

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD BY  
THE TOWN OF MORRIS  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Councillors present: Bill Ginter  
David Smith  
Trevor Thiessen (arrived at 7:15)  
Gavin van der Linde  
Jeanette Bergstresser  
Ruth Murray

Absent: None

Also Present: Brigitte Doerksen Chief Administrative Officer, Marj Heinrichs  
(media)

Presiding: Mayor Dale Hoffman

01/02/09  
Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda for the February 12, 2009 regular Council meeting be approved as amended.

**(Carried)**

For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

02/02/09  
Minutes  
Regular  
Meeting

**Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
**Seconded by Councillor Dave Smith**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**(Carried)**

For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

**Councillor Trevor Thiessen joined the Regular Council Meeting at 7:15**

**DELEGATIONS: Public Works Foreman Robert Collette**

Public Works Foreman Robert Collette met with council to discuss and report various issues in regards to streets & boulevards, sewer & water, Public works equipment and employee holidays.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
a) Morris School	Hockey tourney support	#03/02/09
b) RRV Food Bank	Request	#04/02/09
c) AMM	Mayors, Reeves & CAO Mtg.	#05/02/09
d) EMO	Flood Preparedness Seminar	#06/02/09
e) Intergovernmental Affairs	Stmt of assessment-FYI	Noted & discussed
f) News Release	Public School funding increase	Noted & discussed
g) Community Futures	Annual Meeting	No interest
h) Better Buildings	Conference	No interest
i) AMM	Muni Excellence Award	Noted & discussed
j) RHA	Board Highlites	Send letter
k) Healthy Communities	Conference	#07/02/09
l) Traffic Safety Education	Workshops	No interest
m) Mrs. Godkin	Letter	Send a reply
n) Minister of Infrastructure	Letter to Mavis Tallieu	Send a reply
o) Treasury Board	Letter-2009 budget-FYI	Noted & discussed
p) Red River Basin Commission	Fundraiser Dinner Invite	No interest
q) Eastern MB. Tourism Assoc.	Travel Guide Ad	#08/02/09

03/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
Mavericks **Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
Tourny **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council authorize a sponsorship of \$300.00 to the Morris School in  
Sponsorship support of the A/AA Manitoba High School Athletic Association Provincial Hockey  
Championships tournament held at the Morris Arena March 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

04/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
RRVFB **Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde**  
Donation **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept donations for the Red River Valley Food bank and  
provide Charitable Donation Receipts.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

05/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
AMM **Seconded by Councillor Dave Smith**  
Mayor, Reeve **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 3 Council/staff member be authorized to  
CAO Mtgs. attend the Mayor, Reeves and CAO meetings held March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in St. Adolphe,  
Manitoba.  
**AND FURTHER** that expense's be reimbursed as per By-Law 01/09.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

06/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
EMO **Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
Seminar **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that all Council member be authorized to attend  
the Flood Preparedness Seminar held in Morris, Manitoba March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009;  
**AND FURTHER** that expense's be reimbursed as per By-Law 01/08.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

07/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
Healthy **Seconded by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
Communities **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 2 Council members be authorized to attend  
Conference the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Communities Conference held at the Christian Fellowship Church in  
Gladstone, Manitoba April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.  
**AND FURTHER** that expense's be reimbursed as per By-Law 01/09.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

08/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
Eastern **Seconded by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
MB. Tourism **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve a ¼ page advertisement in the Eastern  
Guide Manitoba Tourism Guide for a price of \$325.00

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

#### **FINANCIAL:**

-SMCC- Olympia expense	#09/02/09
-Recreation request for Business Cards	#10/02/09
-Valley Weed Control District Budget	Noted and discussed
-BFC Application	#11/02/09

09/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
SMCC **Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
Olympia **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council authorize SMCC to pay Guertin Equipment Ltd. in the  
Repairs amount of \$11,471.19 for repairs to the Olympia  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

10/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
Purchase **Seconded by Councillor Dave Smith**  
Of Business **BE IT RESOVLED** that a Council authorize the Recreation Director to purchase  
Cards business cards at a price of \$90.00 plus applicable taxes.  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

11/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
BCF **Seconded by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
Application **WHEREAS** Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation is currently in the planning stages  
with the Town of Morris to provide improvements to PTH 75;  
**AND WHEREAS** Manitoba Infrastructure has advised the Town of Morris that the land  
drainage system had to provide adequate drainage for PTH #75;  
**AND WHEREAS** JR Cousin Consultants Ltd. completed a study of our land drainage  
system and advised the Town of Morris of the upgrades needed in order to accommodate a  
40 year storm event;  
**AND WHEREAS** funding support is required for the above mentioned upgrades as the cost  
is too significant for the Town of Morris to complete on its own;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Morris apply to the Building Canada  
Fund- Communities Component Program for upgrades to the land drainage system.  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

