



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

May 9th, 2019

6:30 pm in the Council Chambers

In attendance: Chris Hamblin, Mel Baxter, Tim Lewis, Ruth Murray, Margaret Johnston

Also in attendance: CAO Brigitte Doerksen, CFO Chris Janke

Not in attendance: Trevor Thiessen (excused)

Discussion-

Broaden our procedural by-law regarding missed meetings (excused and unexcused) Council to think about it by next council meeting and bring ideas on how to make it fair and very defined

CAO & CFO to draft a Policy regarding water accounts to remain in landlords names-bring to next CAAW for review

Delegations: No delegations in attendance

Minutes from last Meeting:

Moved by: Chris Hamblin

Seconded by: Ruth Murray

Be it resolved that the Minutes for the April committee as a Whole meeting be adopted as amended.

Council Round Table (Committee, Board, and Personal Reports):

- **Mayor Scott Crick**

Mayor's Report

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Events attended or Mayoral activities (paid):

April 18-19: Meeting with RM of Morris (1.5 Hours)
April 23-19: Daycare Board Meeting (1.5 Hours)
May 2-19: Meeting with RRBC Executive (1.25 Hours)
May 8-19: Golf Course Board Meeting (2 Hours)

Events attended or Mayoral activities (unpaid):

April 18-19: CBC Morning Radio on Location at Burkes (1 Hour)
April 30-19: Twisters Game Seven (3 Hours)
May 3-19: Winnipeg Comedy Festival (2 Hours)
May 7-19: In the Mayor's Chair Interview (.5 Hours)
April-May: Various Correspondence (10 Hours)
April-May: Interviews and Preparation (10-15 Hours)

Items of Interest to Report on:

1. The Dog Park Committee has been working hard to try and secure a space in Morris, and is waiting to hear back from VAS. The Town will stay in touch with the group to see where there is an opportunity to help.
2. Flooding discussion seems to have tailed off (finally) and next stages will be to work with groups we can identify that would have an interest in the original PTH 75 plan. I hope to write some correspondence in the next few weeks.
3. To this, a letter was sent to Minister Jim Carr's office, with a cc to Ms. Bergen's office regarding Federal funding for PTH 75. As of yet, I have had no response.
4. Niverville recently received funding for a multi-use centre, where the Town was responsible for only 42% of the total cost. I have sent a letter to Shannon Martin asking if he could explain how the Town of Niverville successfully navigated this, and if there was any information he could share to help us with our pending projects.
5. We have some feedback from Highways regarding the crosswalk for us to review at Council tonight.

6. The land purchase idea has gone a bit sideways, and I hope to have some preliminary numbers for us to look at for CAAW.
7. The Twisters Game 7 was an amazing community event, and I'd like to look for additional ways to build a relationship between the Team and the Town.

Noted and Discussed

- **Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin**

Councillor Chris Hamblin report of April 2019 activities

April 4, 2019 – Meeting between Town Council and RM of Morris Council -

- Our two councils met over breakfast to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest. We agreed to work together to push for flood proofing of Highway 75. It was suggested to get a wider group of sectors involved. Brigitte and Larry are going to work together on this.
- Comments about the need to resurface highway 23
- RM of Morris agreed to support the Canada Day celebrations. A comment suggested that communication could be better.

April 4, 2019; 7 PM – Meeting with business in the community to discuss issues – primarily related to flooding

- Well attended by businesses in the community
- Discussed methods to communicate with the businesses and residents in town – agreed that we need to do multiple venues: Facebook, website, emails
- Asked Brigitte to share information received on flooding and flood levels

April 4, 2019, 7 PM – Valley Agriculture Society meeting

- Discussion around museum and their relationship with them – the RM of Morris has offered administrative support. VAS has offered social media support. Big issue is man power for outside work
- Rumble – coming quickly
- Stampede – need someone to look after the casino
- Donna working on a code of conduct policy for board members
- Some discussion around sending a letter to a committee member with inappropriate behavior

April 9, 2019 – meeting with AMM executive

- Various items discussed but no real progress on any issues

April 10, 2019 – Meeting with Minister Schular, Minister of infrastructure

- Minister Schular was here to discuss flood issues. Council wanted to talk about broader issues.
- Also took a tour of the town with several photo ops.
- Ruth is going to come out again to discuss broader issues around Highway 75 and flood proofing

April 18, 2019 – Lunch with Mayor Scott – discuss various issues

April 26, 2019 – CBC interview with Karen Pauls – about infrastructure to protect against flooding – looking at whether other areas could do similar prevention

Noted and Discussed

- **Councillor Mel Baxter**

Nothing to report.

- **Councillor Margaret Johnston**

This is only in email form. Sorry about that!

April 26, we had an Emergency Shakeout with Chuck Cadick, our MEC. Municipal Emergency Coordinator.

We had a meet and greet with some of the team players for the Emergency operations centre. EOC. Barb Shewchuk, Bill Chalmers, Larry Skoglund, Sgt Vrooman, Ruth and I were present.

A brief review of our Emergency Plan was given by Chuck Sgt Vrooman spoke of his experience up at Fort Mac after the fires there.

Larry is a great resource, after his years of experience working within the Emergency Field.

An antenna has been installed for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, ARES. We were shown where the container of supplies and the telephones are kept for setting up the Emergency Operations Center EOC. We were also showed how to access the WEB EOC. This is software designed to bring real time Emergency information. It replaces white boards and paper logs.

A future date for a full tabletop exercise is being planned. Likely in the fall.

Minor Baseball update:

There are 105 players registered. The teams are Rallycaps (house league) Grandslam. Teams is the South Central league are Mosquito A, Peewee A, Bantam A, and Midget A. In the Tiger Hills Softball league, there are U12A and U14A. Diamond 4 is being upgraded this weekend. The business community has really stepped up to the Plate! They have pulled together with both monetary and in kind donations!

Morris Swimming Pool update:

Melissa reports that things are going really well. The water went in yesterday and the chemicals will be added tomorrow.

- **Councillor Tim Lewis**

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By: Councillor Tim Lewis

Committees, Boards, and Activities Attended:

Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

Items of Interest to Report on:

A meeting was held on May 3 with Brian Wiebe, Robert Collette, and Tim Lewis with some input from the other PW employees.

The guys have been busy with street and boulevard cleaning but weather has been delaying getting it completed.

Jason will be gone for three weeks in May on water courses.

Baseball diamonds have been prepared for the season.

The pool cleaning and prep will begin soon.

A lot of time and effort has been going into the golf course due to flooding. Brian is keeping a record of all time and money spent there.

Possible Resolutions for Council Consideration:

The guys feel that because of all the time and money put into flood control on the golf course each year it would be advisable for the Town to pay for and install two culvert valves that would alleviate spending so much time each year.

Noted and discussed

- **Councillor Ruth Murray**

CAW May 9, 2019 submitted by Ruth Murray

April 1 - Breakfast with R.M. Sharing ideas.

April 8 - Chamber @ Santa Lucia. Helping businesses during flood time.

April 9 - Meet with AMM executive.

April 17 - C of C budget meeting.

April 26 - Meeting with Chuck of ESS along with Police, Larry Skoglund, Margaret, Gordon and Wes, for flood duties if needed.

May 2 - Met with RRBB executive, Don Wiebe, Marvin Plett, & Scott to see if we could again use the Multiplex for meeting in South district.

May 9 - Meeting with Mass Executive going over all functions for this year. Also held the AMM but that was all this p.m. so will get statistics out in near future

Noted and Discussed

- **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**



Councillor Ruth has agreed to sit on the Valley Weed Board as alternate CAO-to confirm when the next meeting will be and advise Councillor Murray

Project Board Reports:

- **Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen**
Nothing to report
- **Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin**
Nothing to report
- **Medical Clinic-**
Meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 2019 - renovation conversation

New Business:

- Main Street Crosswalk suggestions

Good morning Mr. Crick,

We have reviewed the crosswalk, and there are a few options that could be implemented. Some of the options can be implemented fairly quickly, others will require more time and resources.

- The west side pole is located near the old curb line, and the sidewalk extends towards PTH 75 on a bulb out. The existing pedestrian sign on the cantilever could be relocated a little closer to the road to enhance visibility.
- Approach signage;
 - Currently there is a single crosswalk ahead sign in the median for southbound traffic. Dual (oversized, fluorescent) cross walk ahead signs can be considered. Also, there appears to be another sign on the existing crosswalk sign post, which says, "Emergency Access Road Sign". This sign may be confusing to road users.
 - The crosswalk ahead signs are currently located approximately 150 m away from the crosswalk. They could be moved closer.
 - As the crosswalk is mainly used for pedestrians going to/from school, we could also use the fluorescent school warning signs.
- Pavement Markings;
 - On the approach to the crosswalk, there are "No Passing" signs in place on both sides of the lanes, however, the paint lines indicate passing is permitted. A solid line can be painted to further enhance the approach to the crosswalk.
- Additional heads can be added, so the flashing can be seen on both sides.
- Bulb outs;
 - A modified bulb out could be considered on the east side of PTH 75. We are presently checking to see if this is a viable alternative due to geometric constraints.
- PTH 75 at PTH 23
 - Removal of existing right turn cut-off, and install a bulb out to direct traffic into the main lane of PTH 75 could be considered. This would keep traffic out of the parking lane.

During our phone conversation, we discussed a couple other options at PTH 75 and PTH 23. One option we discussed was to remove the yield sign and add in a stop sign for drivers exiting PTH 23 and entering northbound PTH 75. I have discussed this further within Traffic Engineering, and this approach will be more confusing to drivers. There will be some drivers who will be focused on the exit and entry maneuvers and not see obey the stop sign, while others will stop at the stop sign. This mix may result in an increase in rear end collisions. Another option we discussed was the use of an advanced warning pedestrian crosswalk sign at PTH 23, with flashers. The proposal may also be confusing to drivers as the timing of the advanced flashers may not coincide with pedestrians in the corridor. There is also the possibility that drivers will see the flashing sign and think there is a pedestrian at PTH 23 and PTH 75, which will cause some drivers to slow down or stop, while other drivers will not slow down or stop.

I have included a link to the School Area Traffic Safety Guidelines document we have on our website. This document can help develop community involvement and buy in for selected improvements relating to school transportation.

https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/traffic/school_safety.html

It is unfortunate to hear that the school board was not able to arrange for crossing guards, due to funding. The utilization of crossing guards can significantly improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing. Perhaps the use of volunteer crossing guards can be considered.

After our discussion this morning, I reviewed the School Area Traffic Safety Guidelines with respect to the crossing guards and school patrols and the guidelines reference the placement of the crossing guards and/or school patrols for different types of roads. Page C-51 of the guideline has the best description, and I have included a reference from the guideline, below;

“Adult crossing guards are generally placed at locations that require the most attention, such as Where speeds or traffic volumes are considered high or where there are multiple lanes of traffic, Or where student patrols are ineffective due to a lack of gaps in traffic. They may work Independently or in teams of two.

Student patrols are located at lower volume, lower speed crossings. Usually there is one Student stationed on each side of the crossing location.”

Adult crossing guards and school patrols are referenced on pages C-50 to C-52.

Regards,

Warren Borgford, P. Eng

- Mayor Crick will follow-up with Manitoba Infrastructure with council’s suggestion to mitigate the situation
- Dave Smith Property Rentals request for discussion/consideration
 - Need to get information for next meeting for consideration
- Morris School Parent Advisory Committee request
 - Mayor Crick to attend the Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30 at the School
- Red River Basin Commission- request for future hall rentals for annual event
 - Advise Director of Facilities to draft contract
- Golf Course In-Kind work
 - Public Works Foreman Brian is monitoring the costs and will keep up with how to move forward

Old Business:

- Multiplex Governance Discussion
- Land Purchase (Industrial park)
 - Residential Property issue
 - Residential property request (sewer hook-up)

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.