



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

March 10th, 2022

6:30 pm

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

Also in attendance: Brigitte Doerksen CAO

Delegations:

6:30 Delegation: Rhoda Keck from Regional Connections via Go to Meeting

- Rhoda Keck presented her presentation to Council via Go to Meeting

7:00 Delegation: Janice Fyfe & Melissa Marion- Willow Park Project

- Melissa and Janice attended the meeting to update council with their project

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

Mayor Scott Crick

- EMO Spring Condition Update
- PVWC meeting with Mayor's/Reeves

Noted and discussed

Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development committee met on February 18 to discuss the Morris Industrial Park and other opportunities in Morris.

We are looking at getting signage for the Industrial Park to place north of Morris and possibly one on the West side of Morris. We also discussed other signage possibilities with follow up to continue on this. We are asking for inclusion in the budget to cover the costs of this signage. We have requested a meeting with Century 21 in May to provide a one-year update on progress with sales in the park.

Members of the committee also met with representatives of a company exploring retail opportunities in town. A good discussion was had but the exploration is very preliminary at this time.

Valley Agricultural Society

Board meeting was held on March 3, 2022. Plans are coming together for the Rumble in the Valley and for the Manitoba Stampede and Exhibition. Contracts are being booked with performers, stock, midway etc.

Sponsorship / Advertising opportunities are being pursued with some already in place. Several grants have been applied for to assist with the grandstand upgrades, and for other aspects of the shows. VAS will be working with Tim Hortons on the "Smile" cookies fund raising program.

Further discussion on the budget with commitment to have it completed for next meeting.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Margaret Johnston

Morris Recreation

- Recreation received the approval from Department of Canadian Heritage that we have been approved for the Canada Funding applied for in the amount of \$2100.00
- The Outdoor rink is getting a lot of use with the nice weather, a flood is done about three times a week to maintain it
- We will be hosting the Tiny gallery from the Public Brew House and Gallery out of Steinbach from March 14-April 29th. They will be featuring Julianna Zwierchadlowska-Rhymer who grew up in Morris. She was the winner of the 2006 Morris Canada Day painting contest that hangs in the Town office. The concept of the gallery is neat as its all enclosed in an old phone booth. It will be set up either in the Main Multiplex lobby or outside the front door.
- Some improvements have been made to the toboggan hill to clear the slides a bit and have it easier to climb up.
- The snowshoes were used by the school for two weeks, they were very appreciative and will use them again in their gym programming next year, we have also have families taking them out that have never snowshoed before and they've had a great time with them. Recreation purchased some adjustable snowshoes for younger kids they range for kids between 35-85 lbs.
- Walk Stretch and Refresh has return for three classes now, running Mon & Wed mornings and the class size sits around 13 per class.
- The Winter Festival runs on Saturday from 1-4. There will be activities inside and outside. Inside there will be three bouncy houses, cotton candy, slushies, maybe a balloon artist, and from 2:30-3:15 there will be Mr. Circus a fire performer. Outside will have skating, tobogganing, the broom ball set out, 2 or 3 firepits, snow painting, snow ball target practice, sugar shack, hot dogs, Dexters Mini Donut Food Truck and more.
- The 2nd St Vital trip is booked with the Handi-Van for March 17, it looks like we may fill the bus
- Recreation Hockey is winding down, this year Recreation was able to schedule them 4 games, with weather 2 were cancelled and the last on is on the 17 here in Morris against Emerson
- Writing a Mental health grant through healthy together to bring in a mental wellness group for teens, Recreation has asked Jodi Griffith from Whole Hearted Sage to be the practitioner for this.
- Planning a couples date and dance night that will run once a week for 4 weeks, that couples get out for a date night and learn salsa, tango, or ballroom (undecided which)
- Working on a community recreation survey for the year, now that we are coming out of Covid...what does our community need
- April 9th the Spring Fling Vendor & Craft Market is happening this year for the first time in two years, I can handle 70 vendors and have had a overwhelming response to advertising.

RRVPCC-

Director's Report-The various programs offered continue to be well received and attended, both via Zoom and through activity kits provided. Up until the end of October the Stay and Play Program was outdoors! They are hopeful that come March, as restrictions are lifted, that in person programming can begin.

Cheryl has taken the Accessibility Employment Policy courses. New hires will be required take these as well.

The AGM is scheduled for March15th via Zoom.

I attended the 2022 Recreation Manitoba Conference on line portion on March 3, 2022.

The breakout sessions that I attended were: #1- Fundraising Fundamentals, for Recreation, Parks and Sports. #2-Top 10 ways to Support Performance Improvement. #3-The Value of Parks as Green Infrastructure.

Recreation Budget has had a few changes related to quotes that have come in. Once finalized, it will be forwarded to the committee, as well as to Mel Baxter.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Community Futures Triple R, March Board meeting:

A Community Futures Board meeting was held in person on March 7, 2022 at the RM of Hanover council chambers. All member municipalities were present except for Altona and Montcalm.

Items of Interest to Report on:

Most member municipalities reported that they are either working on or recently finished their budgets for 2022. Those that have completed their budgets are reporting a 2% to 6% increase from 2021.

Triple R normally meets on a monthly basis, although during Covid, we were doing Zoom meetings for both the regular board meetings and BIRC meetings. We decided we will try holding our meetings in person every two months with BIRC meeting as required (subject to restrictions).

Our year end is March 31 and our targets for loans are 8 loans for a total of \$400000. For the past year we are currently at 4 loans for a total of \$480000. These will likely be our year end numbers unless anything else is completed before the end of the month.

The Community Futures National Event will be held May 7-11, 2022 in Ottawa, Ontario. Triple R will be attending this event.

Committees, Boards, and Activities Attended:

Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

Items of Interest to Report on:

A meeting was held on March 8 between Mel Baxter, Brian Wiebe, Brigitte Doerksen and Tim Lewis.

Public Works has completed their budget for 2022 and committee review has been completed.

Due to the extreme weight of the snow, the river ice has actually been pushed down and water and slush is being pushed on top of the ice causing difficulty with the ice shacks being removed. Due to the forecasted possible flood the owners will be allowed to park them, in a very orderly fashion, at the top of the hill.

The outdoor arena and toboggan hills are now in use.

Street cleaning, hydrant cleaning and intersection cleaning are on-going. Public works is hoping to work with MI in the near future to remove the snow on Main Street. There have been increased costs for snow removal due to truck contracting and the need to level snow at the snow dump.

The water plant re-design is in the works and the grant was approved for that. Grant funding for the plant re-build a near certainty. The drawings should be complete in April, tender should go out and be awarded in about June-July and the work should start in about September. Most of the work should be completed by the January to March 2023 time frame.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

VALLEY LIBRARY REPORT

The new e-magazine online option has had a good uptake during the first month of operation. In-person traffic was slow in Jan. due likely to the cold weather and snowfall. The library has opted to keep the wearing of masks in place for staff and patrons after Mar-15.

MORRIS & DIST. HANDIVAN REPORT

The new additional parking garage has been completed at the Public Works building. Total expenditures for it's construction have been received and paid for. The audit report by BDO has been completed. Questions were raised about finding a cheaper alternative to BDO. The hunt continues. With the relaxation in Covid regulations, handVan volumes are picking up. All vehicles have had safety inspections done. Dale Hoffman has joined the board and is helping out with driving as well.

MORRIS AREA FOUNDATION REPORT

The MAF executive have prepared a revised budget and is awaiting board approval. Thanks to the town for approval on the new Admin. Support Fund grant. The MAF is working on an information package for possible new recruits and to provide useful info for current members.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Ruth Murray

MASS -Feb 22- Most of the discussion was staff @ Davidson Centre re congregate meals, a cook required, & the co-ordinator's schedule.(Pat Eidse) .There is so much red tape involved with Manitoba Housing . They have to sanction the go ahead re using the dining room. We need to get a replacement for Rhonda Hamblin .We are very grateful to have Joanne Storey-Desaulniers as treasurer as she is very aware of government rules & regulations . Also Lorraine Loewen has been a God send doing the cooking for the meals .This however is temporary till a permanent cook is acquired. The AGM will be held on May 31,2022 @ 1:30p.m. Plan is for virtual, hope for in-person.

Chamber of Commerce-The next mtg will be March 15,2022, @ Trucker's restaurant as well as on line@ 8:00a.m.

E-mail - morris chamber of commerce @ gmail .com if you require further info.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- **Manor**
- **Protective Services**

Noted and discussed

Project Board Reports:

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin

Assisted Living Project Report to Committee as a Whole March 10, 2022

A meeting was held with representatives from the Town of Morris, the RM of Morris and the RM of Montcalm. Also in attendance was a representative from Red River Group. Consensus among the group is that there is definitely a need for senior housing with some level of assists. There are various levels of housing with varying services and corresponding costs. Options for ownership and governance were discussed. Most for-profit centres require a minimum of 80 suites to create the economies of scale to generate a profit. It was felt that this area may not be able to support that many suites. This means that we would likely need to rely on support from area residents and businesses to fund the building project.

The group has been asked to discuss with their respective councils the benefits of pursuing discussions around a senior's housing with some level of assists to be built in the area.

Noted and discussed

New Business:

1. **VAS- partnership booklet information**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.