



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

September 10th, 2020

6:30 pm Council Chambers with Social Distancing in place

In attendance: Tim Lewis, Mel Baxter, Trevor Thiessen, Margaret Johnston, Chris Hamblin, Ruth Murray

Not in attendance: none

Also in attendance: CAO, Brigitte Doerksen

Delegations: None

Morris 2030- Scott Crick

- Morris 2030 presentation
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Council Round Table (Committee, Board, and Personal Reports):

- **Mayor Scott Crick**

Mayor's Report

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Events attended or Mayoral activities (paid):

July 29/20: Various phone calls re: contract for MIP land (1 hour)
Aug 18/20: Morris Manor Meeting (1 hour)
Aug 18/20: ACO Meeting (1 hour)
Aug-Sept: Various formal letters (1 hour)

Events attended or Mayoral activities (unpaid):

Aug 11/20: In the Mayor's Chair (0.5 hrs)
Sep 8/20: In the Mayor's Chair (0.5 hrs)
July-Aug: Various phone calls and correspondence (10 hours)

Items of Interest to Report on:

1. The pool continues to be a success story, and I am hopeful that the lessons learned in 2020 are carried forward. Controlling costs have been of concern to me for a number of years, and it appears that this has finally been

brought under control. Again, great job to staff for providing a much-needed leisure activity in an activity-challenged year, and doing so in a sustainable way.

2. Our Animal Control Situation has been difficult this summer, with multiple reported attacks of dogs on other dogs, as well as dogs threatening people. The ACO has done a good job managing these situations, and they have highlighted a need to update our by-laws as soon as possible.
3. The Morris Manor is such a mixed story, with great public participation, offset by governance issues that are not addressing the viability of the facility. When I was previously on the Board, the manor had \$250,000 cash on hand in the fall of 2014. Now we are informed by Councilor Thiessen that they will likely run out of cash in the next 18 months.

As a Town, we want to ensure people do not eventually lose their homes; however, we have limited authority as a Town to make changes.

4. With school restarting and fall returning, we will need to closely monitor what is happening with COVID-19. The hope is this will not impact local business and our facilities further than it already has this year.

Noted and discussed

- **Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin**

Report to CAAW – September 8, 2020

Chris Hamblin

VAS –

- Completed month end and finalized budget for the current year in preparation for board meeting. The board meeting was postponed due to lack of quorum. (too many people in the fields)
- Filed PST for July and August and corrected entries into SAGE
- Responded to various emails and messages
- VAS Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for November 26, 2020. I request permission to attend and be excused from the November Council meeting.

Manor –

- Various phone calls to encourage attendance at the September 9 meeting.

Red River Basin Commission meeting – via Zoom

- Joined meeting representing Ruth Murray
- The morning was for ex-officio members with the afternoon for the board meeting. I sat in on both meetings.
- The meeting started with a preview of an 8 minute video that provides an overview of the RRBC and some of its work. This will be posted on their website with shortened versions created for social media use.
- The business of approving minutes etc were completed and then members were asked to provide updates on their activities.
- We heard the National Weather report with some historical data and a short discussion on the La Nina effect. Patterns are shaping up for the La Nina effect which could mean cooler and wetter weather. Felt we would know more by late October but are suspecting it to be weak effects.
- Some discussion on the diversion and retention structure to protect Fargo. Most feel this will be overall positive downstream but there were a few dissenting comments (seem to be the minority)
- Grand Farm – shared some of the work they are doing. It is all about securing Venture Capitalist with the focus on farm technologies. Looking to collaborate with schools, farmers, DU and others.
- Also heard from Minister Schular (Lake St. Martin, Highway 75, PR 246). Also mentioned that the Province of Manitoba is reviewing all structures related to water control to ensure they are ready to withstand major weather events. (Dam at Rivers almost gave in the recent high rain event.)

- Minister Guillemard also gave a report from Manitoba's Conservation and Climate.
- Work being done at The Netley Marsh restoration project. Was to be a 3 year project but there have been delays. Looking for some dredging next year with monitoring results beginning in 2022.
- Ted Preister, Executive Director, spoke about the tile drainage project that is being done the mid west of North Dakota. He feels this will help with local water control but also with major flooding incidents. It was not clear to me how this would help in major flood years.
- Jodi Goerzen – spoke about some of the projects being funded under ALUS (Alternate Land Use Systems) in Manitoba. Most of these were related to Riparian zones along waterways.

Board Meeting

- Again business of minutes etc
- Members provided updates on activities in their areas related to water quality and control.
- Manitoba Infrastructure reported (further updates)
- Pembina Valley Water Coop – upgrades and work to eliminate Zebra Mussels
- Discussion on how to hold the annual conference/meeting. Looking to hold a virtual conference but concerned about the cost and how much people would be willing to pay for a virtual conference. Also wondered about how to handle elections. Decided to see if all would be prepared to extend their terms rather than holding new elections.

Noted and discussed

- Councillor Margaret Johnston

As of right now RRVPC will not have use of the basement of the united church, Therefore we are still doing most of our programs outside. We are not sure when and if they will allow us back in the church to be used with the families. I am still able to store our supplies there just not do programing. As our programs deal with very young families we can only stay outside so long before it gets too cold. We may have to look for other space temporarily to be able to provide programs and while maintain social distancing. We have receive the grant from the Morris and Area Foundation and have been working on the Morris Community Art Program. The yarn tree has been a huge hit in the park and so many families have participated. We have completed the mural at Smith Park....it looks amazing... We will be working on more family projects in the upcoming weeks. We will be starting a rock hunting contest next week. It will run for 4 weeks and we encourage families to get outside and hunt for the rock. New clues of the rocks location will be given each day. Whoever finds the rock will win a \$20 Gift Card. We had a very successful summer running a free camp every day in the park with our summer student doing games and crafts. We ran a story time in the park program and a nature program this summer which we are still doing in the park till the end of September.

Noted and discussed

Council paused for Variation Hearing at 7:00 pm
Council resumed CAAW Meeting at 7:10 pm

- Councillor Tim Lewis

Council Report

For Committee as a Whole – September 10, 2020

By: Councilor Tim Lewis

Committees, Boards, and Activities Attended:
Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

Items of Interest to Report on:

Concrete – The sidewalk in front of the Parkside Villa was been completed as well as the in-kind pad for the VAS. Two new concrete strips for headstones were completed at the cemetery. New strips for the ash plot area will likely be done next year.

The asphalt plant was finally repaired and further asphalt repairs will be done in early October.

The speed hump and signage on Willow has been installed.

The storm sewer on Southwood is 90% complete and the storm sewer along Agassiz Trail is about 80% complete. The walking trail by the soccer pitch along Southwood has been drained properly to the Agassiz storm sewer.

Water plant repairs –

Phase 1 will be from September 15-18 where cell 1 will be cleaned and a new stainless steel ladder and tach lids will be installed.

Phase 2 will be from September 22-25 where cell 2 will be cleaned and 50’ of drain pipe and a new foot valve will be installed. Phase 2 will require a **Boil Water Advisory** throughout and until the tests are complete and we are advised the advisory is done.

Mary Street Sewer repair –

Sewer repair will begin on September 21. This will include a complete shutdown of Mary Street including the intersections from Ottawa East to Boyne East.

Community Futures Triple R Corporation

Meeting Notes

September 8, 2020

Meeting Highlights

- CF Triple R has been very busy with the RRRF loans and has lent out \$1500000 to date with another \$500000 coming from CF Manitoba to be lent out.
- Staff was busy this summer with Biz camps for youth to learn about entrepreneurship.
- A marketing committee is being added to the duties of the board to better get the message out for the RRRF loans as well as our traditional loans.
- It was also approved to start up a technology micro-loan stream for existing as well as new clients.

Noted and discussed

- **Councillor Mel Baxter**

MAF Report:

At a recent meeting of the MAF a motion was passed to participate in a pilot project with Endow Manitoba to recruit, train and support a regional staff position for a South/Central group of community foundations for a 5-yr period. The position is to be funded by grants from Endow Manitoba and is to aid in board governance, finance & administration,

fund development, grant making and other strategic initiatives. Sun Valley Co-op will be hosting a "Fuel Good Day" whereby 5 cents from every liter will go to MAF. Sept-15 is the date, so let the gas tanks run down till then. The AGM is scheduled for Sept-17 at 7 pm at the Morris Multiplex where the yearly reports will be presented as well as the proposal for the new Health and Wellness fund. A revised MAF brochure should be ready for distribution at that time.

Noted and discussed

- **Councillor Ruth Murray**

CAAW Report for Sept 10, 2020

- Sept 9,-I attended the Chamber Mtg in Morris. We are working on setting up a date for budget for 2021. It is tentatively set for Sept .23. The various committees gave reports on what has transpired thus far. Tim Hortons is quite concerned about the work on 75 & is wondering if a completion date is set. It does affect customers.
- Sept 10- Attended the Weed Mtg in Letellier. Although our weed inspector is under the weather, He did join the meeting via phone to give his report. Compared to last year at this time things are looking better. However he did not have work with Highways so that decreased the \$ intake .The usual problem exists with the weeds along the railway tracks. These weed's affect the farm crops being grown. This a problem with all the weed supervisors getting no co-operation from C.P. Or C.N. It was decided that this would be a good topic to bring up @ AMM & then get them to lobby for action. They have been speaking to a rail supervisor who felt perhaps the railway could donate the proper equipment for weed control.
- Mosquito Spraying was discussed & perhaps it could be part of the program. They could do 4 rounds of spraying per season. Morris would not be included in the program as we do our own.
- Grasshopper Control- there is no actual control .They must find a proper control & even check out aerial spraying. It then would be Hopper Control Program for 2020-2021.
- Our next meeting will be on Oct 27, 2020.

Noted and discussed

- **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**
 - Manor Meeting
 - Wellness Center

Noted and discussed

Project Board Reports:

Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen
Reported above

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin
Gave her report above

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

New Business:

- Council Committees and Boards- table
- Request from Border Real Estate- Re: Advertise on Benches
 - Advise that Border send a formal proposal – send other interested party a letter requesting where he is at with his proposal
- Child and Family Services- invite to AGM Sept. 14th, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Carman (have it on this meeting because of the date, it's prior to our Regular Council Mtg.
- Possible Cannabis retail in town
- Council policy- townofmorris.ca email addresses are the rights and property of the Town of Morris – Need to create a policy moving forward

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm