

Manitoba Hydro and Rural Municipality of Whitemouth meeting August 22, 2013

In attendance:

Rural Municipality of Whitemouth

Reeve Allan Kropelnicki
Councillor Hermann Saxler
Councillor Martin Saxler
Councillor Roy Nichol
Councillor Bill Dowbyhuz
Chief Administrative Officer Laurie Kjartanson

Manitoba Hydro

Ron McKinnon
Brian Fortney
Vincent Kraeker

Reeve Kropelnicki thanked all for their attendance at 10:28 am.

Items for discussion:

1. Road work townsite
2. Marketing of townsite properties
3. Fencing around Elizabeth Crescent
4. Lift Station
5. Turbine (runner)
6. House 35
7. Hydro plans for school
8. Joint working group update
9. Harvest party
10. Additional cost for upgrade of Townsite road R.M. share

1. **Road Work Townsite:**

Bill Dowbyhuz reported that the initial quote by JR Cousins did not provide for pulverizing the existing road. Prices for repairs and asphalt are over twice the cost. Roy Nichol added that seal coat is not recommended. Mr. McKinnon will ask Hydro engineer Mike to review proper repairs and overlay. The estimate from JR Cousins was given to Ron McKinnon. The original estimates were only budget estimates. 3" overlay is recommended for Townsite Road. Martin Saxler asked why this road is so degraded, as the RM is obligated to maintain roads within their jurisdiction. Seal coat is insufficient to ensure that the road will be in use in five years. He also asked what the subgrade was composed of. Councillor Saxler also reviewed the Manitoba Hydro agreement schedules for roads. The loop should be classed as a collector street. Who monitored the initial construction on Schedule "G". Mr. Kraeker asked if the quote was final. Also identified was the fact that the initial road engineer "J.R. Cousins" indicated that road would require extensive repairs and that seal coat would be insufficient. The original agreement provided for sealcoat only and Manitoba Hydro was told that 145,000 sealcoat is insufficient. Paving in the townsite quote was substantially higher than the initial estimate. Ron McKinnon will provide information to Mike and advise the RM.

2. **Marketing of Townsite Properties:**

There is an engineering review in progress regarding slumping. The setbacks were initially too conservative. In the cul de sac area, slumping is occurring, although the area south of Klapprats is worse. Martin Saxler asked for geo-technical reports, and Mr. McKinnon reported that this would not be done. Sales are on hold until reviews are complete. Councillor Saxler commented that a decrease in

development properties will impact the municipality property tax base. Mr. Kraeker reported that discussions have taken place regarding Manitoba Hydro purchasing properties back from residents who currently own them. Reeve Kropelnicki spoke about the sales of lots. Roy Nichol reported that the 14 lots given to the community club will be lost to Municipal tax base. Ron McKinnon questioned about widening the existing lots to accommodate slumping. Councillor Saxler spoke about Wilson Tiede on Christmas Tree Road, who is losing his property to slumping. Mr. McKinnon reported that the pricing of lots is calculated based on Market Value.

Reeve Kropelnick asked if there are any other areas being considered for marketing. It was reported that the end of September is being targeted for additional properties in Pine Falls.

3. **Fencing around Elizabeth Crescent**

Following the Public Safety Program, fencing will limit exposure to danger. It will be placed at the tail race and spillway. The fence is 7 feet high, and is the type used in school yards, with barbed wire in the bush. The path will be impacted and Martin Saxler suggested an alternative, which will be considered.

4. **Lift Station:**

Martin Saxler commented that the generating station has an obligation as per their operating license. Large amounts of water have been diverted to this area by Manitoba Hydro. Water Stewardship should be contacted for their views regarding this issue. Example of provincial efforts in bank erosion was questioned. Is Manitoba Hydro meeting the standards for erosion? Mr. McKinnon advised that studies are being conducted to establish reasons for the slumping. He feels that the majority of the slumping is on Elizabeth Crescent. Roy Nichol noted that the water at the Seven Sisters dam is higher than the land, which causes flow beneath the land. Mr. McKinnon advised on drainage of the south Dike area and the effects on lands in the Townsite. Manitoba Hydro did the subdivision based on 80 lots. Councillor Saxler voiced concerns regarding how this all will impact the sewer lift station.

Roads – Culvert (Martin) easement for maintenance. The RM will not be responsible for failure of the culvert.

5. **Turbine (Runner):**

Brian Fortney commented that it has been discussed, but that no decision has yet been made. He will be working on this in the near future.

6. **House 35**

The company house will be marketed. It was questioned on whether Debbie McLean is exclusive, and this will be followed up with Manitoba Hydro. Initially this was a tender, which she won.

7. **Hydro Plans for School:**

Martin Saxler asked if there are any plans for the school building, perhaps as an information centre. The round house was initially considered, but has since been sold. There are no plans for the school, and it is currently being used for meetings.

8. **Joint Working Group Update:**

Ron McKinnon received an email from Marilyn regarding estimates for insulating the curling rink roof and walls. The hall will be closing September 15th, 2013. Hydro willing to consider this initiative.

9. **Harvest Party:**
September 14th will be the last event at the hall. The Community will be hosting an annual Harvest party.
10. **Additional cost for upgrade of Townsite road R.M. share**
Martin Saxler commented that the intent was to complete work this year.

A resolution will be required for additional costs for the upgrade of Townsite road. The RM is to share the costs above \$145,000 for Townsite Road.




Allan Kropelnicki, Reeve


Laurie Kjartanson, C.A.O.