

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS  
HELD THURSDAY DECEMBER 13, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Councillors present: Bill Ginter Ruth Murray  
David Smith Trevor Thiessen  
Jeanette Bergstresser Gavin van der Linde

Also Present: Brigitte Doerksen, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Presiding: Mayor Dale Hoffman

01/12/07  
Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser  
Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the December 13, 2007 regular Council meeting be approved as amended.

**(Carried)**

For: 6 Against: 0 Absent : 1

02/12/07  
Minutes  
Reg. Mtg.

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray  
Seconded by Councillor David Smith  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the November 22, 2007 regular Meeting of the Council be adopted as circulated.

**(Carried)**

For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

**Councillor Trevor Thiessen arrived at 7:05**

**Delegations**

Fire Chief Colin Harbinson and Deputy Fire Chief Wes Zilke circulated their Reportd to Council with respect to the call report and inspections they have done throughout the 2007 year.

**Correspondence**

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
a) Scott Stevenson	Sno-X racing request support	#03/12/07
b) FCM	Seeking technical experts	Circulated
c) Crime Stoppers	Request for contribution	Noted
d) Futurescape	Information	Noted
e) Highway #75	Informational Mtg. minutes	Noted
f) MB. Water Stewardship	Southwood Rd. Permit-FYI	Noted
g) Community Places	Program Workshops	Circulated
h) Valley Regional Library	Thank you Letter	Noted
i) J.R. Cousin Consultant Ltd.	Drainage Quote	Noted
j) RRVSD	Invitation	#04/12/07
k) AMM	Employee Benefits Bulletin	Noted
l) Vic Toews	Copy of address	Noted
m) EMO	Exercise Design Course	#05/12/07
n) EMO	Flood Preparedness Seminar	More info
o) Manitoba Hydro News	FYI	Noted
p) Insights- MB. Hydro	FYI	Noted
q) RCMP	2006/2007 annual report	Noted
r) MAAS	Conference	No interest
s) Manitoba Hydro	Fibre Optic Installation	Set up Mtg.

03/12/07 Request Snow-X  
**Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde**  
**BE RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the use of land to host a Snow-X Racing circuit and a \$1,000.00 grant towards the advertising for the event (work in kind or cash).  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

04/12/07 RRVSD Mtg.  
**Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
**Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 2 members of Council/Staff be Authorized to attend the Red River Valley School Division meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 held in Morris at the Administration Office in Morris.  
**AND FURTHER** that expenses be reimbursed as per Bylaw 09/05  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

05/12/07 EMO Excercise  
**Moved by Councillor William Ginter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 2 members of Council/Staff be Authorized to attend the EMO Exercise Design on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 held in Steinbach at the Steinbach Superstore 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor training room.  
**AND FURTHER** that expenses be reimbursed as per Bylaw 09/05  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

**FINANCIAL:**

- December Accounts #06/12/07
- November Financials #07/12/07
- Interim Budget #08/12/07

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Wage Proposals- Personnel Committee #9/12/07, #10/12/07
- Wage Proposals- Personnel Committee (Public Works) #11/12/07
- Lots on Southwood Rd.- Dave Smith Bring to January Mtg.

**BY-LAWS**

- By-Law 08/07 Road Opening Hold
- By-Law 09/05 Remuneration- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading #12/12/07

06/12/07 December Accounts  
**Moved by Councillor William Ginter**  
**Seconded by Councillor David Smith**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the accounts, being #'s 6590-6702 in the amount of \$151,096.90 be approved as presented.  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

07/12/07  
Financial  
Statement

**Moved by Councillor David Smith**  
**Seconded by Councillor William Ginter**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 of the Town of Morris be adopted as presented

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

08/12/07  
Interim  
Budget

**Moved by Councillor William Ginter**  
**Seconded by Councillor David Smith**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 163 of the Municipal Act L.M. 1996, the Council of the Town of Morris had made Provisional Estimates of all operating and Capital Expenditures for the period from January 1, 2008 until the adoption of the Annual Estimates;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Provisional Estimates be hereby approved:

General Government Services:	\$ 200,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 130,000.00
Transportation Service	\$ 300,000.00
Environment Health Services	\$ 60,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$ 20,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$ 70,000.00
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$ 200,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$ 500,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 40,000.00

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

09/12/07  
CAO  
Hire

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**Seconded by Councillor David Smith**

**WHEREAS** Midge Anderson will retire as Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Morris effective December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** Council of the Town of Morris deems it advisable to appoint a new Chief Administrative Officer;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Brigitte Doerksen be appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Morris effective December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Brigitte Doerksen be paid a starting salary of \$42,270.00 annually with a .50 per hour increase per municipal course passes, and these wages be set for the 2008 and 2009 year.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

10/12/07  
Asst. CAO  
Hire

**Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Chris Janke be appointed as Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Morris effective December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Chris Janke be paid a starting salary of \$ 34,000.00 annually with a .50 per hour increase per municipal course passed, and these wages be set for the 2008 and 2009 year.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

11/12/07  
Wages  
Public  
Works

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**Seconded by Councillor William Ginter**

**WHEREAS** Resolution #42/02/06 sets out the wages for the Public Works Staff;  
**AND WHEREAS** clarification is required for years 2008 and 2009;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Morris clarify the 2008 and 2009 wages as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>2008 wages</u>	<u>2009 wages</u>
Robert Collette	\$47,614 per annum & 1,000 RRSP	\$49,486 & RRSP
Michael Deeley	\$18.29/hr. & 1000 RRSP	\$19.19/hr. & RRSP
Allan Gray	\$16.05/hr. & 1000 RRSP	\$16.25/hr. & RRSP
Shane Johnston	\$18.13/hr. & 1000 RRSP	\$19.03/hr. & RRSP
Carl Lenton	\$16.40/hr. & 1000 RRSP	\$17.30/hr. & RRSP

(Carried)

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

12/12/047  
By-Law  
01/08

**Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-Law 01/08 being a by-law of the Town of Morris to provide the remuneration of members of the Council of the Town of Morris be given first reading.

(Carried)

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Development Plan	Council to review in January 2008
Winnipeg Elevator	Being worked on
Subdivision for Library	Send a reminder letter
Building Inspector	Set up a Mtg. with the RM
CNR- Underground Sewage ext.	Contact CN
Standing Committees, Appts. & Deputy Mayor	#13/12/07, #14/12/07 & 15/12/07
RRVHF Committee	#16/12/07
CAO Report	#17/12/07

13/12/07  
Standing  
Committees

**Moved by Councillor David Smith**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the standing committees of Council for 2007-2008 be as follows, the first named chairman:

<b>Finance</b> .....	<b>Ginter</b> , Smith, Thiessen
<b>Personnel</b> .....	<b>Murray</b> , Bergstresser, Smith
<b>Protective</b> (E.M.O, Fire, Police, Animal Control).....	<b>van der Linde</b> , Murray
<b>Transportation</b> (Public Works, Street Lights, Sidewalks).....	<b>Ginter</b> , Murray, Thiessen
<b>Transportation</b> (Sewer & Water, Garbage, Landfill & Recycling).....	<b>Thiessen</b> , Murray, Ginter
<b>Recreation &amp; Health</b> (Halls, Parks, Arena Pool, Library, Golf, Daycare).....	<b>Bergstresser</b> , van der Linde, Ginter
<b>Cemetery</b> (Social Services, Medical).....	<b>Murray</b> , Bergstresser
<b>Economic Development</b> (tourism, Beautification, Planning, All development, weed control).....	<b>Thiessen</b> , Smith, van der Linde
<b>Housing &amp; Building Inspector</b> .....	<b>Smith</b> , van der Linde, Thiessen

(Carried)

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

14/12/07  
Council  
Appts.

**Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
**Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appointments of Council to various Boards for 2007-2008 be as follows:

- AGRICULTURE SOCIETY**.....van der Linde, Ginter
- CEMETERY**.....Murray, Bergstresser
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**.....Murray, van der Linde
- COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM**.....Murray, Smith
- HANDIVAN**.....Ginter, Bergstresser
- HEALTHY COMMUNITY**.....Hoffman
- MORRIS AREA SENIOR SERVICES**.....Smith
- M.C.D.C**.....Thiessen
- COMPLEX-WELLNESS CENTRE/FUNDRAISING**..van der Linde, Thiessen
- MORRIS INTERAGENCY**.....Bergstresser
- MORRIS MANOR**.....Smith
- RECREATION COMMISSION**.....Bergstresser, Thiessen, Smith
- PEMBINA VALLEY WATER CO-OP**.....Hoffman
- RED RIVER PARENT CHILD**.....Bergstresser
- RED RIVER VALLEY FOUNDATION**.....Ginter, at Large
- SMCC**.....Ginter, Thiessen
- TRIPLE R**.....van der Linde
- VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY**.....Murray
- VALLEY WEED CONTROL**.....Smith

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

15/12/07  
Appt. of  
Deputy  
Mayor

**Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Ruth Murray be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Morris for 2007/2008.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

16/12/07  
RRVHF  
Appt.

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**Seconded by Councillor William Ginter**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following appointment be made to the Red River Valley Health Foundation for 2008-2009:  
Allan Friesen

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

17/12/07  
Christmas  
Ad

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**Seconded by Councillor David Smith**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize a Christmas ad to run in the Southeast Journal for a cost of \$100.00 plus GST & PST.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Mayor Dale Hoffman** reported on a lunch meeting he attended with Ed Voth.
- **Deputy Mayor Ruth Murray** reported that the Library is still looking to build their extension. She also reported on a meeting held with personnel committee to discuss wage negotiations and a lunch meeting she attended with Ed Voth.
- **Councillor Dave Smith** reported on M.A.S.S committee and how they really work well together and his attendance to their Christmas party. He also reported on the Morris Manor as he was unable to attend the last meeting but heard there is a lot coming in the future.
- **Councillor Bill Ginter** circulated his report to Council.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

TOWN OF MORRIS

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER