

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of Council of the RM of Morris held on Wednesday April 1st, 2009 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Rosenort Arena. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert, Siemens and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair. This meeting had been called as a public information meeting for residents of Riverside and surrounding area. The reason for the meeting was to discuss potential evacuation of the community.

Reeve Martens opened the meeting by advising that in 1997 the flood level was 783.3 feet. In 1979 the level was 781.3 feet, and in 2006 the level was 779 feet. In 2009 the level is forecast to be between 779.5 and 781 feet. During the 1997 evacuation system, the RM of Morris very much wanted to stay in control. A lot of problems seemed to be caused by other people coming in, and issuing orders that did not work.

The RM of Morris has therefore set a series of guidelines for an evacuation. These guidelines, if you wish to stay, are as follows:

- You must NOT be under 13 years old or over 70 years old
- You must NOT be under a doctor's care
- You must NOT be scared of water

AND

- You must have access to a minimum 14 foot boat with a minimum 50 hp motor
- You must have a cell phone and keep in daily contact with the R.M. of Morris
- You must have the essentials such as food and water (enough to sustain you for the length of time you plan to stay)
- We recommend that you have a generator to use in case there is no electricity

Reeve Martens stressed that the RM of Morris wants to know where everyone is. A question and answer session then followed which brought forth the following information:

1. The RM of Morris does not intend to shut off any water supply.
2. Boat access is required in order for residents to remain. This does not mean that they have to own a boat but that they have to have access to one. Several neighbors could share access to the same boat.
3. People that are surrounding the Riverside community, but are not inside the dike, also would have to leave and follow the same rules.
4. The Rosenort Fire Department will help as necessary and able.
5. In 1979 there were between 18 to 20 inches of water on top of the road.

Reeve Martens also mentioned that the RM will try to find a person to be a Dike Supervisor. On PR 422 the RM intends to have Lloyd Friesen watch the dike during any evacuation.

Reeve Martens stressed that if you evacuate, you should let the RM of Morris Office or Red Cross know your contact information while gone. The RM of Morris and Red Cross will share this information with each other. Reeve Martens also stressed that you must contact Red Cross in order to be eligible for any compensation. He then reviewed the rates that the Province would pay, if a disaster was declared, for hotel and lodging fees.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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