



## Council Committee as a Whole

# MINUTES

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6:30 pm in the Council Chambers

**In attendance: Mel Baxter, Ruth Murray, Margaret Johnston, Tim Lewis, Chris Hamblin, Mayor Scott Crick**

**Not in attendance: Trevor Thiessen**

**Also, in attendance: CAO Brigitte Doerksen, CFO Chris Janke**

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### Delegations: Blaine Pederson at 6:30

Blaine Pederson & Parker (his assistant in attendance)

Following discussions around the table were made as in:

- e-hunting and fishing license will be available soon
- Morris hospital
- Education tax-
- Grants- Municipal Relations Rochelle Squires role \*Mr. Pederson's office will look into it and advise accordingly.
- Morris Manor – any assistance available -plans etc. support to move project forward
- Hwy #75
- Day Care Model is it being studied

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### Minutes from last Meeting:

- ***Moved by: Ruth Murray***
- ***Seconded by: Chris Hamblin***

Be it resolved that the Minutes for the December committee as a Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

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

- **Mayor Scott Crick**

## Mayor's Report

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### Events attended or Mayoral activities (paid):

Dec 18-19: PVRAM Meeting (3 hours including travel time)  
Dec 19-19: Meeting with Dekalb Organizational Committee (1 hour)

### Events attended or Mayoral activities (unpaid):

Dec 21-19: United Filipino Christmas Party (3.5 hours)  
Jan 7-19: In the Mayor's Chair Interview (.5 hours)  
Dec-Jan: Various correspondence (5 hours)

### Items of Interest to Report on:

1. In my previous time on Council, I did remember Christmas being a quieter time. However, I was actually surprised how quiet things were, and how short my report is. I am sure things will begin picking up in January or February.
2. I appreciated the invitation to attend the United Filipino Christmas Party, and Cheryl and I had a lovely time at the event. The people were very friendly, and speeches focused on how best the community could assimilate into the local community. I carried back the message that we wish to be responsive as elected officials for all of our citizens, and we welcome the Filipino Community to come visit with Council if they have any needs they feel Council can help address.
3. The Pembina Valley Reeves and Mayors (PVRAM) group meets annually, and I was pleased to be able to attend in December with our CAO before Christmas. The meeting was valuable in hearing the challenges other communities have, and also valuable as Brigitte and I were able to have lunch with Cameron Friesen. It was encouraging to hear that the first wave of rural health care transformation will likely not include Morris, and that the Province will be very methodical and rational on how this transformation takes place. It appears the Province had a number of "lessons learned" based on the Winnipeg changes, and do not intend to repeat these.
4. PR 246 is now open, very encouraging in the event of unfavorable weather or melt conditions this spring. That being said, the weather and lack of precipitation has so far been encouraging.
5. I will be travelling a bit over the next few months, and will be away from January 9<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup>, then again in Feb (likely Feb 14<sup>th</sup> to Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>). I will update the Feb dates once known, but am anticipating missing CAAW in Feb.

Noted and discussed

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- Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Noted

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- **Councillor Mel Baxter**

Noted

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- **Councillor Margaret Johnston**

Noted

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- **Councillor Tim Lewis**

**Council Report**

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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 January 6 Brigitte Doerksen, Brian Wiebe, Mel Baxter and Tim Lewis.

Quarterly water meter reads have been completed. About sixty of the new style heads have been ordered and once they are installed the Town will be about 70% complete.

Hydrant flushing has been completed.

Sewer flushing was completed in early December with problem areas being documented and budgeted for 2020. The camera rental is scheduled for this coming spring and will be able to film 10-15 blocks. It will take 3-4 years of rentals to complete this.

An external COR audit was completed in early December. Internal audits are completed and submitted for two of three years and the third year is an external audit. Everything seemed to go well but they are waiting for final results from MHCA.

60ish Dutch Elm diseased trees will be taken down shortly for a cost of approximately \$17000 from 1-2-tree. Will should be receiving approximately \$19000 from the Provincial Government for this.

The new Kubota skid steer has arrived and the old one was picked up by Lawson's Sales. They are waiting for snow to try it out.

Snow clearing was completed on December 30 & 31. Due to two staff being away, Robert Collette was brought in to help out.

## Recommendations:

Noted

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- **Councillor Ruth Murray**

Noted

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- **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

*Not in attendance*

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## Project Board Reports:

- **Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen**
  - Not in attendance
- **Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin**
  - *Brief discussion*
- **Medical Clinic Project – Tim Lewis**
  - Brief discussion

...any additional specific Board reports that need in-depth discussion outside of Mayor's/Councillors' Reports

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## New Business:

- Municipal Official Seminar (MOS) April 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Brandon (who is interested in attending?) will be sending PW employee Brian
  - \*CAO to bring to Council with early registration dates etc.
- MWM- quote for composting year round
  - Bring back to Council for approval
- MWM- letter requesting 5-year extension to existing contract
  - Bring to Regular Council meeting for approval
- CAAW Structure- Mayor Scott to discuss
  - Scott and Brigitte to review and re-construct the organizational By-law
- Fire Dept.- Tow Truck
  - No interest -please advise Fire Chief
- Baseball Diamond – VAS request to use in July
  - Permission granted \*CAO to advise facility manager
- RCMP -2019 Policing Stats Review

- School Division AGM \*CAO to add to next regular council meeting agenda approve attendance

**Old Business:**

- MultiPlex Governance Discussion
- Council Committees and Boards
- Industrial Park-proposed new Plan for subdivision and development
  - CAO to add to next regular council meeting to move forward with tender

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.