



## Council Committee as a Whole

# Agenda

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*6:30 pm South Hall with social distancing requirements in place*

**In attendance:** Tim Lewis, Margaret Johnston, Mel Baxter, Ruth Murray, Chris Hamblin, Trevor Thiessen (Via Zoom)

**Not in attendance:**

**Also, in attendance:** Brigitte Doerksen CAO

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**Delegations:** None

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**Minutes from last Meeting:**

*Moved by: Tim Lewis*

*Seconded by: Ruth Murray*

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

Carried

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

- **Mayor Scott Crick**

### **Mayor's Report**

**For Committee as a Whole – May 14, 2020**

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

Apr 21/20: Busy Nest Zoom Board Meeting (1 hour)  
Apr 30/20: Zoom meeting with Candice Bergen (1 hour)  
May 1-10/20: Various activities, phone calls, and correspondence regarding Recreation (4 hours)  
May 3/20: Zoom Meeting with Deputy Mayor (1 hour)  
May 11/20: Economic Development Meeting (2.5 hours)

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

Apr 12/20: In the Mayor's Chair (0.5 hrs)  
Apr-May: Interviews, various phone calls and correspondence (20 hours)

**Items of Interest to Report on:**

1. Although COVID-19 has been causing challenges, Busy Nest appears to currently be in a stable operating and financial position. Like many other organizations, there are challenges with changing direction, and a lack of clarity moving forward. As a Town, we will continue to support them when the opportunity presents itself.
2. Another busy month dealing with interview requests and media inquiries. We had early attention because of snowbirds and their stopping in Town – this quickly shifted over to flooding, and repeated interviews regarding this. From here, we then shifted back to COVID-19, with interview requests on the Town's plans for facilities. Oh, and a few media outlets were interested in discussing our budget as well. Despite this being very demanding at times, I have been thankful for the opportunity to present our community publicly and positively.
3. With this pause in activity, I had been working with Margaret to discuss opportunities I believe we have in Recreation. As Chair of the Commission during my previous term, I see differences between what we do now versus then, especially in areas such as Council oversight, program and financial monitoring, and working with community partners. We have been unable to come to an agreement on a move-forward strategy, so have decided to bring this to Council for further discussion and direction. This is on our agenda this evening.
4. Chris will be reporting on Economic Development tonight. However, I would like to state my excitement at the speed with which we will be able to move ahead with this project, and I look forward to Council's feedback on our next steps.
5. There have been some very odd touch points with both the Federal and Provincial governments. I had a zoom meeting with Portage-Lisgar Mayors/Reeves with Candice a few weeks ago, and it sounded as if there had been discussion between the Feds, Province, and some Municipalities regarding infrastructure projects. Also based on the Premier's messaging last week, it sounded as if the Province was looking for additional projects that they could participate in. I spoke with our MLA, and he did not have details of the projects, nor an idea of what form of projects the Province might add – he suggested I reach out to Minister Schuler. I have sent him some correspondence, and as of yet, I do not have a response from him.
6. We have also been unable to get any confirmation of our Internet funding under ICIP. Again, I have reached out to our MLA's office, and they have asked for additional details. A follow-up was sent a week later (May 11<sup>th</sup>). As of right now, we still await a response.

**Noted and discussed**

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• **Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin**

Report to CAAW – May 14, 2020

Valley Agricultural Society

VAS board met in the South Hall (with many thanks to the Town for allowing this) for their May board meeting. The focus of the meeting was confirming that all sponsors, concessions etc. had been contacted re the cancellation of Rumble and the Stampede.

The balance of the meeting was focused on the budget and how we manage until income comes in in 2021.....Board members and volunteers have time now to complete some projects that during the busy times gets put off and now may be a time to get these done.

We will be working on a new budget and are willing to share this with the Town when it is completed. This will reflect expenses already incurred plus the expenses that are anticipated for ongoing operations without the wish lists.

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Economic Development Committee Report to CAAW – May 14, 2020

The Economic Development Committee met on May 11, 2020 as well as shared comments via email. The following is my report on these discussions.

1. Tax Subsidy Policy – was reviewed and discussed
2. The new Industrial Park
  - a. Do we need a name or go with Morris Industrial Park?
  - b. Council will be asked to approve the subdivision at the May 28, 2020 council meeting.
  - c. Weed Control - This will need to be monitored and addressed as weeds grow.
  - d. Discussion took place on how to best promote the development and the lots.
3. Hiring an EDO – Committee felt that we don't need a full time EDO but that perhaps a part time position could be created. Would like further discussion and thought from Council on this.
4. Purchasing more land for future development. For discussion purchases only. No decision required

**Noted and discussed**

• **Councillor Mel Baxter**

Handi-Van Report

The Morris Dist. Handi-Van held it's AGM on April-28/2020 by tele-conference. Financials for 2019 were approved and BDO were appointed auditors for 2020. The board accepted the resignation of Curtis Evenson, and thanked him for his valued service. At the same time, Larry Skoglund was approved as a new member to the board

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Morris Area Fdn

The MAF committee has not met since Feb. due to Covid-19 however draft financials have been prepared and will need to be approved soon. The auditors have drastically increased their fee such that the MAF may have to check out other options for next year

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Valley Regional Library

Likewise the Library committee has not met and although the province has allowed public libraries to be opened since May-4th, a decision was made to shoot for Tues. May-19th as an opening date. As it will be difficult to maintain physical distancing in such a small facility a set of procedures such as hand sanitizing at the entrance before entering, limiting the numbers entering, pre-ordering of books etc. has been established. Library hours may be adjusted as well.

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Riverview Golf Course Report

The board of directors met on April-30/2020 to review finances and the opening of the course for 2020. Brian Recksiedler has been hired as the head greens keeper with Dave Watson serving as an assistant. Candace James will be the clubhouse manager and is in the process of acquiring additional staff. The board has seen the resignation of Shayne Serediuk as president but will stay on the board. Also, Steve Peters has resigned as secretary. We are encouraging more support and participation as the board is down to 4 directors.

Things will look very different to start as we have to live with the Covid-19 restrictions. Sanitizing, cleaning and spacing will be necessary to ensure safe operation. Signage and floor taping will be posted to alert every one of new guidelines. Food service will be reduced as the restaurant will not be open. Hopefully, liquor, beer, soft drinks, bottled water will be available with the possibility of pre-made sandwiches and snacks available for sale.

The golf course itself will be different with the one person per cart (or 2 if from the same household), putting to the cup but not touching the flag, physical distancing between golfers and other rules that will be displayed throughout the clubhouse and course. Things will be modified and expanded as the need arises and the province allows.

Another board meeting is planned on May-12th to review operations, finances, sponsorship packages, fees, etc.

#### Riverview Golf Report-Part 2

Met on May-12 to review financials and operations. As previously mentioned, funding is tight but membership and sponsorship fees are just starting. Dues and golf rounds remain the same as last year with a change in the corporate rates to generate more uptake. It was decided to try to open on Sat May-16 if enough staff are in place and ready. As you can imagine setting up tee logistics, cart cleaning and physical distancing are a real challenge. With limited summer activities it could be a good season for golf.

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- **Councillor Margaret Johnston**

May 4<sup>th</sup> Rec Committee mtg - discussed returning to a community rec commission. After discussion, it was decided to bring this issue to CAAW, to see how we can work within the existing structure.

Community Partners will likely postpone the June meeting due to Covid19. They are readjusting to the new work environment. Such as single site work environment, staff screenings, visitor screenings, etc. They have not had any issues with PPE.

The doctor's clinics are doing most visits over the phone. If an in person visit is required the doctor will advise as such.

I did have a phone call from a citizen in regards to concerns over traffic on Poplar Street near the school. I suggested that they should write a letter about their concerns.

The RRVPC- As of now there is no plan to reopen the center. The Healthy Child Coalition runs on the same guidelines as the school division, therefore the center will remain closed.

Red River Interagency meeting is being rescheduled.

#### Noted and discussed

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- **Councillor Tim Lewis**

#### Public Works Report for April

- Shop closed to the public
- In home work postponed unless an emergency signage in place at parks ▪
- Training
  - Pesticide workshop cancelled
  - PWX in New Orleans cancelled
  - MWWA training cancelled until further notice
- Flood
  - cemetery pumps/culverts maintained
  - golf course pumps/culverts maintained

- assisted MI where needed
- no major issues
- Garbage/Recycling area at shop
  - continues issues with overfilling
  - alternating garbage bins to minimize overfilling
  - Break in
  - shop office door kicked in
  - police report made
  - no items found to be stolen

Community Futures Manitoba

- new program- Regional and Recovery Fund

Community Futures Triple R-

- new program to be announced

Noted and discussed

- **Councillor Ruth Murray**

(Fwd. from: 2019/2020 Board Chair, Bud Stupnisky)

MASS BOARD, CHAIR REPORT  
APRIL 1, 2019 – MARCH 31, 2020

This 2019-2020 fiscal year was almost a normal year for MASS, as it was for everyone else, until March and Covid -19!

Several of our staff and Board took advantage of opportunities to learn and share our experiences. Our cooks, Evelyn Penner and Margaret Giesbrecht, along with coordinator Pat Eidse, attended a “Food Handlers “course in April, 2019. Coordinator Pat also attended an ASSC Conference called “Aging Well in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century “, in September. R. M. of Morris board rep Rick Giesbrecht attended a workshop for Senior Services Board members, put on by Southern Health, in September. Also in September, Board members Margaret Johnston and Cheryl Peterson attended a training workshop for volunteer board members, sponsored by Community Futures.

In addition to the Annual General Meeting, open to the public, held in Morris on May 9, 2019, our Board met four times, with a fifth “on-line “meeting this March. As well, our Board and staff, along with spouses, got together for a spring BBQ dinner (in lieu of a Christmas gathering), at the Morris golf course in June. Morris cook Evelyn Penner was recognized and thanked for having achieved a 15 year anniversary of service, at this dinner. This year, we bid adieu to Board member Margaret Johnson (who was elected to Town Council) and welcomed Leslie Poulin to the Board. Board Chair Bud Stupnisky announced his retirement from MASS after 10 years, and our Board is grateful to Leslie Poulin for agreeing to take on the position of Chair, starting with the 2020-21 fiscal year. Our Board members are volunteers, who have the responsibility to provide oversight to the operations of MASS, and to develop policies and procedures as required. I wish to thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm, and a special “Thanks “to those who have accepted additional responsibilities: John Voth as Treasurer, Rhonda Hamblin as Secretary, and Rod Dueck as Co-chair. Thank you also to Cheryl Peterson for her several years as Secretary in the past. We are also very fortunate to have the dedicated support of representatives to our Board, appointed by our local governments: Ruth Murray for the Town of Morris and Rick Giesbrecht for the R. M. of Morris.

MASS is funded by annual grants from Southern Health that covers staff salaries , as well as annual funding support from the Town and R.M. , that help with additional costs. We could not operate without this funding and we thank you.

We are fortunate to have use of the Davidson Center’s kitchen and dining room, as well as the recreation room for temporary office space and social/recreational activities. We are the major users of these facilities and this year have begun to provide the Davidson Center with a small annual grant to help with a variety of their expenses. In Lowe Farm

we are grateful to have use of the kitchen and dining/ recreation room at the Prairie View Apartments. This winter we provided and installed new taps and a garburator in the kitchen. Our office is in an awkward location, and we need more storage space for our equipment. We are currently discussing with MHRC the possibility of leasing a suite at the Villa that would help solve both problems.

Coordinator Pat Eidse will be reporting details and statistics on the programs and services she is managing. I would just like to confirm that in spite of Covid -19 MASS is strong and healthy and running at high speed. In Morris, we served over 3500 meals this year, and in Lowe Farm, over 1000 meals. Our equipment lending service was used by over 100 clients, and over 165 seniors used our transportation program. Safety checks and visits were conducted over 160 times. Covid -19 resulted in a number of temporary changes. Congregate meals in Morris and Lowe Farm were replaced with meal delivery/pick-up programs. Afternoon tea parties were cancelled. In-home visits to seniors were replaced with more phone- call visits. The equipment-lending program was suspended, and adjustments were made to our personal transportation program. Looking to the future, we were recently notified that a new project starting sometime this fall, if conditions allow, called "Seniors Congregate Special TV Events "has been approved for funding by New Horizons Canada.

We could not accomplish the delivery of our programs and services without our wonderful volunteers. This dedicated group of over 50 individuals set up tables, serve and clean up at meals, drive cars, visit those who are alone, and help seniors with odd jobs. Thank You to all!

And finally, I wish to thank our staff for their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. I am sure that the many seniors in our area who are assisted in maintain an independent lifestyle through our programs, thank you as well!

2019/2020 Board Chair, Bud Stupnisky

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May 4- Rec Mtg. - Discussed pro's & cons of Rec as it stands today. Further comments to follow regarding town policy.  
May 7- Attended the weed Meeting in Letellier @ 8:00 a.m. The Weed inspector, Luke Hemphill is doing a fantastic job and sending weekly reports on what he has been doing thus far....taking inventory, cleaning up, repairing equipment , and is waiting for a reply from Highways as to contracts.  
May 7- Zoom meeting with MASS. I sent in Bud's yearly report so everyone can see what MASS does for seniors in our area.  
May 2- a call from a resident complaining about the deer damaging her yard. I told her there really was nothing we could do and No it was not part of the dog catcher's job. I did say Natural Resources looks after wild life.  
May 4- I did get a call from Joan Van der Linde regarding Love Morris asking about dates. I suggested May 23-25 as this is part of clean up for Morris. I also suggested that clean up would be appreciated at the South Park opposite Bigway, @ the Museum as Brian Watt often used to trim the trees & cultivate bed, and also work at the cemetery. I did say that Public Works do appreciate the work done there as picking up the branches, cultivating around the spare trees, & all the grass whipping takes up so much time. All of this work benefits the town. Love Morris is encouraging everyone to wear their Love Morris shirts. Joan will be contacting the churches shortly to promote Acts of Kindness.  
Not much more to report as we are all trying to social distance & take proper precautions with Covid pandemic.  
Submitted by Ruth Murray

Noted and discussed

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- **MultiPlex Reports**

Multiplex Report:

Since the Morris Multiplex has closed the doors to the public due to the pandemic the following is taking place. Dan is completing maintenance jobs that need to be completed throughout the facility. I have attached a copy of the maintenance jobs that he has completed and a list that he is going to complete in May/June. Chelsea has been

temporary laid off due to not being able to host events at the facility and all other staff have been temporary laid off until we can reopen. I have been keeping up with the regular duties of Managing the Facility. Staying on top of the insurance claim for the chiller/compressor of the curling club. We had to make two different insurance claims for this. The first insurance claim has been signed off and we received the funds. The second insurance claim is taking place. Prairie Hvac will be doing the work and we are waiting for parts. This is still about two weeks away. Valley Fibre is now up and running in the Multiplex. I have been regular checking the mail, coding invoices, paying vendors and sending out invoices for overdue accounts. The Arena billing was completed for March. I am working on the Arena schedule for the 2020/2021 season and updating the Arena website for Arena bookings. I have been in contact with all the user groups of the Arena to let them know of the increase of the arena rates for the 2020/2021 season. I have been attending webinars and video meetings about what recreation might look like during this pandemic. I have been in contact with all other surrounding communities as to what they are doing about Canada Day events and opening the Arenas for summer hockey camps in August.

The meeting that I attended via call for the CRRDC had the following updates. Building Sustainable Communities Grant were still under review. Swimming Lesson registrations were being postponed to a later date in most communities (May to early June) and Canada Day events were either being postponed to later date or completely cancelled. I have attached the minutes from that meeting as well.

Celebrate Canada has just sent out an email saying that you can still use your grant money either for a virtual Canada Day or postpone the events until a later date as long as it happens before March 31, 2021.

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#### Facility Report:

Dan has completed the following jobs since the Multiplex has been closed to the public on March 20, 2019.

- 1) Ice removed from the Hockey Arena and floor power washed.
- 2) Cleaning of external areas of the air exchange ducts in the lobby washrooms and dressing areas.  
All vents grills removed and cleaned also.
- 3) All Dressing room benches sanded, primed and repainted.
- 4) All Dressing room shower areas washed, sanded, primed and repainted.
- 5) Skate tying area walls washed, gyp roc walls repaired primed and repainted.
- 6) Pool/Rec office walls washed, gyp roc walls repaired primed and painted and new cork board strip  
Installed.
- 7) Canteen storage room 8ft wood doors primed, painted and installed shelves.
- 8) Maintain general cleaning of the Multiplex office and building.

Dan is now working on the following jobs for May/June:

- 1) Glue material on sliding wall Assembly Hall
- 2) Replace light covers in the dressing room hallway
- 3) Repair Lobby walls patch, sand, paint

- 4) Wash down Arena and Curling club lobby baseboards to prepare them to get waxed
- 5) Floors will be waxed by Brian
- 6) Wash down Arena Hall
- 7) Carpet Clean the Curling Club lobby/canteen and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge
- 8) Clean and Power wash Arena stands
- 9) Arena Glass Cleaning inside and out
- 10) Olympia – oil change
- 11) Repair/replace the steel curling club door in the compressor room
- 12) Maintain general cleaning of the Multiplex office and building

Noted and discussed

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- **Project Board Reports:**

- **Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen**  
Get Trevor a contact from CMHC
- **Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin**  
Trevor Barkman- because of the current pandemic things are on hold. He is looking for funding via the government. They don't have any designs or plans made up at the time. Would like to have designs and plans in place for pricing before they do a community consult.
- **Medical Clinic Project – Tim Lewis**  
Nothing new

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

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- **New Business:**

- Tax Subsidy Policy
- Bill 48/49 : <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/42-2/b048e.php>
  - CAO to send a letter to AMM addressing concerns.
- Recreation Structure

Noted and discussed

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**Old Business:**

- Council Committees and Boards
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Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm