



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

August 27th, 2020

5:30 pm Council Chambers

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

Not in attendance: Trevor Thiessen (excused)

Also in attendance: CFO, Chris Janke

Delegations: None

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

1. Mayor Scott Crick

Morris 2030 Presentation

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Councillors discussed their long-term plans for the community.

- **Councillor Tim Lewis**
 - Public Works Infrastructure Maintenance and Replacement, including streets, sidewalks, sewer and water lines.
 - Asset Management Plan for continued maintenance and replacement schedules.
- **Councillor Mel Baxter**
 - Would like to keep any increases to mill rate at 1% or less.
 - Naming rights on town buildings. Also look at additional non-traditional revenue streams.
 - Fundraising Events for a specific town “mega” project.
- **Councillor Margaret Johnston**
 - Pave the MultiPlex parking lot
 - Fully accessible pool with zero entry for elderly and disabled.
 - Pool liner with lanes.
 - Add benches and lighting along the Walking Trail. Would also be nice to have the trail paved.

- Bathroom facility at the ball diamonds.
- Cook shack at the ball diamonds.
- Playground at the ball diamonds should be accessible for disabled.
- Add plexiglass to arena railing.
- Address the unkept lots (mowing/weed control) in town.
- Trailer Park/Tiny House Development Community.
- Viewing area between the curling club and arena at the MultiPlex.
- **Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin**
 - Make Morris a welcoming community for all age groups, attractive and friendly with good services.
 - Community that is open for businesses. Build on the transportation hub aspect.
 - Would like to see Industrial Park Phase 1 completed and full in 10 years.
 - Chamber of Commerce that is engaged and showing leadership in the community.
 - Seniors Housing – would like the land purchased, designing done and construction underway.
 - Discuss priority between Assisted Living and Affordable Seniors Living – maybe there is an option that would allow us to do both.
 - Valley Ag financially viable in 10 years. They are looking towards the future and there is discussion on alternative attractions.
 - Ideas for the mezzanine area in MultiPlex , maybe a coffee shop.
 - MultiPlex halls need better marketing.
- **Councillor Ruth Murray**
 - More foundations at the head of each row for headstones in the cemetery.
 - Columbarium for cemetery for ash remains.
 - Economic Development Officer for the town.
- **Mayor Scott Crick**
 - Own all the rest of the land within the dike.
 - Keep taxes median for the area.
 - Messaging to real estate agents/developers – look what you get for your money. Good services, houses are cheaper.
 - Upgrade the pool so it could be open three seasons. Longer season, more revenue spread over expenses.
 - Population of 2,500 by 2030. Hard to sustain local service businesses with our proximity to larger urban areas. Combat that by increasing population.
 - Rebuild visual standards for main street.
 - Town may need to take more of a role in the daycare.
 - New Medical Facility.
 - Increased standards for rental properties. Check back in on the bylaw.

Noted and discussed
Review these again at a meeting in September

2. Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Valley Agricultural Society – Report to Committee as a Whole
 August 27th, 2020
 Submitted by Chris Hamblin

- Continue to provide oversight on the finances. This includes preparing the revised budget for approval at the next meeting (September 3). This will allow VAS to apply for reimbursement on infrastructure completed under the Building Sustainable Communities grant. These expenses have been paid (or in-kind) so receiving the grant will help cash flow heading into the new year.

This also includes completing the bank reconciliation and filing GST. I have been providing oversight and assistance on the Covid programs. I am reviewing other accounts to ensure we are ready for year end (September 30, 2020).

- The VAS has made the decision to cancel the planned beer gardens. This decision was made in the interest of keeping everyone safe.
- The VAS beer garden space has been used by the community at minimal cost to various members/groups of the community to enable groups to have outdoor gatherings in a safe space.

Report to CAAW – August 27th, 2020 by Chris Hamblin
 Assisted Living / Assisted Living
 Meeting with a developer to discuss options for Morris.

- Continue to give this thought but nothing concrete to report at this time.

Report to CAAW – August 27th, 2020 by Chris Hamblin
 Morris Manor

- Have attended a few meetings/phone calls about the governance of the Manor.

