



## Council Committee as a Whole

# MINUTES

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (via Go to Meetings)

*6:30 pm Virtual Meeting*

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

*Not in attendance: Trevor Thiessen*

*Also in attendance: CFO, Chris Janke*

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**Delegations: NONE**

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

#### **Mayor Scott Crick**

- Industrial Land
- Pembina Valley Water Coop

**Noted and discussed**

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#### **Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin**

VAS – continue to assist with monitoring financials. They plan to replace the tin on the orange buildings no start date but hopefully by end of June. Not all of the items in storage have been removed yet due to Covid and lack of ability for people to travel across borders. We may need to shuffle items to other storage so that work can happen on the orange buildings. They have hired a summer student to help with grounds maintenance and other duties.

Assisted Living – we have pushed back our meeting with Red River Group back to September. We are hoping that we will be able to have an in-person meeting by this time.

Economic Development – contract is being signed with Century 21 to list and promote the lots in the Morris Industrial Park. Once the contract is signed, we will share information on all inquiries we have received to this point and hopefully sales will follow.

AMM – District Meeting – attended this meeting virtually. It was interesting to hear the updates from Government and AMM presidents on progress on existing resolutions. It was also interested to hear about the Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corporation and the progress made to this point. Co-chairs, Joe Masi and Chuck Davidson should provide strong leadership. Margo Cathcart, the new CEO, appears to have all the qualifications to help move this forward. I would like to follow up to better understand its role and how it can help us improve our economic development.

## Noted and discussed

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### Councillor Margaret Johnston

RRVPCC Meeting held on May 6<sup>th</sup> via Zoom

The director's report was given, covering the many programs and activities that have taken place over the winter and spring. Despite the pandemic the center has been able to reach 71 families providing them with online opportunities as well as the many kits, books, games and puzzles through the lend-o-rama. A web site was created and all materials have been barcoded to allow for tracking. With donations and working along with Super Thrifty the child center has 200 games and puzzles available.

A student has been hired for the summer and Students Park program. This will again be run at the pool park as well as other outdoor public spaces throughout town.

Noted and discussed

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### Councillor Tim Lewis

#### Public Works Report

April 2021

##### Steaming Culverts

- Crews continued steaming into April due to weather conditions

##### Street Maintenance

- Sweeping has been completed
- Street/Pothole assessment continues
  - Asphalt patching truck to be rented for early May

##### Water Plant

- Waiting on grant approvals

##### Water Bypass Lines (frozen water line prevention)

- Most bypass lines have been turned off
  - Critical ones have been left on for the time being

##### Signage

- New signs have been installed on James St East
  - Signs changed to read "60 Minute Parking"

##### Morris Industrial Park

- No recent construction

##### Multiplex Parking Lot

- Multiplex LDS (land drain system) installation has begun
- Main parking lot area has been designed based on elevations
- Working along side Nelson River Construction & MB Infrastructure for the LDS tie-in
- Final quotes are being compiled

Swimming Pool

- Working with Rec to prep the pool for summer
  - Sand filter work completed
  - Pool drained & acid washed
  - Pool filled and pumps operational

Scratching River Park

- All ice shacks have been placed into storage lots or removed from site
- Parking area to be graded and prepped in May

MB Infrastructure projects

- Working closely with Steve Penner for the Hwy 75 South project
  - Will be meeting with Bayview Construction to discuss milled asphalt drop off site
- Working closely with Manjit Chana for the Hwy 23 East project
  - Working with Nelson River Construction for milled asphalt as well as the multiplex parking lot project

**Noted and discussed**

**Councillor Mel Baxter**

**Morris Area Fdn report**

The AGM of the foundation was held June-8/21. The biggest event was the adoption of a revised By-Law #2. It provides for term limits on members as well as a method to have the town and RM to appoint new members should the existing member group be dissolved. This will allow for continued management of the foundation if needed. The current executive was re-elected for the new year to function from AGM 2021 to AGM 2022.

Grant projects have all been started or completed for the current year. Youth in Philanthropy through the school are looking for opportunities to distribute their funds for 2021. The MAF endowment fund stands at \$385,980.90 and the Health & Wellness fund is \$41,853.74 as of 5/31/2021. The Southern Health bank level is \$224,445.95

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- Discussion was held on the role of the RM and the Town in facilitating the Morris Area Foundation.
- Golf Course Committee – the course is working on aerating and seeding.

**Noted and discussed**

**Councillor Ruth Murray**

CIB-Spent time touching base with Brian& Carolyn regarding planting of flowers, making contact with volunteers, checking out various sites that had planters on location. We had a very successful day for planting on June 7th in the P.W .shed. 10 volunteers showed up & P.W. had the planters arranged so we could social distance while wearing our masks. Perhaps we did break health regulations by not staying home but we had to start somewhere because of the extreme heat the planters @ the North & West signs will be done later as well as the Stampede Bed, Museum & Smith Park. Am grateful PW let us keep plants in shed & also for using the rain barrel approach for watering? Have had to tell some people we have been unable to keep up with some of the mowing (especially dandelions) as we still did not have our Green Team to help.

I was able to hear most of the District AMM meeting as we were finished planting so early.

**Noted and discussed**

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**Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

Not in attendance

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**Project Board Reports:**

**New Business:**

- Weed Control and Mowing in Public Spaces

***Noted and discussed***

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.