



Council Committee as a Whole

Agenda

April 9th, 2020

7:30 pm in the Council Chambers

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

Not in attendance:

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

Delegations: None

Minutes from last Meeting:

- *Moved by: Margaret Johnston*
- *Seconded by: Mel Baxter*

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

Carried

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

- Mayor Scott Crick

Mayor's Report

For Committee as a Whole – Apr 9, 2020

Events attended or Mayoral activities (paid):

Mar 14/20: Heavenly Care Grand Opening (2 Hours)

Events attended or Mayoral activities (unpaid):

Apr 7/20: In the Mayor's Chair (0.5 hrs)
Mar-Apr: Interviews, various phone calls and correspondence, meeting setup, social media management, conference calls, etc., etc. (??? Hours, some paid)

Items of Interest to Report on:

1. There have been a number of conference calls that have taken place, including with Minister Squiers, Minister Schulyer, and Minister Pedersen. Most have been information sharing, and have not contained information outside of what has been publicly released. We have had opportunities to ask questions, but the responses are typically similar to what is received during our Bear Pit sessions at AMM.
2. The call with Minister Pedersen (April 8th) was of interest, as a consulting firm has been hired to help our small businesses, nonprofits, and charitable organizations seek out and access Federal funding. Brigitte has provided them with a list of these organizations in Town, and the consulting firm will follow up directly.
3. The Red is cresting south of the border, and I am seeing crests or predicted crests that are at or lower than last year levels. Barring any major weather events, we should hopefully see peak levels at or below last year.

Noted and discussed

- **Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin**

Chris Hamblin – Report to the CAAW – April 9, 2020

March 2, 2020 – Economic Development committee meeting to discuss the new industrial park

March 2, 3, 11 – Valley Agriculture Society – accounting and preparing month end reports for the monthly board meeting as well as attending the March board meeting. Plans are progressing well for the event with most contracts in place. Advertising and Marketing is progressing well. We have lost a couple of sponsors but are continuing hoping some of these will continue with in-kind support or at a lower sponsorship level. Rumble and Stampede will be bill boarded on a trailer for display as the events draw closer. They have partnered with other events to hopefully attract more attendance from the non-typical attendees. (Festival du Voyageur, Folk la Rama, St. Pierre, Manitoba Winter Fair and others).

Continuing to upgrade the infrastructure on the grounds. (This has been put on hold due to the uncertainty of running the Rumble and the Stampede.)

Dog Park Committee has asked for use of the grounds for a “Doggy Expo”. (This will not be happening now until the rules for social distancing are relaxed.)

March 11, 2020 – Valley Agricultural Society meeting – At this time plans coming along well. They have lost some sponsorship but still sitting good. They are exploring some other potential sponsors as well. Unfortunately, as a result of Covid 19, an emergency meeting was held on March 31. (This was held in the beer gardens, outside with 2 meters distance between each individual.) This meeting was held to discuss potential cancelation of Rumble in the Valley and Stampede. There are no opportunities to reschedule this event as the schedule is already too tight. The consensus of the meeting was that with the uncertainty of the current situation that there would be too much risk to try to continue with Rumble. The decision was to reach out to the sponsors and see if they want to be refunded or carry forward to next year. There have been a few sponsors that have converted their sponsorship to a donation / sponsorship for Stampede.

The discussion on the Stampede was that we still have time to make this decision and would hold off on this decision until May. The Canadian Rodeo Association have offered a September weekend if we choose to change our dates. Still lots of questions around this decision and more discussion needed. Many rodeo events have already cancelled. If we can maintain our weekend, we would be the first rodeo for this season. Unfortunately, it is a very real possibility that the July weekend will not be feasible.

Continuing to spend time on finance oversight – bank reconciliation, GST filing etc.

March 13, 2020 – meeting of council with Minister Schular to review flood forecasts and to discuss preparedness. Some duplication with the March 9 meeting (I was not able to attend so new info for me.).

March 17, 2020 – attended an Emergency Preparedness meeting – led by Chuck Davidson – reviewed the preparedness of the community given the Covid 19 pandemic. Lots of focus on communication – getting the message out and staying connected to everyone – through social media, email, websites and if need be, phone calls.

March 18, 2020 – sat in on an emergency preparedness meeting with municipalities in the southern health region. (Separate report of this meeting has been circulated.)

Noted and discussed

- **Councillor Mel Baxter**
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- **Councillor Margaret Johnston**

Here are the updates for recreation:

- The 2020 Rec Connections conference held in Winnipeg March 11-13 was a great success. Heather attended with me the First day of the conference, and we both contributed to the MB 150 Rec Connections mural to showcase Morris recreation and Morris Pool. The keynote speaker Peter Grey is a widely known professor from Boston College and spoke on the importance of play. I then attended his workshop on Play Deficit Disorder, which lead into the Free Play risky play workshop with Megan Zeni who runs a completely outdoor classroom in BC encouraging learning through play. All were great workshops on how we as a society are forgetting that children need to play, to learn and grow and not be held inside because society has created a fear of letting children play outside the safe bubble we think we have created for them. Other workshops attended were From the Field, stories from practitioners who have planned, implemented and evaluated different programming options in their communities. Stay Centered in 2020, celebrating MB 150th, all the different programs that are in place and are planned for release for MB 150th yearlong celebration, including resources for communities and different community programs to celebrate MB 150. Tools for Great Answers with ROC Eastman, broke down program they created that brings recreation to children who would not have opportunity to participate without their help, they not only work with children but with their families, teaching them both how to better communicate, encourage and succeed with each other. The last workshop attended was Mental Health in the Workplace which was a Red Cross workshop on how to properly approach mental health with employees and clients.

- All programs have been postponed until the end of May or longer depending the recommendations from the Mb government.
- Only a handful of refunds have been requested, most registrants are ok with waiting for new dates.
- Continuing to look into Summer programming
- Engaging with residents by social media, encouraging a new way to ok at recreation within the community with social distancing. Keeping kids moving, online exercise programs, bear hunt, window bingo, mental wellness/self-care.
- New categories on the Town website for recreation making resources available for kids, adults, parents, families and seniors to keep active
- Supporting and Encouraging groups throughout Town that are trying to do their part while we are dealing with Covid-19

Here are the latest Pool Updates:

- All Pool Staff has been hired for the 2020 Season, pending covid-19 response and implication it might have to our pool season, pool programs and lessons. We will be updating staff accordingly
- We have pushed back the Swimming Lesson Registration Nights. They were scheduled for the week of April 20th however, we will wait to see what the next few weeks brings in regards to covid-19 and will re-schedule then.
- We are continuing to plan the 2020 pool season but again, will be monitoring the situation with covid-19.

Noted and discussed

• **Councillor Tim Lewis**

Public Works Report

March 2020

Covid 19

- Shop locked to public
- Staff not doing any in-home work unless it's an emergency
- Physical distancing between employees
- Equipment cleaning daily
- Conferences cancelled
 - AMM
 - Pesticide workshop
- Playgrounds have been closed
 - Caution tape around equipment
 - Signs hung up to alert to the closures
- Town cleanup
 - Requesting that we cancel the spring cleanup and focus on the fall cleanup
 - I do NOT want my crew handling items that are coming out of homes in the next 2 months

Golf Course

- Culverts have been installed
- Culverts & water levels are being monitored daily

- Will communicate with golf course board for any potential pumping requirements

Building Inspector

- Have met with Larry to discuss possible ways of working together on inspections
- Waiting to hear what council would like to do in this situation

Spring steaming

- Steaming will continue as needed
- 1 steamer had a catastrophic failure (non-repairable), 1 still in operation
- Altona Public Works has lent us their spare steamer for as long as we need it

Noted and discussed

- **Councillor Ruth Murray**

CAAW Report for March , 2020

- March 9- Attended the Flood Preparedness @ The Multiplex on ESS.-Fire Dept. & Public Works will be staffed to urgent issues. Town staff will also be available to answer questions. We also went over rules & regulations for pandemic problems. Oh how issues have changed since that meeting & the seriousness of the pandemic crisis.
- March 13-Mtg with Minister Schuler re flood issues. Really flood issues depend on spring thaw as well as weather conditions. We really didn't need the last snowfall.
- March 11- Chamber of Commerce meeting-Budget meeting was discussed. Also would like to know when Businesses could meet with Town Council.
- March 14- I attended the Grand opening for Heavenly Care in Morris. What a wonderful service to have available in his town. It was great to see Corey Mazinke help cut the ribbon.
- March 25-trial run for on line meetings.
- March 26 -First Council meeting on line.
- Kept up to date on e-mail, & TV News. Working with MASS on line with regulations re congregate meals, volunteers, & general maintenance .We did make the motion to have Leslie Poulin serve as chair of Mass as of April 6, 2020. Other meetings have been cancelled - The Museum, Chamber, Bloom, & Love Morris. Phone calls have increased Pat Eidse, Dick Graham, Linda Sommers, Cheryl re Chamber,& others. It was great to see the sign from BigWay & Stampede Inn on the sign supporting our truckers. Thanks to the Chamber & Arien for posting. What a complement to our community. Some questions I can answer & for others I just refer them to Town Office. Special Thanks to our Office Staff for all they do. Keep Safe, Keep Well, & Take Care. ..Ruth

Noted and discussed

- **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

Morris manor- attempted to communicate with the residents during this time
Fire Department- getting out with the Fire Trucks and driving streets for kids who are requesting. For Birthdays etc.

Asked if RCMP EMS want to join in on the fun. Other agencies are trying to join as well. On a Sunday afternoon. Mini parade.....

Noted and discussed

Project Board Reports:

Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin

Nothing to report

Medical Clinic Project – Tim Lewis

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

New Business:

- Social Distancing Fire Works Event proposal
 - Trevor likes it a great idea
 - Margaret things it's a great idea
 - Scott thinks it's a good idea
 - Council is supportive of the idea – however we would like the dates that they think would be good dates.
 - Ideas, grad? Stampede? Need more clarity on the letter and exactly what are we getting?

Old Business:

- Council Committees and Boards

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm