

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, October 8, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.
Council Members present were: Ralph Groening, Stan Siemens, Kerry Eidse. Councillor Arthur Dueck arrived late for this meeting.

Also present were Mr. Bryan Petzold and Mr. Ken Gibson of the Dept. of Highways and Mr. John Arthur of the Dept. of Natural Resources. Mr. Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman for the R. M. of Morris also attended the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the drainage ditch along the South of PTH 23 along the North of Sections 35 & 36-4-1W and North of Section 31-4-1E.

This ditch previously was a "V" shape ditch and did not provide proper drainage along this area. During the summer of 1998, the Municipality conducted work in this ditch, firstly to clean out the ditch. However, in doing so, a proper ditch bottom was built and a ditch grade slope was provided to allow for the drainage of water. With this having been done, the Dept. of Highways expressed a concern over the side slopes for this ditch constructed and also the degree of work that was done.

Mr. Petzold stated the their departments first concern is that of public safety and the side slopes are very steep should a vehicle go into the ditch. The original authorization was to clean out a portion of the ditch, and not to widen the ditch bottom and steepen the side slopes. Putting the ditch back the way it was does not solve the drainage problems and everyone here wishes to find a solution to the problem at hand. He stated that the Dept. of Highways was willing to provide some financial help to the project of correcting this ditch, however, some form of cost estimates must be provided to them. Depending on the cost estimate provided, their contribution to the project could be \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. To provide a manner of correcting this ditch, there is a considerable amount of dirt to be moved and there is also MTS pedestals which must be moved and also some hydro poles which are also in the way.

Mr. John Arthur's presence allowed him to understand the situation and to provide a quicker approval to our drainage request.

The R. M. of Morris would undertake to provide cost estimates for this project and that it is hoped that the project could be done or started in 1998.

Councillor Groening, asked about PR 332 and the traffic counts on that particular road. The province has place an additional \$5 Million dollars to Highways and wanted to know where that money has been allocated.

Mr. Petzold stated that in 1997 the traffic count was 152 vehicles per day and that more recent figures were not yet available. His department has submitted a proposal that a route location study for a corridor route along PR 332 from PTH 23 to the Trans Canada highway.

Council asked about the road grading and plowing contract and that PR roads were not kept in very good condition this summer. Mr. Petzold stated that they realized that the contractors performance had not been very good and that the Highways Dept. was to meet the contractor soon to discuss this matter.

When questioned about road stabilization, Mr. Gibson indicated that calcium and magnesium products were the better ones as they had some residual capacity, whereas the ligno product has no residual effect.

Mr. Gibson indicated that he would check on where the Municipality could obtain a counting machine to conduct out own road counts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator