertaining to our 1997 Flood Claim. This meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris on September 10, 1998 at 9:30 a.m.

Present for this meeting was Reeve Herm Martens, Councillors: Arthur Dueck, Kerry Eidse, Ralph Groening, Art Friesen, Stan Siemens. Municipal Foreman, Mr. Don Harder was also present.

Representing M.E.M.O. was Mr. Hollis Kinsey and Mr. Norm Bruce.

Mr. Hollis Kinsey indicated to Council that according to inspections done, there were approximately 174 miles of noted debris and silt in ditches. The ditch cleaning needed to be done on a site specific report. The balance of miles done as opposed to miles reports were not noted on the flood reports.

Mr. Kinsey was informed that for the R. M. of Morris, in 1997 there was approximately \$9.0 million spent on flood issues and in 1998 there will likely be an additional \$3.0 million spent.

Mr. Kinsey stated that in order to satisfy Federal Inspectors, a document of some form is needed indicating that there was general silting affecting all ditches in the flood area and that these ditches need to be cleaned out.

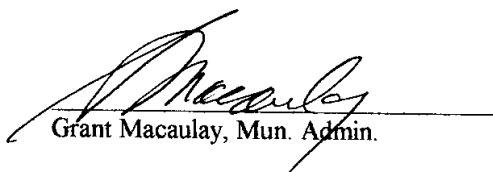
Mr. Kinsey stated that before May 31, 1997, matters were a general cleanup and after that date, work needed to be done on a site specific report. When questioned on where this date of May 31<sup>st</sup> was derived, he did not answer but questioned as to what date would be a more suitable one for the R. M. of Morris. Mr. Kinsey was told that in June and July/97 there were heavy rains which just pushed more debris into the Municipal ditches and emergency general cleanup continued until early August, 1997. It was then generally agreed to that before August 31, 1997 our flood ditch cleaning work would be considered a general cleanup and following August 31, 1997, our flood ditch cleaning work would be a site specific work.

The financial situation of the R. M. of Morris was explained in some depth with the M.E.M.O. representatives and Mr. Kinsey stated that he would make a request for a further \$2.0 million advance to the Municipality.

On the matter of Municipal bridges, it was explained to Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Bruce that the Municipality has replaced flood damaged bridges with low level crossings and that it was understood with previous M.E.M.O. representatives that the credit realized from constructing low level crossings as opposed to constructing bridges would be used as a credit towards a large bridge project (2 miles south of Rosenort on Morris River) which was flood damaged and nothing has yet been done on this bridge because of issues pertaining to the Rosenort Dyke project.

For culvert replacements done by the Municipality, they need to be shown as a site specific report.

The meeting ended at approximately 10:30 a.m.

  
Grant Macaulay, Mun. Admin.