#### NEW BUSINESS

-Domain name for website	Office to take care of
-Willow Dr. & Veterans Way Street Work	Send letter
-PVDC - appoint a member	Bring back to next mtg.
-Valley Ag-walkway request	Send a letter
-Tax Sale Notice –FYI set a reserve bid	#12/02/09
-Public Works	#13/02/09
-PVWC Easement for Pipelines	#14/02/09

12/02/08 **Moved by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
Tax Sale **Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve Bill Ginter to attend the Public Auction February  
26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to protect the Towns interest.  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

13/02/08 **Moved by Councillor Dave Smith**  
Tax Sale **Seconded by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the purchase of a Dump Truck for an amount of  
\$84,900.00 plus applicable taxed for Public Works purposes.  
**(Carried)**  
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

14/02/09 **Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
PVWC **Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde**  
Easement **WHEREAS** Pembina Valley Water ;  
**AND WHEREAS** the purpose of this easement will be to run two pipelines related to the  
upgrades at the PVWC's Morris WTP;  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that council approve the Town of Morris to enter into an Easement  
Agreement with PVWC and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign same.  
**(Carried)**  
For: 6 Against: 1 Absent: 0

## BY-LAWS

- **Animal Control By-Law #02/09** #15/02/09, #16/02/09
- **Dangerous Dog By-Law #03/09** #17/02/09, #18/02/09
- **Fines By-Law-to review** **Get more info**

15/02/09  
By-Law  
03/09  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**Moved by Councillor Gavin van der Linde**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 03/09 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris to provide for the regulations, licensing and control of Dogs within the limits of the Town of Morris be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

16/02/09  
By-Law  
03/09  
3<sup>rd</sup> reading

**Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 03/09 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris to provide for the regulation, licensing and control of Dogs within the limits of the Town of Morris be given final reading; be signed, sealed and passed.

**(Carried)**

**For:** Councillors; Gavin van der Linde, Dave Smith, Jeanette Bergstresser, Ruth Murray, Bill Ginter, Trevor Thiessen and Mayor Dale Hoffman  
**Against: none**  
**Absent: None**

17/02/09  
By-Law  
04/09  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 04/09 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris to provide for the regulation of Dangerous Dogs within the limits of the Town of Morris be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**(Carried)**

For: 6 Against: 1 Absent: 0

18/02/09  
By-Law  
04/09  
3<sup>rd</sup> reading

**Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 04/09 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris to provide for the regulation of Dangerous Dogs within the limits of the Town of Morris be given final reading; be signed, sealed and passed.

**(Carried)**

**For:** Councillors; Gavin van der Linde, Dave Smith, Jeanette Bergstresser, Ruth Murray, Bill Ginter, and Mayor Dale Hoffman  
**Against:** Councillor Trevor Thiessen  
**Absent: None**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Darren Gillespie On hold
- Morris Dental Office Letter Councillor Ginter to speak to owner of the building
- Standing Committees, Appointments of Council RRVHF Committee and Deputy Mayor for 2009 On hold
- SMCC-Hiring of Sean Rand #18/02/09
- CAO report Noted and discussed

18a/02/09  
Hiring of  
SMCC/PW

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

**WHEREAS** the SMCC Personnel Committee recommends the hiring of an employee for the position of Facility Maintenance and operations;

**AND WHEREAS** it has also been recommended by the Town of Morris Personnel Committee that the above-mentioned position also be hired as a Town Employee for the Public Works Department from the months of May to August;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the hiring of Sean Rand for the above-mentioned position commencing January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 with a starting wage of \$12.00/hr. for a 3 month probationary period. Once the 3 month probationary period is complete and satisfactory the wage will increase to \$12.50/hr.

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser** reported on the Minor Ball Meeting she attended.....
- **Councillor Trevor Thiessen** reported on a Public Works Meeting he attended to discuss budget and an MCDC meeting.
- **Councillor Gavin van der Linde** reported the LED Sign should be installed by the end of February. He also reported on meeting he attended in regards to the design of the Pool house and a possible spot for an Elevator in the Civic Centre. Gavin also mentioned that the Wellness Centre is still receiving memberships. Gavin also attended a meeting in regards to Immigration and how the Town of Morris is expecting more families and if there is anyone who can speak German and is interested in volunteering their time for these families to contact him.
- **Councillor Bill Ginter** reported on meeting with Public Works to discuss budget.
- **Councillor Ruth Murray** reported on the Chamber meeting she was to attend but cancelled due to the weather. The chamber meeting is rescheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. She also reported on some Cemetery issues.
- **Mayor Dale Hoffman** reported on a meeting he attending in regards to the Curling Club.

**IN CAMERA ITEMS:**

#19/02/09, #20/02/09

-Cemetery

-Age Friendly issue

19/02/09  
In-Camera

**Moved by Councillor Dave Smith**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council go "In-Camera" to discuss the following items:  
Cemetery and Age-Friendly issues

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

20/02/09  
Resume  
Meeting

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Bergstresser**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that council resume its regular Council Meeting

**(Carried)**

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Next Meeting Date: February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

**TOWN OF MORRIS**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**