



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

October 8th, 2020

6:30 pm Council Chambers with Social Distancing in place

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

Not in attendance: Trevor Thiessen

Also in attendance: CAO, Brigitte Doerksen

Delegations:

6:30- Genesis House- Kari Kauenhofan

- Made their presentation to Council regarding the Structure of Genesis House.
- Request- per capita financial contribution for a 3 -year commitment

7:00- Ralph Fife- re: Signs on benches

7:15- Melissa Marion- End of Season pool report

- (unable to attend)

7:30- Sgt. Jason Vrooman- quarterly report

- Provided his quarterly stats to council

8:00 Break for Special Meeting re: Animal Control By-Law first reading

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

- **Mayor Scott Crick**

Mayor's Report

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Events attended or Mayoral activities (paid):

- Sep 9/20: Manor Partners Meeting (1.5 hours)
- Sep 15/20: Public Hearing – Dangerous Dog (2.0 hours)
- Sep 17/20: Meeting with RM Morris Reeve (1.5 hours)

Sep 22/20: Rec Partners Meeting (1.5 hours)
Sep 24/20: Multiplex Board Meeting (0.5 hours)
Sep 24/20: Meeting with Curling Club (1.0 hours)

Events attended or Mayoral activities (unpaid):

Sep 10/20: Writing Manor By-Laws (7 hours)
Sep 20: Various phone calls and correspondence (20 hours)

Items of Interest to Report on:

1. Certainly seeing activity pick up again now that we are back into fall.
2. The dangerous dog hearing was an overall unpleasant experience, however, we fulfilled our responsibilities as per the by-law. This hearing highlighted the need for the by-law to be redone as soon as possible. I hope we are able to pass the first reading on a new by-law as of this evening.
3. We continue our dialog with the RM of Morris. Once they do their strategic planning this fall, I hope they will bring forward areas where we can work together.
4. I was very encouraged by the attendance at the Rec Partners Meeting, and hope this will encourage a strong partnership between the Town and community when providing recreation in our area. The interest from the RMs of Montcalm and Morris in looking for partnerships was very encouraging, with Montcalm also reaching out to me after the meeting for additional discussion.
5. We had a valuable meeting with the Curling Club, and it appears we have been presented with an opportunity to reset our relationship. The Multiplex Committee looks forward to what proposals the CC brings forward.
6. A Manor Board meeting is scheduled to take place the day before CAAW, so I will need to report on it verbally. Although I was not planning on attending, Councilor Thiessen requested my presence due to my past service on the Board, as well as my ability to explain financial ramifications of possible future decisions.

Noted and discussed

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- **Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin**

Valley Agricultural Society

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It has been a different year for the VAS. The Rumble and the Stampede were both cancelled as was the Teen Challenge event. We were able to use the beer gardens for a few community events (some paid, some gratis). The Farmers' Market was brought back this year. A few lessons learned but it is hoped to make this an ongoing event in 2021 with it opening in May and running on a schedule through the summer. This year's event saw a small amount of produce and lots of craft type items. It is hoped that with an earlier start we will attract more produce as well as the craft items. A small profit was made this year on one event.

A lot of work has been done on the grounds this year. It is wonderful to see so many volunteers come out for these jobs despite there being no show. The barn doors are now complete, and locks attached so that more storage can be accepted. Work has also been done painting and improving the fair office, water lines to the new "bin bar" that is hoped to be ready for next year. There has also been work done around the rodeo arena and area.

The Haunted Barn was discussed at the last board meeting and it was agreed that it was too much work for very little return especially with the concerns around Covid 19. However, some board members and community people have decided they would like to see this run. Many citizens are reluctant to open their doors to unknown people at this time and many parents are not comfortable with their children going door to door. This event will give people the opportunity to celebrate Halloween in a safe environment. Entrance to the barn will be by pre booked appointment and will accommodate the social distancing requirements. The group is asking citizens to make donations of cash or candy to help make this a successful event.

I continue to oversee the finances. As September is the year end for the VAS, my task now will be to oversee the audit in preparation for the annual meeting. the annual meeting is planned for December 3, 2020. We are hoping to use the hall so that people can attend in person but be social distanced. We are also looking at what needs to happen to hold it virtually should an in person meeting not be allowed.

Spending has been restricted to only what is needed and what is covered by grants. I believe the board has done a good job managing the spending. We are feeling comfortable that we can manage until next year's show although there has already been concern expressed as to whether it will go next year. We will plan for it and hope for the best.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Margaret Johnston

Morris and Area Recreation Partners mtg was held Sept.22nd. It was well attended with everyone who was sent an invitation except Public Health, having representation.

Everyone introduced themselves and gave a description of what services/programs that they provide. The goal of this group will be an interactive partnership to provide exceptional recreational opportunities for our communities.

I called Rempel's Insurance and spoke with Cheryl Gemmell in regards to insurance for owners of dangerous dogs. She indicated that home owners insurance does have coverage for animals who bite. Although once a claim for this reason has been placed, if there was a second occurrence, then there would be no coverage. Also if in breach of a dangerous dog declaration, there would no coverage. She doesn't feel that there is a market for extra coverage, but was going to inquire with other insurance providers to see if this an option.

I received an email from Angela Braun from Genesis House. She was looking for a space to provide a 10 week program called Respectful Futures. I followed up this email with Arien, who then contacted her. They are in the planning stages at present. This program will be at the Morris Multiplex.

The Community Partners mtg is on Oct 22. It is a conference call only. I am the only one who has replied to the invitation to date.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Committees, Boards, and Activities Attended:

Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

Items of Interest to Report on:

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Dig-All crews are still pushing cable and Valley Fiber crews are still connecting lines.

The last of the asphaltting to be done this year will be the pad for VAS and Rebecca Cove as well as some crack filling on Charles Avenue is time and material allows.

The pool is 75% shutdown and winterizing will be complete by the middle of October. The splash park will be winterized by the end of October.

Flower pots have been removed from Main Street and additional PW would like to purchase some bigger castle pots for next year. The sidewalks along Main Street have been pressure washed. Fall clean-up will take place October 19-23 in 2 zones as was done for spring clean-up. Street sweeping will depend on weather. Christmas lights will go up in mid-

November (the lights are in need of replacement and PW will provide costs). PW would like to repair and upgrade the cemetery entrance.

The Agassiz storm sewer job is now complete.

The speed hump on Willow Drive will be removed in early November for winter. Any suggestions on placement for next year?

The Mary Street sewer project should be completed and back filled on October 7. Asphalt should be arranged before winter. There were water line breaks during the sewer repair and magnified the need for a valve turning program.

The water distribution plant repairs have been completed. Both cells were cleaned and disinfected. They replaced 50 feet of floor drain. They supplied and installed stainless steel ladders and 3 new hatches. They also repaired the pump suction line and foot valve. Some of the initial proposed repairs were not included for cost savings. The cell condition was determined to be really good. The boil water advisory was adhered to and approved by the Office of Drinking Water.

Morris 2030 Report

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By: Councillor Tim Lewis

Committees, Boards, and Activities Attended:

Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

Infrastructure Maintenance and Replacement

(Proper use of Asset Management and a plan for continual maintenance and replacement)

- Streets - \$300,000.00 bi-annually to have a continual street replacement program
- Sidewalks - Maintain the status quo on annual sidewalk budget
- Sewer/Water Lines - Increase the water/sewer line budget to \$75,000.00/year
- Hydrants - Increase budget from \$10,000 > \$20,000 (43-year replacement plan)

Public Works Machinery and Equipment Replacement

- \$100,000 annually (Unused portion to be placed into an equipment replacement reserve for future items >\$100,000)

Water Distribution Plant Replacement

- 2021 Engineering consultation & designed plan \$200,000.00 - \$250,000.00
 - Including Fire Pump & Genset
 - 2022 Submersible Main VSP & Secondary VSP pump \$100,000.00 - \$125,000.00
 - 2023 Submersible Backup VSP & Low Flow VSP \$100,000.00 - \$125,000.00
 - 2024 Reconstruction of existing building \$100,000.00 - \$125,000.00
- (This would work better in a two year plan with engineering and planning in the first year and actual replacement and reconstruction in the second year.)

Multiplex Parking Lot Paved

- New storm drain installed
 - \$10,000.00
 - Connection to MI LDS approved
- 2021 potential for complete replacement using milled asphalt
 - \$100,000 contract work for ground preparation

Public works Shop

- Complete new build - \$800,000.00

Expansion

(As the Town grows there will be additional infrastructure needs)

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Recommendations:

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- Councillor Mel Baxter

The library has instituted an Informed Consent Form for covid-19 contract tracing for those patrons entering the library. Individuals need to sign in with name and phone number in the event a case is reported and follow up tracing is required. Each daily list is kept for 21 days then destroyed. The 2019 annual library report has been finalized and indicates how the library is run, statistics for the year, librarian & board reports and statement of revenue & expenses. The library has valley fibre as their internet provider with a new email address of "valleyregionallibrary@gmail.com"

Morris District Handi-Van Report

The volume of Handi-Van ride requests are starting to increase as we enter the fall season. Vehicles are being winterized with new winter tires purchased where needed. There is some concern over the reduced utilization of the multi-passenger bus due to covid-19 restrictions. The committee is accessing the need to acquire a parking spot with hydro for the bus.

Noted and discussed

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- **Councillor Ruth Murray**

John Voth has resigned from MASS

Noted

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- **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

(Not in attendance)

Project Board Reports:

Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin

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

New Business:

- Council Committees and Boards
 - Now is the time to consider if you wish to request a change
- **Morris 2030- Scott Crick**
 - Morris 2030 presentation – November 2nd meeting scheduled
- MoTown Motors request approved with conditions

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm