

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a public hearing on Thursday, March 4, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morris Municipal Office, Council Chambers.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members Present were: Denis Robert, Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelson, Stan Siemens, Sieg Neumann, Barry Fraese.

The purpose of this public hearing as for the purpose of a by-law authorizing the borrowing of funds for the construction of a Community Dyke at Aubigny, Manitoba. Letters of notice for this hearing were duly mailed to all property owners affected by the taxation for the proposed Community Dyke.

There were 24 persons from the Aubigny Community present for this hearing.

Reeve Herm Martens opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone for coming to this hearing. Reeve Martens then advised those present that Mr. Grant Macaulay, the R. M. of Morris C.A.O. would give a short presentation on what is being proposed to be done and a brief impact of building the dyke. Following this presentation, Council would then be open to presentations from the audience and a question and answer time period.

Mr. Grant Macaulay, Morris C.A.O., with the use of an overhead projector then informed the audience of the location of the dyke, the proposed cost of the dyke, and the taxation impact that it would have on properties inside the dyke.

It has been previously decided by the Council of the R. M. of Morris that all properties within the proposed Community Dykes would be responsible to repay the debenture debt incurred by the construction of this Community Dyke.

The audience was also advised that of the total cost of the dyke, the Municipality has been informed by the Province that 10% of the Dyke cost must be from the Municipality and that the Municipality has decided that the area inside the dyke will be responsible for that 10% of costs. This hearing is to provide information on the borrowing of funds to pay that 10% requirement. The total project is to cost approximately \$1,100,000. and Aubigny's 10% would be \$110,000. Following this presentation, the floor was then opened to presentations.

Mr. Lawrence Wizbinski then presented Council with a petition with 11 signatures. This petition indicated that the property owners would be willing to waive any future flood costs and that the existing 25 homeowners would receive compensation of \$40,000.00 each. The dyke and the proposed tax increase is not in the community's best interest.

Questions were asked regarding:

When is the Province going to start talking to the people to purchase property?

When is the dyking agreement going to be signed?

Is anything being done before the signing of the agreement?

A question was asked relating to where the dirt would come from to build the dyke.

Reeve Martens explained that the dyke would have a ditch along the inside and outside of it and there would be likely more than enough dirt from building these ditches to build the dyke.

Mrs. Ella Roy questioned why the borrow pit was in the location on the diagram. That is a treed area shelter belt and saw now reason why the trees would have to be destroyed.

Mrs. Fran Wilson asked about the tendering for these dykes.

Reeve Martens indicated that it was possible that the engineers would be ready to have the tenders sent out by April 15, 1999.

It was mentioned that Council was meeting with the Hon. Frank Pitura on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. It was then asked that they be informed of the results from this meeting.

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Mr. Marc Chartier stated that he has flood proofed his property to 1997 level plus 3 feet and has paid his required 25% of this flood proofing costs and does he now also have to pay again for the dyke.

He was informed that in all likelihood he would have to but that the matter would be raised with Mr. Pitura.

The dyke creates greater opportunity for growth of the community and without the dyke that opportunity would likely not exist.

During the course of the hearing, Reeve Martens asked for a show of hands in favour and opposed to the dyke from the homeowners in the audience. By a show of hands it was voted that 10 were in favour of the dyke and 3 were opposed.

Mrs. Joan Wilson asked if minutes of our meetings could be available at the Caisse Populaire in Aubigny. She was told that those arrangements could be made.

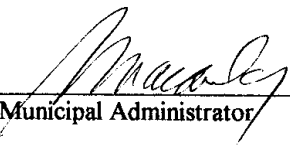
Mrs. Ella Roy stated that she would be outside the proposed dyke on the south side and that the community dyke may create additional flow, current and water pressure against her house pad. What is to be done if in the next flood her house protection does not hold because of these factors.

It was mentioned that this particular issue would be brought to Mr. Pitura's attention.

Councillor Robert stated that her property is close to the proposed dyke and should the area be filled in between her house and the dyke that it would likely alleviate a great deal of those issues and concerns she just raised.

Following this, there were no further questions raised and Reeve Martens then thanked everyone for coming and declared the hearing adjourned.

  
Reeve

  
Municipal Administrator