



**TOWN OF MORRIS**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Councillors Present: Mel Baxter  
Margaret Johnston  
Tim Lewis  
Ruth Murray  
Chris Hamblin

Also Present: Chris Janke, CFO  
Terrence Holding, Mary Holding

Absent: Trevor Thiessen

Presiding: Mayor Scott Crick

**01/08/20**  
Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda for the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular Council meeting be approved as presented.  
**(Carried)**

**02/08/20**  
Minutes

**Moved by Councillor Margaret Johnston**  
**Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes for the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.  
**(Carried)**

**03/08/20**  
Minutes  
CAAW

**Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Margaret Johnston**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes for the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Committee as a Whole meeting be adopted as amended.  
**(Carried)**

**04/08/20**  
Minutes  
Public Hearing

**Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes for the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Public Hearing meeting be adopted as presented.  
**(Carried)**

**05/08/20**  
Council  
Members

**Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept the following Members from Council for August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting as:

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

Excused: Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Unexcused: None

**(Carried)**

**DELEGATIONS: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**SEMINARS & EDUCATION: None**

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| 1. RRV Palliative Care Palliative Care Golf Tourney | Sponsorship as<br>Per Budget |
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**TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL**

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| 1) Town of Morris List of Accounts   | #06/08/20 |
| 2) Town of Morris Financials- August | #07/08/20 |
| 3) Supplementary Taxes               | #08/09/20 |

**06/08/20** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
Town List Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis  
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts, being Cheque #'s 17867 to 17900 in the amount of \$48,806.75, Electronic Payments of \$200,987.27 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$81,345.52 be approved as presented. (Carried)

**07/08/20** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
Monthly Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray  
Financials **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Financial Statements for the month of July 2020 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented. (Carried)

**08/08/20** Moved by Councillor Margaret Johnston  
Supplementary Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray  
Taxes **WHEREAS** the Assessment Branch has sent the list of assessment additions and reductions for the 2020 tax year;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council authorize the additions and reductions of the assessment changes to the 2020 tax roll as per Sub Section 300 (6) and 326 of the Municipal Act;  
**AND FURTHER** that the amended tax notices be sent to the taxpayers as per Sub Sections 300 (7) and 327 (1) with a reference to their right to apply for an assessment revision as per Sub Section 327 (2);  
**AND FURTHER** that penalties of one (1) percent per month shall be added to added taxes in arrears effective November 1, 2020 and a discount in the amount of 1% will be allowed on added taxes prepaid by August 31, 2020. (Carried)

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL**

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| 1. MultiPlex List of Accounts | #09/08/20 |
| 2. MultiPlex Financial -May   | #10/08/20 |

**09/08/20** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
MultiPlex List Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin  
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the June 2020 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque #'s 11124 to 11132 in the amount of \$34,584.35, and Electronic Payments of \$930.29 be approved as presented. (Carried)

**10/08/20** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
Monthly Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray  
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of June 2020 for the Morris MultiPlex be adopted and presented. (Carried)

**TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed Resolution for AMM

11/08/20  
Resolution  
For AMM

**Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**Seconded by Councillor Margaret Johnston**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Amalgamation mandated by the Province of Manitoba on January 1, 2015 was mandated unilaterally by the Province; and

**WHEREAS** the time frame granted to execute the amalgamations did not allow adequate time for many of the Municipalities to fully evaluate trading partners, geographic constraints, and how communities intersect before amalgamation was forced; and

**WHEREAS** the sole mandate was to create a combined population above the mandated minimum of 1,000 citizens, with no consideration given to the logistical and governance impacts of this decisions, and

**WHEREAS** the cost of operating Municipal government increases annually, and the ability to afford and attract professionals to administer and operate Municipal government becomes more difficult; and

**WHEREAS** Municipal borders drawn decades in the past may no longer accurately define the current “effective” borders of Municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** amalgamation does have the potential to benefit Municipalities through the creation of economies of scale, and the logical realignment of Municipalities around trade and community intersection; and

**WHEREAS** potential future amalgamations should not be driven by a Province solely concerned with amalgamated population counts, but instead be driven by Municipal officials in service to their citizens;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** AMM takes a leadership role in discussing further amalgamation with its member Municipalities, with the intent of achieving the following outcomes:

- Helping all Municipalities identify opportunities for increased cooperation with each other, and providing support and best practices to help facilitate this
- Reviewing Municipal geographic borders with each Municipality with the intent to understand the community connections and trading areas that currently exist in Manitoba
- Providing recommendations on optimal municipal size for rural, urban, and mixed Municipalities, and identifying opportunities where specific Municipalities may benefit from amalgamation.

**(Carried)**

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**BY-LAWS & POLICIES:**

1. Noise By-Law 04.20

#12/08/20, 13/08/20

12/08/20  
BL 04.20  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-Law 04.20 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris to provide for the regulation, reduction and/or prevention of noise be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**(Carried)**

13/08/20  
BL 04.20  
Final Reading

**Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that By-Law 04.20 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris to provide for the regulation, reduction and/or prevention of noise be given 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

**(Carried)**

*Recorded Vote:*

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

*Against: None*

*Absent: Councillor Trevor Thiessen*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** None

**IN CAMERA ITEMS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

Next Regular Committee as a Whole Meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**TOWN OF MORRIS**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**