Report to CAAW – August 27th, 2020 by Chris Hamblin
 Industrial Park

- Industrial Park - We received a follow up email with further questions from our Engineering Consultants along with Cost estimates for phase 1 and phase 2, Design Plans and Specifications. We also received This was circulated to the committee for input. Input was provided by Brigitte and committee. Many of the questions were referred to Public Works to work with the consultant on.

Noted and discussed

3. Councillor Margaret Johnston

- The facilities have been very busy with ever changing Covid-19 protocols.
- There have been no changes within the facilities as far as operations go. Renovations and construction have been at a standstill because of Covid-19 and non essential workers. They are hopeful that moving to Stage 4, that they can get things moving again.
- Staffing has been troublesome but they have been able to make it work because of the fantastic crew of staff. Essentially all hospitals are running with lower numbers, while still maintaining as many open beds as possible.
- The medical clinics continue to do phone appointments, but are slowly moving into more face to face visits.
- The new EMS Station Construction Project beside the hospital is set to begin in late August.

Noted and discussed

4. 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 August 24 with Mel Baxter, Brian Wiebe, Jimmy Berg and Tim Lewis.
- Valley Fiber – Public Works has been and is continuing to top up dig locations around town.
- Asphalt – Southwood, Willow and a couple of sink holes have been repaired and the pad in front of the south-orange building on the Valley Agricultural Society grounds was started. The asphalt plant went down and will not be functional until about August 31.
- Concrete – The sidewalk in front of the Parkside Villa was been completed as well as the in-kind pad for the VAS.
- Town Beautification – the flowers are all blooming nicely and are being checked and watered on weekends as required. The Southwood storm sewer is about 90% complete and will be completed this year. Mosquito fogging is likely done for 2020.
- Agassiz storm sewer work to begin this week.
- The speed hump on Willow will be installed this week.
- Two new concrete strips for headstones were completed at the cemetery. New strips for the ash plot area will likely be done next year.
- Public works is looking to have a meeting in regards to building standards in the near future.

Noted and discussed

5. Councillor Mel Baxter

MAF Update

- With knocking on doors and soliciting organizations the MAF has been able to distribute the total \$40,000 allocated by the Federal Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). In the end we could have used more funds as a few groups had to be refused as the total dollars were accounted for. The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is scheduled for Sept-17 (7 PM) in the multiplex. The new Health and Wellness Fund should be finalized by then and ready for announcement. The Endowment Fund currently stands at \$314,668 and the former Morris/Emerson hospital Fund is \$255,600 after payment of the last Southern Health District invoice.

Riverview Golf Committee Report

- At a recent golf committee meeting financials were reviewed and the figures look good for the 2020 season. Discussions began for the 2021 season with an emphasis on pricing (green fees, memberships etc), advertising, sponsorships, food service, course and club maintenance. The new P.O.S system at the cash register has allowed for data collection to aid decision making and to reduce accounting costs. Course maintenance has been a learning experience for our greens keeping crew who have done a great job.

Noted and discussed

6. Councillor Ruth Murray

Report for July 25, 2020 for Council

- I wanted to Thank Public Works for the Care to the plants in this dry & hot summer. It was especially comforting in this Covid Season to see life & beauty around us. More people became aware of the beauty on Main Street.
It was not however the best ever display, as 2019 did surpass his years.The hanging baskets should have at least 1 white or pale coloured plant in it to show contrast.There are only 6 baskets out of the 28 with this contrast & they would all be more visible if planted the same.Also the potato vine over powered the other coloured plants .1 vine would have been sufficient.There were more grasses used last year & they were elegant. The bed @ Stampede Circle at the Museum was striking & very showy.
- It has been quite the year beginning with the Planting along with the deer, & hot dry weather. The Museum Board was also grateful that Public Works helped out with trimming trees .I am also thankful to PW for allowing the Green Team to help clean up the Perennial Garden, (known as Jane's Garden).Many hands speed up the process

Noted & discussed

Project Board Reports:

7. Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen (not in attendance)

8. Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin
Already reported above

New Business:

- Hearing on Dangerous Dog
Noted and discussed
- Request by resident regards dispute with neighbour
Noted and discussed
- Council Committees and Boards
Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm