

A special meeting of the council of The Town of Carman was held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 3, A.D. 1970, in the council chamber, Memorial Hall.

The meeting was called at the instruction of the Mayor for the purpose of dealing with the following matters:

1. A resolution urging the Manitoba Flood Board to broaden the terms of eligibility for assistance re flood damage and the upward revision of maximum limits of assistance.
2. A resolution urging the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources to undertake a feasibility study of the diversion of the Boyne River around Carman.
3. A resolution to confirm the cancelling of a special meeting called for June 4, 1970.

All members of the council had been duly notified of the meeting by telephone the previous day, according to the terms of The Municipal Act. Present at the appointed time were the Mayor and all members of the Council, with the exception of Councillor Lucking; he arrived after the reading of the first resolution.

Mayor Jensen informed council that he and some other members of council had conferred with W.R. Newton of the Water Control and Conservation Branch of the Department of Mines and Natural Resources with regard to obtaining additional assistance for those who had sustained exceptionally heavy losses in the recent flood, and that it had been recommended by him that council pass a resolution requesting such aid of the Department. The following resolution resulted:

Additional Flood Aid

1. Isaak - Burnett:- WHEREAS on the twenty-eighth day of April, A.D. 1970, the Boyne River overflowed its banks at and near The Town of Carman, thereby causing serious flooding and extensive damage to buildings, personal property and stock in trade with the limits of the said Town;

AND WHEREAS, by order-in-council, the government of Manitoba did subsequently establish The Manitoba Flood Board and did also determine the kinds and types of buildings in respect of which assist will be allowed, the maximum amounts of such assistance and the persons to whom the said assistance may be granted;

AND WHEREAS, due to the exceptional circumstances of the flooding, namely that the residents of the said Town received no advance warning of an impending flood, in a substantial number of cases the extent of damage to buildings, personal property and stock in trade cause by the flooding aforesaid far exceeds the maximum amounts established by the order-in-council aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS paragraph 8 of the order-in-council aforesaid provides as follows: "THAT the Board may, after due consideration of the circumstances which caused the flooding and the extent and type of damage resulting in specific areas, recommend a variance in payments or type of damage on which assistance shall be paid";

AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of the council of The Town of Carman that it is imperative, in a substantial number of cases, that assistance be granted for buildings and other damage in addition to the kinds and types established in paragraph 5 and in excess of the maximum amounts established in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the order-in-council aforesaid, and that this should be done with the greatest possible dispatch, in order that the victims of the flooding may quickly re-establish their homes and in order to make possible the economic survival and continued operation of small business enterprises;

NOW THEREFORE the council of The Town of Carman, in special session assembled, resolves as follows:

1. THAT the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources be urged to instruct The Manitoba Flood Board, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 8 of an order-in-council of the government of Manitoba establishing The Manitoba Flood Board and determining the assistance to be given those whose property has been damaged, to recommend

(a) substantial upward variances in payments in excess of the maximum amounts prescribed in paragraph 5 of the order-in-council aforesaid to the extent that those persons whose property was damaged be fully compensated for losses sustained as a result of the flooding of the Boyne River within and near The Town of Carman on the twenty-eighth day of April, A.D. 1970, and

(b) variances in the type of damage on which assistance shall be paid to include damage to the contents of buildings, such as personal household belongings in the case of dwellings and fixtures and stock in trade in the case of small business enterprises.

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(Resolution No. 1 continued)

2. THAT in view of the exceptionally serious nature of the cases, the hereunder listed properties be given the immediate and special attention of The Manitoba Flood Board:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>TYPE OF BUSINESS</u>	<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>
John Harrison	Bowling Alley	L. 1/4, Bl. 2, Pl. 24
Eric Lansky	Bearing and automotive parts whlsle	Pt. L. 29/32, Bl. 2, Pl. 64
Roy Dunbar	Clothing store	L. 21, Bl. 23, Pl. 32
Howard Billing	Grave monuments works	L. 28, Bl. 2, Pl. 64
Jas. Winning	Hardware store	L. 6/7, Bl. 3, Pl. 24
Norman Bullen	Radio/TV Sales, Service	L. 1/2, Bl. 3, Pl. 24
Douglas and Hugh Bowie	Bakery	Pt. L. 3, Bl. 3, Pl. 24
Frank W. Humphries	Drug store	L. 20, Bl. 23, Pl. 32
L. Roy Skelton	Hardware store	L. 13, Bl. 3, Pl. 24

Several residential buildings that have been condemned due to flood damage.

Carried.

The secretary was further instructed to forward a letter of clarification together with the foregoing resolution to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources.

The matter of permanent measures to prevent flooding of the Town in future years was discussed at some length, and it was agreed that a diversion channel around Carman would be the best permanent solution. It was suggested, however, that even if the government does decide to construct such a channel its completion could be one, two or three or more years in the future and that in the mean time a flood warning system of some sort should be formulated and implemented. The following resolution resulted:

2. Diversion Channel

Lucking - Clearwater:- WHEREAS The Town of Carman and the rural areas to the east and west of the said Town experienced serious flooding during the spring of 1970, and flooding of a less serious nature during the spring of 1969;

AND WHEREAS facilities for draining the lands whose waters are normally drained into the Boyne River upstream from the said Town are continually being improved, thereby expediting the flow of these waters into the Boyne River;

AND WHEREAS, in view of the flooding that has taken place along the Boyne River at and around the said Town during the past two years, it is reasonable to assume that such flooding may become an annual occurrence unless preventive measures of a permanent nature are taken;

AND WHEREAS it would appear that a diversion channel around the said Town of Carman capable of receiving a portion of the Boyne River flow west of the said Town during peak flow periods and draining it into the Norquay Channel east of the said Town would be the most effective means by which the threat of the future flooding of the said Town and the surrounding rural area can be permanently removed;

NOW THEREFORE the council of The Town of Carman, in special session assembled, resolves as follows:

1. THAT the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources be and hereby is urged to undertake immediately a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a channel from the Boyne River at a point to the west of The Town of Carman to link up with the Norquay Channel at a point to the east of the said Town, for the purpose of diverting a portion of the water from the said Boyne River around the said Town, thereby removing permanently the danger and threat of flooding of the said Town and the surrounding rural areas in future years.

Carried.

With regard to the foregoing resolution, the mayor suggested that if no positive reply is received from the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources in approximately two weeks, George Henderson, M.L.A., Pembina, should be requested to raise the matter in the Legislature.

The mayor explained that he had taken it upon himself to cancel the meeting called for June 4 after having received the verbal consent of all members of council. Some members agreed that a series of meetings with various government officials should be held in its place, and the following resolution resulted:

Flood Meetings

3. Isaak - Clearwater:- WHEREAS at the regular meeting of the council of The Town of Carman held the fourteenth day of May, A.D. 1970, it was agreed that a special meeting of council would be held Thursday, the fourth day of June, A.D. 1970, for the purpose of reviewing events leading up to, surrounding and following the recent flooding of the Boyne River at Carman, and that certain officials of the government of Manitoba were to be invited to attend;

AND WHEREAS, after consulting with the other members of the council, and obtaining their consent so to do, the Mayor ordered the said meeting cancelled, and the secretary-treasurer advised the invited government officials accordingly;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed advisable that the cancelling of the said meeting be confirmed by resolution of council;

NOW THEREFORE the council of The Town of Carman, in special session assembled, resolves as follows:

1. THAT the cancelling of the special meeting of council that was to be held Thursday, the fourth day of June, A.D. 1970, be and hereby is confirmed.

2. THAT a series of meetings be held to consider all the aspects of such an emergency situation and that the following matters be discussed:

Permanent diking
Emergency diking
Flood insurance
Warning and forecasting
Apportionment of responsibilities to employees and councillors
Readiness facilities.

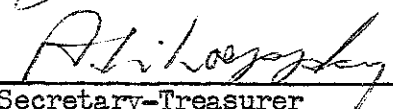
Carried.

4. Lucking - Clearwater:- THAT this meeting do now adjourn.

Carried.



Mayor



Secretary-Treasurer