



**TOWN OF MORRIS**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
February 27th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**

Councillors Present: Ruth Murray  
Mel Baxter  
Margaret Johnston  
Trevor Thiessen  
Tim Lewis

Also Present: Brigitte Doerksen, CAO

Absent: Mayor Scott Crick

Presiding: Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

**01/02/20**  
Agenda  
**Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda for the February 27, 2020 regular Council meeting be approved as presented.  
**(Carried)**

**02/02/20**  
Minutes  
**Moved by Councillor Margaret Johnston**  
**Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes for the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.  
**(Carried)**

**03/02/20**  
Council  
Members  
**Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept the following Members from Council for February 27th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting as:

In Attendance: Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin, Councillors Mel Baxter, Margaret Johnston, Trevor Thiessen, Tim Lewis and Ruth Murray

Excused: Mayor Scott Crick

Unexcused: None

**(Carried)**

**DELEGATIONS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) Manitoba Department of Families	Noted & discussed
2) Minister of families- follow up letter	Noted & discussed
3) Barrier Free Manitoba	Noted & discussed

**SEMINARS & EDUCATION:**

1) Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association- April 8, 2020	04/02/20
2) Red River Basin Commission North Chapter Fish Fry	05/02/20

**04/01/20**  
ManSea  
Conf.      **Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Margaret Johnston**  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 3 Council/staff member be authorized to attend the Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association Conference held April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Morden, Manitoba  
**AND FURTHER** that expenses be reimbursed as per Bylaw 02/19.

**(Carried)**

**05/01/20**  
RRBC  
North Chap      **Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that 8 Council/staff members be authorized to attend the Red River Basin North Chapter Annual Fish Fry on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in West St. Paul, Manitoba.  
**AND FURTHER** that expenses be reimbursed as per Bylaw 02/19.

**(Carried)**

**TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL**

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| 1) Town of Morris List of Accounts | #06/02/20 |
| 2) Town of Morris Financials       | #07/02/20 |
| 3) MCDC accounts at BMO            | #08/02/20 |
| 4) Tax Sale date                   | #09/02/20 |

**06/02/20**  
Town List  
Of Accounts      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts, being Cheque #'s 17689 to 17723 in the amount of \$192,083.63, Electronic Payments of \$112,606.75 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$37,934.34 be approved as presented.

**(Carried)**

**07/02/20**  
Town  
Financials      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Margaret Johnston**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Financial Statements for the month of December 2019 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented.

**(Carried)**

**08/02/20**  
MCDC  
Acct      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**WHEREAS** the Bank of Montreal currently holds account no. 8008-447 for Morris Community Development Corporation (MCDC);  
**AND WHEREAS** MCDC account no. 8008-447 has been inactive for a long period of time;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that MCDC board authorize the closing of MCDC bank account no. 8008-447 and that the balance of the funds be payable to the Town of Morris.

**(Carried)**

**09/02/20**  
Tax Sale  
date      **Moved by Councillor Margaret Johnston**  
**Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**WHEREAS** section 365 (2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the designated year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2019 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2018 or prior); and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with s. 363 (1) of The Municipal Act, "costs" shall be the actual costs incurred by the municipality for each parcel listed for the tax sale [plus an administration fee of \$50.00 per roll as set forth in Manitoba Regulation 50/97; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tax sale be held December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Town of Morris Council Chambers.

**(Carried)**

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL**

- a) MultiPlex List of Accounts #10/02/20
- b) MultiPlex Financials #11/02/20

**10/02/20** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
MultiPlex List Of Accounts Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the February 2020 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque #'s 10978 to 11030 in the amount of \$37,660.11 and Electronic Payments of \$4,255.69 be approved as presented. (Carried)

**11/02/20** Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray  
Golf Course appointment Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis  
**BE IT RESOLVED** Mayor Scott Crick be removed from the Golf Course Committee and;  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Councillor Mel Baxter be appointed. (Carried)

**TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Golf Course New Council Appointment #11/02/20

**11/02/20** Moved by Councillor Ruth Murray  
Golf Course appointment Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis  
**BE IT RESOLVED** Mayor Scott Crick be removed from the Golf Course Committee and;  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Councillor Mel Baxter be appointed. (Carried)

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS:** None

**BY-LAWS & POLICIES:**

- 1) By-Law 01/20 - Organizational By-Law amendment 1<sup>st</sup> reading #12/02/20
- 2) By-Law 02/20 – 2020 Tax Levy and Budget 1<sup>st</sup> reading #13/02/20

**12/02/20** Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen  
By-Law 01-20 Seconded by Councillor Margaret Johnston  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 01/20 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris to govern the organization of the committees thereof be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading (Carried)

**13/02/20** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
By-Law 02-20 Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 02/20 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris to Authorize and provide for the 2020 Budget and Tax Levy be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading (Carried)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councillor Johnston:**

- Recreation
- EMO

**Councillor Murray:**

- Pembina Valley Water Co-op AGM
- Senior Curling Banquet

**Councillor Thiessen**

- Morris Manor

**Councillor Baxter:**

- Handi-Van

**Councillor Lewis**

- Community Futures Triple R
- Walking Trails Committee

**Deputy Mayor Hamblin**

- Interviews with CTV

**IN CAMERA ITEMS:** None

Next Regular Committee as a Whole Meeting: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**TOWN OF MORRIS**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**