

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007 AT 7:50 P.M.**

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

Late: Jeanette Bergstresser- arrived at 9:15 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Dale Hoffman

21/09/07 Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
Agenda Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the September 27, 2007 regular
Council meeting be approved as amended.
Carried.
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent : 1

22/09/07 Moved by Councillor Gavin van der Linde
Minutes Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
Variation BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the September 13, 2007 Variation
Hearing Hearing be adopted as circulated.
Carried
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

23/09/07 Moved by Councilor David Smith
Minutes Seconded by Councilor Ruth Murray
Reg Mtg BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the September 13, 2007 regular meeting
of Council be adopted as amended.
Carried.
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Delegation: At 8 p.m. Foreman Robert Collette circulated a report to council updating them on various projects.

At 8:15 RCMP Sargent Davy Lee met with Council to discuss the quarterly policing report. They are short staffed and hope to be up to full strength by December 1, 2007. The RCMP will work with the Town respecting the new traffic regulations on Toronto Ave East. Council felt that a semi- annual meeting would work well with them.

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
a) Man Health	West Nile Report	Circulated
b) B.E.S.T.	EMO Conference	24/09/07
c) Dale Air Services	Signage Request	25/09/07
d) MPSC	Bulletin	Circulated
e) RHA Central	Annual Meeting	26/09/07
f) RHA Central	Rental Increase	Set up Mtg
g) AMM	Bulletin/Convention Info	Circulated
h) Royal Cdn Legion	Legion Nite Invite	Mayor attend
i) Notice to Rescind	Res # 17/04/07	27/09/07
j) Mb Council on Aging	Nomination	Noted
k) Mb Ombudsman	Report	In Office
l) Community Planning	Revised Background Study	Approved
m)Manitoba Conservation	Used Oil Stewardship Plan	Circulated
n) Pembina Valley Co-op	Minutes	Circulated
o)Otis Canada Inc	Elevator for Arena	Get grant info
p)Family Services	Fire Inspections	Discuss with Fire Dept

24/09/07 Moved by Councilor Gavin van der Linde
B.E.S.T. Seconded by Councilor Trevor Thiessen
Conference NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one member of Council or Staff be authorized to attend the Emergency Preparedness Conference held in Brandon on November 21, 2007.
AND FURTHER that expenses be reimbursed as per Bylaw 09/05.
Carried.
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

25/09/07 Moved by Councilor Trevor Thiessen
Land Use Seconded by Councilor Gavin van der Linde
For Sign WHEREAS Dale Air Services has requested approval to place a portable sign on Town owned lands along PTH#75 (Lot 589, Plan 23);
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Dale Air Services to place a portable 4 x 8 sign on Lot 589, Plan 23 in the Town of Morris;
AND FURTHER that Dale Air Services be responsible for maintenance of the area around sign.
Carried.
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

26/09/07 Moved by Councilor Gavin van der Linde
RHA Seconded by Councilor Trevor Thiessen
Annual BE IT RESOLVED that two members of Council be authorized to attend the
Meeting RHA Annual Public meeting in Carman on October 10, 2007;
AND FURTHER that expenses be reimbursed as per Bylaw 09/05.
Carried.
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent : 1

27/09/07 Moved by Councilor William Ginter
Rescind Seconded by Councilor Ruth Murray
Res # WHEREAS Resolution #17/04/07 states the following: "NOW THEREFORE BE
17/04/07 IT RESOLVED that the AMM lobby the provincial government to commit to the same reduction of Education Support Levy on commercial properties as they are committing to the farmland properties."
AND WHEREAS a Notice to Rescind this resolution was presented at the September 17th council meeting;
AND WHEREAS it is in the best interest of Council to rescind this resolution;
BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution # 17/04/07 be hereby rescinded.
Carried.
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

FINANCIAL

28/09/07 Moved by Councilor David Smith
September Seconded by Councilor William Ginter
Accounts NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts, being cheque #'s 6083-6180 and 6263-6344, and manual cheque #'s M0491-M0500, in the amount of \$268,715.87 be approved as presented.
Carried.
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

29/09/07 Moved by Councillor William Ginter
August Seconded by Councillor David Smith
Financials NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Financial Statements for the month ending August 31, 2007 of the Town of Morris be adopted as presented.
Carried.
For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

NEW BUSINESS

Road Closing Bylaw 07/07- Hold
RCCV Conference - #30/09/07

30/09/07 Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
RCCV Seconded by Councillor Gavin van der Linde
Conference NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one member of Council and /or Staff be authorized to attend the Mb Community Recreation conference held in Brandon on November 2-4, 2007;
AND FURTHER that expenses be reimbursed as per bylaw 09/05.
Carried.
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Birch Crescent Drainage- #31/09/07
Patricia May Complaint- Letter to go
Bylaw 04/07-Decommision Hold
Land Purchase-Hoffman Hold
Building Permit Rates Hold
CAO Report 32/09/07

31/09/07 Moved by Councilor Ruth Murray
Gemmell Seconded by Councilor David Smith
Concrete BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the construction of a concrete pad at Lot 2,
Pad Block 5, Plan 13247; which has an easement agreement; providing the requirements of the Morris Zoning bylaw be met and that the construction be done after the drain has been put in.
Carried.
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

32/09/07 Moved by Councilor David Smith
Copier Seconded by Councilor Ruth Murray
Purchase WHEREAS the photocopier service contract has expired with the Town of Morris
AND WHEREAS the capital expenditure account for the Civic Center capital has an unspent budget amount of \$15,000.00;
BE IT RESOLVED that council authorize the purchase of a digital copier, printer, fax for the Town office at a cost of \$8998.00 plus taxes.
Carried.
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

IN CAMERA

33/09/07 Moved by Councilor Gavin van der Linde
In-Camera Seconded by Councilor Trevor Thiessen
BE IT RESOLVED that Council go In- Camera to discuss economic development.
Carried.
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

34/09/07 Moved by Councilor Jeanette Bergstresser
Resume Seconded by Councilor Trevor Thiessen
Regular BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resume its regular council meeting.
Meeting Carried.
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

35/09/07 Moved by Councilor Ruth Murray
Part time Seconded by Councilor David Smith
E. D. O. BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve in principle, the hiring of a part time E.D.O. officer on a contract basis.
Carried.
For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Deputy Mayor Ruth Murray** reported that the brass plaques have arrived for the cemetery benches. Smith Park is finally being landscaped.
- **Councilor Bill Ginter** advised that the Red River Valley Health Foundation Board has its 1st annual meeting; and that the handivan breakfast fundraiser in Lowefarm raised \$500.00.
- **Councilor Jeanette Bergstresser** reported on a Morris & Area Recreation meeting. She is pleased with the progress that the rec director and committee are making. Ice rentals are up by 50-60%.
- **Councilor David Smith** requested that a letter be sent from the Town to Jim Benson Agency regarding sales harassment. He attended a Morris & Area Service for Seniors meeting. They will be meeting with the province regarding the problems they are having with the meal rebate program
- **Councilor Gavin van der Linde** informed Council on the progress of the proposed expansion for Open Door.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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

TOWN OF MORRIS

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER