



## Council Committee as a Whole

# Minutes

June 11<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, Trevor Thiessen, Chris Hamblin and Scott Crick***

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

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**Delegations: Melissa Marion and Heather Rempel RE: Pool proposal**

**6:30 - Melissa, Heather and Arien made their presentation to Council regarding the opening of the pool for the 2020 season during COVID-19**

**Confirmed to open pool**

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### Minutes from last Meeting:

- ***Moved by: Chris Hamblin***
- ***Seconded by: Margaret Johnston***

Be it resolved that the Minutes for the May 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 – June 12, 2020**

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

June 26/20: Zoom meeting with Gord Daman re: housing (1.5 hrs)  
June 4/20: Meeting with Marketing Consultant for *The MIP* (.75 hrs)  
June 8/20: Meeting with Curling Club/Multiplex (1 hr)  
May-June: Housing research (5 hrs)

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

- June 10/20: In the Mayor’s Chair (0.5 hrs)
- May-June: Housing research and documentation (10 hours)
- May-June: Morris 2030 proposal for Council (10 hours)
- May-June: Interviews, various phone calls and correspondence (10 hours)

**Items of Interest to Report on:**

1. Valley Fiber continues to install in Morris, and the sign up rate is over 70%. Unfortunately, due to the Province’s foot-dragging over ICIP money, it appears we will not receive any assistance in funding the install. This is doubly disappointing, as this wasn’t even Provincial money going into this program.
2. With this “lull” in Town business, I have had an opportunity to turn my attention to Housing, with a specific focus on first-time home buyers. We will be discussing the results of my research at Council this evening, and setting a direction we’d like to go in.
3. We have had legal opinion on the Curling Club’s proposal to reopen in July, and have also discussed if Curling Canada still wishes to hold its ice making and sweeping school between August and September. Regardless, it appears the club will be reopening in July with no risk to the Town, and we will work with them to find ways to make the Curling Canada event happen in Morris, if it is going to happen at all. Thank you to Dan and Sherri for their work on this.
4. I have also prepared a presentation titled “Morris 2030”, which we will go through tonight. The idea behind this is to add a long-term focus to our short-term decision-making, with the goal of making all Council decisions intentional towards achieving long-term priorities for the community.
5. I had approached the Province regarding potential new infrastructure dollars for partnerships with Municipalities, as announced by the Premier. Minister Schuler responded, and his response would suggest the Province already has its priorities.

**Noted and discussed**

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**Housing Report**

- Presented and discussed with Council

Noted and discussed

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- **Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin**

**Economic Development Committee**

Work around the Economic Development Committee has centered on the Morris Industrial Park. The subdivision plan was approved at the May 28 Council meeting and progress continues. We have received the Plan prepared by JR Cousins and are in the process of reviewing.

We have had 2 meetings with Graphic Intuitions to discuss signage and promotion of the park. The purpose of these meetings was to help the committee focus the efforts to maximize exposure in the best way. As plans come together, we may want to look at allocating some dollars towards promotion. At this time we are looking at targeting fall to winter for promotion with the hopes that lots can begin to sell / begin development in the spring. The committee will be meeting June 12 to further discuss the marketing direction.

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**Valley Agricultural Society**

Valley Agricultural Society continues to monitor their account and their expenses. They are continuing to do maintenance and repairs on the grounds but only spending what is critical. The directors are continuing to do the

grounds work as normal as well as some projects that have been approved and funded previously through grants or in-kind. They have received funding for 2 summer students (through the Federal Program) and they are scheduled to begin work June 15. The directors have been preparing a list of activities for the workers. Some of this will include grounds maintenance of mowing, grass whipping etc. They will also be involved with painting. The VAS has received a Coop grant for paint and will be painting the Dairy barn and hopefully the show ring grandstand as well.

I have assisted in applying for the CEBA loan as well as the CEWS and they have received the funding from these programs.

**Noted and discussed**

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- **Councillor Mel Baxter**

**MAF Report**

The latest financial report was presented at the fdn's recent meeting. The Southern Health Region has invoiced the MAF for \$136k for hospital renovations. This will come out of the \$391K that the MAF is entrusted with administering.

The MAF is concerned about the lack of response to the emergency support fund that is being offered though the Comm. Fdn. of Canada. The MAF has been allotted \$40,000. to help distribute to organizations for projects related to the Covid-19 pandemic. With groups that do not have a charitable number, the town can help out.

Endowment Manitoba will be enhancing all community foundations with new IT software and hardware to aid in one central data base for Manitoba and for the ability to share ideas and procedures amongst the members. The Morris fdn is considering establishing a Health and Wellness Fund to aid in attracting donations and devoting grants to specific health related causes.

**Noted and discussed**

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**2020 Variance Report C19 Projections**

Reported on projections for moving forward

**Noted and discussed**

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- **Councillor Margaret Johnston**

- **Councillor Tim Lewis**

**Council Report**

**For Committee as a Whole – June 11, 2020**

**By: Councillor Tim Lewis**

**Committees, Boards, and Activities Attended:**

Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

## Items of Interest to Report on:

A meeting was held June 8 with Mel Baxter, Brigitte Doerksen, Brian Wiebe, Jimmy Berg and Tim Lewis.

Sewer line filming was completed on the east side of town with better than 80% of lines acceptable and in decent condition. Mary Street from Ottawa to Boyne needs immediate repair or replacement. We will be getting a quote this week. There is also a section on Birch Crescent that will require clean out and filming. There are multiple areas that require "cutting". Within three years we will have all the sewer lines and storm sewers filmed in town.

Valley Fiber crews are working quickly around town and should be done placing fiber by the end of June. Who is doing the final clean-up around the vaults? Is the new industrial sub-division being serviced by fiber?

Town-wide Street cleaning was completed in under two weeks.

Town clean-up went well this year using the new two-zone system. There were changes due to COVID-19 and residents participated very well.

The pool will be ready to operate this week but we are still waiting to find out from the Province about if and how pools will open and operate.

Hanging flower baskets are going up on June 8 and castle pots will be planted today by Morris in Bloom committee members. They will be placed on June 9. The tree order has been made and there are 50 Sundance Poplars and 25 Amur Maples coming. Does council want to consider placing trees on the Main Street center boulevard?

The Public Works social media following has increased by 30% in the last 2 months and has increased awareness with residents. Brian will try and do a "What's New" item each Monday.

Agassiz Trail has had another drainage issue with the side-by-sides on the north side as drainage was all supposed to go to the street and the developer has been sloping both ways. Public Works feels they can rectify the issue.

### Noted and discussed

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- **Councillor Ruth Murray**

CAW Report for June 11, 2020

May- 29- Weed Mtg in Letellier to approve audit.

June 3- Rec Mtg @ 11:00 with Brigitte, Arian, Melissa, Heather, Margaret, & myself.

June 5- Presentation to Bud & Shelley Stupnisky for his 10 years of service with MASS. I submitted a report to the SEJ.

June 8-planted flowers @ Public Works Shed as well as west entrance. Unable to do Stampede Circle due to wet grounds.

June 9- I did listen to the Zoom Mtg with Rec Connections re Aquatics & Pool. We can be truly Thankful for the very efficient staff we have here. They have followed all the precautions & guidelines with Manitoba Health, The Red Cross, Life Saving, the Health Inspector, in order to restore safe services in our community.

### Noted and discussed

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- **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

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## **Project Board Reports:**

### **Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen**

### **Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin**

Assisted Living / Assisted Living

Have had a couple of discussions with a developer that had been looking at a type of Assisted Living / Independent living facility on Agassiz Trail. They will be building a Senior's Independent Living complex but will not include the Assisted Living portion. Disappointing news. They were hoping for some Provincial Support but there are no programs at this time and so they have made the decision to proceed without the Assisted Living side of their development but rather use the space for independent living. Good news is there will be more options for Seniors looking for low maintenance and easy living suites.

**Noted and discussed**

### **Medical Clinic Project – Tim Lewis**

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

### **New Business:**

- Resident complaint about unauthorized vehicle traffic
- Meetings in July and August (do we want one day in July and in August like past years?)
  - Council agreed to the one meeting in July and one in August start @

### **Old Business:**

- Council Committees and Boards -nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm