

July 13, 2017

MIAMI, Manitoba

Council for the Rural Municipality of Thompson held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2017 with the following present: Reeve B. Callum and Councilors H. Knox, W. McTavish, R. Burnett, R. Penner, W. Gall

Agenda
1/7/17

McTavish and Penner -
RESOLVED THAT the agenda be hereby adopted with additions.
Unanimously Carried.

Moment of Silence for Terry Thiessen being a former employee of the R.M. of Thompson, Council wishes to extend their sympathies to the Family at this difficult time.

Minutes
2/7/17

Burnett and Knox -
RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the June 22, 2017 regular meeting be hereby adopted as printed and circulated.
Unanimously Carried

C/O 1-2017
3/7/17

Knox and Gall –
BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meeting of Council be closed to convene as a Public Hearing to hear representation for Conditional Use No. 1-2017.
Unanimously Carried

Applicant:

Conrad Rempel Manager of Birkland farms has operated 2 year at current capacity, he would like to expand the livestock operation so it's a lower cost per head of cattle, in partnership with his brother and they are trying to be good stewards, it is a learning process for them and they feel they have done a decent job so far, he has been working with Kroeker farms who works with their manure, wants to create jobs and better the economy and work in peace. Would like to have the expanded operation running by late fall, if the expansion goes through the pens will be concrete which is better for the animals it's a costly investment but feels that it is the best solution.

Coordinator Livestock Technical Review Board – Don Malinowski gave presentation as to what their role is in this process, he was joined by Petra and Clay from the Department of Agriculture who also presented their role in the review process as well as Jen from Sustainable Development which is involved in the approvals, speaking on behalf of the regulations, details of design are not available at this time but will be once approvals are received. They indicated that there are 2 other key departments being MB Highways (no issue) and Community Planning (proposal is in compliance) Province sees no technical problems at this time, proposal has been highly vetted prior to going to Council for Approval.

Opposed:

Katie Elias is against the proposal because of the ties with composting, does not want people subjected to the stench. It's indecent. Inconsiderate, not easy to live with and doesn't like compost laying in the field. They could smell dead animals

Opposed:

John Elias is against the proposal in Jun when it rained the compost ran into his field, he is sorry they allowed a feedlot in the first place.

Opposed:

Mark Elias is against the proposal for several reasons, conditions of the road, unnatural to confine animals in a feedlot. Municipalities aren't keeping up with the traffic, too many Semi's hauling seed potatoes and animals. Raising animals on concrete is unnatural. Animals shouldn't be made to live that way. He does not approve this project.

Opposed:

Katie L. Elias is opposed to expansion due to the roads being impassable at times she can't leave home, if the R.M. values being neighborly they shouldn't approve this application.

Opposed:

Jonathon Elias is opposed, live 1 mile south has never been an issue until this past spring says it smelled like dead animals this spring but can't confirm it was.

Opposed:

Barb Elias is opposed due to there being a lot more traffic, families with children live along the road and Semi's are going too fast for safety, the smell is worse than it used to be and dust is an issue.

Support:

Jacob Elias supports the application, smell and roads are all part of management, if someone has a vision to make a go of it he is for it.

Support:

Wayne Rempel from Kroeker Farms is in favor of the project, supports ambition, Dalke's were a model operation and he feels that Conrad is capable of the expansion. Have not had many complaints over the years. Composting is environmentally friendly, is willing to move some of the manure somewhere else and would like to work with the neighbors, Kroeker Farms also has a policy in place to deal with traffic and speed of trucks.

Support:

Harry Dalke supports feedlot expansion, feels there is terrific economic spinoff, it's tough for a cattle operation to exist and requires a lot of time, Conrad is a young man trying to support his family just like any grain operators. Canola can smell bad at times too.

Support:

Johan Botha supports the development, has worked with Conrad to ensure he is meeting all the technical requirements of the feedlot. Supports the concrete pens, feels it improves many aspects of dealing with the cattle and manure. He feels the improvement of this feedlot will be extensive.

Support:

Andrew Elias lives 3 miles away but supports the expansion, but would not want to live beside it.

Support:

David Elias lives ¾ miles away has cattle himself so he realizes it has smell, if it is done correctly you can reduce smell. Roads were terrible last summer but feels it was due to the rains. R.M. should step up as traffic increases does support the expansion.

Support:

Earl Van Assen from Morden Veterinary Clinic has dealt with Conrad for some time and doesn't feel Conrad should be doing anything differently, he supports Conrad and feels there are ways to reduce smell.

C/O 1-2017
4/7/17

Burnett and Knox –

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Hearing for Conditional Use No. 2-2017 be hereby closed.

Unanimously Carried

Council thanks everyone for being in attendance and will advise of their decision at a later date.

Darryl Wheeler and Kelly Fehr from Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations Assessment Services joined meeting at 11:28 a.m. to provide information to Council on the Impact of Reassessment for 2018. Left meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Accounts
5/7/17

McTavish and Gall -

RESOLVED THAT accounts recommended for payment be confirmed.

Unanimously Carried.

Financial
Statement
6/7/17

Burnett and Penner –

RESOLVED THAT the financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2017 as prepared, examined and presented to Council, be hereby adopted.

Unanimously Carried

Utility
7/7/17

McTavish and Knox

WHEREAS Council for the Rural Municipality of Thompson contracted services from Way To go Consulting for completion of a Water Rate Study;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve payment to Way To Go Consulting;

AND THAT costs for Water Rate Study be borne by Utility Reserve Funds.

Unanimously Carried

Fence
8/7/17

Penner and Gall –

WHEREAS Council for the Rural Municipality of Thompson has received a quote from Cory Rutter Construction to build a fence at the R.M. shop yard;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts quote from Cory Rutter Construction.

Unanimously Carried

Grant
9/7/17

Burnett and Knox –

RESOLVED THAT payment be made to the Miami Children's Facility to reimburse costs of the Oak Avenue Paving charge in the 2017 Property Tax Statement in the amount of \$1,224.00 to help offset loss of funding.

Unanimously Carried

- Lagoon Study McTavish and Gall –
10/7/2017 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves payment to WSP in the amount of \$1,690.00 for the Miami Lagoon Expansion Study from the Gas Tax Reserve fund.
Unanimously Carried
- In Camera Burnett and Penner –
11/7/17 RESOLVED THAT this meeting be recessed to go “in camera”, the time being 12:35 p.m.
Unanimously Carried
- Adj. Camera Knox and Penner–
12/7/17 RESOLVED THAT this “In Camera” session be adjourned, the time being 1:50 p.m., to return to a regular meeting of Council
Unanimously Carried.
- Items Discussed:
Personnel
Conditional Use No. 1-2017
Land Sales
Tender
Waste Disposal Ground
- Adjourn Penner and Burnett-
13/7/17 RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting be adjourned, the time being 1:55 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Unanimously Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer