



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

January 13, 2022

7:36 pm

In attendance: Tim Lewis, Chris Hamblin, Mel Baxter, Margaret Johnston, Ruth Murray, Trevor Thiessen -via zoom, Mayor Scott Crick

Not in attendance: *No one*

Also in attendance: Brigitte Doerksen CAO

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

Mayor Scott Crick

Events attended or Mayoral activities (paid):

Events attended or Mayoral activities (unpaid):

Jan 11/22: In the Mayor's Chair (0.5 hrs)

Dec-Jan/22: Various phone calls and correspondence, meeting prep, interviews (10 hours)

Items of Interest to Report on:

1. As discussed at Committee as a Whole in December, we have been asked to submit a letter of support and a resolution in favor of Montcalm not wanting to create an additional PVWC storage facility in their RM. This has been submitted for review tonight.
2. As we enter the last 8 months of our mandate, the immediate need will be budgeting for 2022. However, we should ensure that any projects we would like to complete before then end of our term are actioned. On my list are:
 - a. Rental By-Law
 - b. Business Incubator
 - c. Any further discussion on mega-project
 - d. Any further discussion on a housing authority and with MH
3. As we do go into budget season, I have reached out to other RMs who have higher use rates of our swimming pool asking if they would like to discuss joint support/management of this facility. I have received 2 responses that this will be considered by them (Morris and Ritchot). This will need to be considered when setting rates for pool admissions and swimming lessons as part of this year's budget.
4. Otherwise, I look forward to this Council's final budget. My expectation is that due to property value increases that assessments will be increasing materially in 2022. Like in 2020, we will need to balance an adjustment to the mill rate versus this increase in property value.

Noted and discussed

Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

- Valley Ag Society
- Housing (Senior)

Noted and discussed

Councillor Margaret Johnston

Recreation - Breakfast with Santa went well. Only about ½ of the attendees from previous years, but expected with Covid19. The donation to the Christmas Cheer Board will be about \$500. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers, who planned, decorated and came with their Christmas Spirit to make this event a success.

The toboggan hill and skating rink should be opening soon, hopefully by the end of the week.

The Winter Carnival is on the table, and depending on Covid restrictions, may be a fully outdoor event.

With all of the snowfall, Snowshoe rentals will be available.

Interagency Group- As this committee has been dormant during of Covid19, I reached out to the previous chair, Randi Bourke, to see about getting it up and running. As she has been involved with the public health side of things during the pandemic she is unable to continue chairing. She has sent out an email to all parties to ask if there is anyone who would be interested in taking over the chair.

Just as an FYI -There has been more vandalism at the Dog Park!

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Public Works Report

2022 Budget

- Should be completed by Jan 15th
- Capital expenses
 - Water plant restoration
 - Charles Street West (1st block)
 - Walking Trail Project **removed** due to cost and time constraints

Winter Projects

- Outdoor arena to be erected this week
- Toboggan Hill
 - Hoping to have it completed by mid January

Main Street

- Decorative light poles
 - Met with MB Hydro in January
 - Poles will be scheduled for removal in spring
- Christmas lights won the Chamber of Commerce business category (\$60 chamber bucks)
 - Chamber bucks were used to purchase \$60 of food for the food bank

Snow Removal

- Increased snow removal compared to last winter

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

Morris Area Foundation Report

The MAF committee met to recap the success of the Endow Man. Giving Challenge Week. \$41,395 was raised this year, an approximate 20% increase over 2020. The Round It Up campaign at Morris Bigway was a success and thanks go to the Morris Chamber for sponsoring the electronic reader board announcing the event and to all the donations. Budgetary planning is underway for 2022.

Valley regional library

The library committee approved subscribing to Overdrive, an e-mail magazine company that will allow library patrons to access magazines on-line. This should be up and running shortly in the new year; an announcement will follow. Amendments to the Municipal Act for regional public libraries exempting them from municipal tax was passed in Oct 2021 and should be ready for the next taxation year. Library budget preparation for 2022 is currently taking place.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Ruth Murray

Not much to report. Zoom call on Dec 13 with RRVB regarding LiDARlight imaging .Great program but far too expensive . Still working on Cook for MASS & congregate meals. Very grateful for volunteers.

Also a Thank you note from Morris Library for the Tote Bags we got from AMM . They will use them when they lend out tablets or e- Readers- Perfect .

Noted and discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Manor Board mtg January 19th, 2022
- PVWC AGM in February

Noted and discussed

Project Board Reports:

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin

Councillor Lewis to reach out to the RHA before budget to find out if there is anything they'd like for us to do for 2022

New Business: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.