



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD BY  
THE TOWN OF MORRIS  
February 10, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Councillors Present: Bill Ginter  
Ruth Murray  
Mike Hinchey  
Scott Crick  
Bruce Third  
Trevor Thiessen

Absent: None

Also Present: Brigitte Doerksen, Chief Administrative Officer, Jeanette Bergstresser (media), Morris Mirror (media)

Presiding: Mayor Gavin van der Linde

01/02/11  
Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen  
Seconded by Councillor Bill Ginter**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda for the February, 2011 regular Council meeting be approved as amended.

**(Carried)**

02/02/11  
Minutes  
Regular  
Meeting

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray  
Seconded by Councillor Bruce Third**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**(Carried)**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**7:05 Sgt. Jim Glavin from the Morris RCMP Detachment** presented to Council the 2010 Stats. He also advised Council of the following:

- Human resource levels
- Their presence in the school is very strong
- Local agency assistance is still working well
- Possible 2011 spring flooding is a priority; however there are no panic buttons yet! They are working closely with the division to ensure that what is needed will be met.

**7:25 Shelley Johnston and Amanda Evenson** met with Council to bring forth their proposal for a park project located at the South end of Town. They have also requested from Council a possible name for the park, to which Council will provide some ideas in the near future. They also advised Council of their fundraiser supper scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
a) MIT	Notice of Public Hearing	Noted

**SEM/INARS & EDUCATION**

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
a) MWSA	Seminar	No interest
b) AMM	Mayor/Reeve & CAO Mtgs	#03/02/11
c) RM of Dufferin	Grand opening of shop	No interest
d) RM of Montcalm	Inter-Municipal Bonspiel	#04/02/11

03/02/11 **Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
AMM **Seconded by Councillor Bruce Third**  
Mayor/Reeve **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 2 Council/staff members be authorized to  
CAO Mtgs attend the Mayor/Reeve & CAO Meeting held March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Landmark,  
Manitoba.  
**AND FURTHER** those expenses are reimbursed as per By-Law 01/09.  
**(Carried)**

04/02/11 **Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
Inter-Muni **Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
Bonspiel **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 5 Council/staff members be authorized to  
attend the Inter-Municipal Curling Bonspiel held March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and hosted by the RM of  
Montcalm, Manitoba.  
**AND FURTHER** those expenses are reimbursed as per By-Law 01/09.  
**(Carried)**

**FINANCIAL:**

- a) Public Works/SMCC employee hire #05/02/11
- b) Conference Room quote for table Budget item

05/02/11 **Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
PW/SMCC **Seconded by Councillor Bruce Third**  
employee Hire **WHEREAS** 11 applicants applied to our ad in regards to the Public Works/SMCC  
employee position;  
**AND WHEREAS** 4 applicants were interviewed;  
**AND WHEREAS** out of the 4 interviewed it is recommended that Alexander Schmuikel be  
hired;  
**AND WHEREAS** the recommended starting wage for the position of Public Works/SMCC  
employee be \$14.00 per hour for a 3 month probationary period. Once the 3 month  
probationary period is complete and satisfactory the wage will increase to \$14.50 per hour  
with benefits;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorize the hiring of  
Alexander Schmuikel for the above mentioned position and the position commence  
immediately.  
**(Carried)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) March Regular Council meeting changes #06/02/11
- b) Local Government request #07/02/11
- c) Medical Clinic- feasibility Study #08/02/11

06/02/11 **Moved by Councillor Mike Hinchey**  
March Mtg **Seconded by Councillor Bill Ginter**  
Date changes **WHEREAS** the regular scheduled council meetings in March conflict with those  
attending conventions etc;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** council authorize the following  
meeting changes for the month of March, 2011:  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting changed to March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 7:00  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting changed to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 @ 7:00  
**(Carried)**

07/02/11 **Moved by Councillor Scott Crick**  
 Repeal of **Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
 Section 21 (g) **WHEREAS** Section 21 of the Municipal Assessment Act provides that real property or a portion of real property is exempt from taxation levied by a municipality;  
**AND WHEREAS** Section 21 (g) of the Municipal Assessment Act provides that the RM of Morris owned property located within the Town of Morris and is exempt from taxation;  
**AND WHEREAS** in November 2007 the Town of Morris purchased the land from the RM of Morris for the use of a Public Works shed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Morris request that Section 21 (g) of the Municipal Assessment Act be repealed due to its redundancy since the property was purchased by the Town of Morris.

(Carried)

08/02/11 **Moved by Councillor Scott Crick**  
 Medical **Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
 Clinic **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve for the Medical Clinic Committee to  
 Feasibility proceed with a feasibility study for the possibility of a Medical Clinic in the Town  
 Study of Morris as per the parameters of the proposal from Smith Carter.

(Carried)

**BY-LAWS & POLICIES**

- a) By-Law 05/09 Zoning By-Law On hold
- b) By-Law 01/11 Noise By-Law 2<sup>nd</sup> & final reading On hold

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Cargill Agreement On hold
- b) Valley Ag & Town of Morris Agreement On hold for amendments
- c) TAXervice On hold
- c) CAO Report Nothing to report

**NOTICE OF MOTION: Notice of Motion to rescind resolution #18/01/11**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councillor Bill Ginter** reported that he attended interviews for the Public Works/SMCC position, Red River Valley District Foundation, MIT and SMCC meeting, he also reported on a snow removal issues, and therefore letters will be send in regards to this issue.

**Councillor Mike Hinchey reported** that he attended Medical Clinic, Social Services, Economic Development/housing and EMO meetings. He also reported that he met with Avery Giesbrecht to work on a final version of the Voluntary EMO pre-registration form.

**Councillor Ruth Murray reported** that attended social services, MIT, Library and EMO meetings. She also reported on the COPPS program is no longer needed therefore the committee will be handing over funds back to the town for future programs.

**Councillor Ruth Murray reported** that she attended the following meetings: Library, Chamber, Weed Control and EMO. She also met with Ed Voth to discuss a letter from Community Futures Triple R in regards to Daycares.

**Councillor Trevor Thiessen reported** that he also attended interviews for the Public Works/SMCC employee position, Economic Development/housing, and SMCC. He advised Council that the SMCC board has signed an agreement with the School for a Hockey Academy. He also mentioned a big Thank you goes out to the Morris Recreational Director Barb Pettapiece, EMO & Fire Department for organizing those who were stranded in the Town of Morris due to road closures January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Councillor Bruce Third** reported that he attended Economic Development/housing and EMO meetings. He also advised Council of his upcoming meetings he will be attending.

**Councillor Scott Crick** reported that he attended Public Works and Finance meetings. He also advised council of upcoming meetings he will be attending.

**Mayor Gavin van der Linde** reported that he met with the owners of Triform Poly and Mayor Chris Goertzen of Steinbach. He also reported on the PVDC, Triple R, EMO and SMCC board meetings he attended.

**IN CAMERA ITEMS:**

Economic Development #09/02/11, #10/02/11

09/02/11  
In Camera

**Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter**

**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council go "In Camera" to discuss the following issues:

Economic Development

**(Carried)**

10/02/11  
Resume  
Regular  
Meeting

**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**

**Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council resume its regular meeting.

**(Carried)**

Next Meeting Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**TOWN OF MORRIS**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**