



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

April 28th, 2022

6:30 pm

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

Not in attendance: Chris Hamblin

Also in attendance: CAO, Brigitte Doerksen

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

Mayor Scott Crick

Events attended or Mayoral activities (paid):

Events attended or Mayoral activities (unpaid):

Apr 12/22: In the Mayor's Chair (0.5 hrs)

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

Items of Interest to Report on:

1. The current flooding situation has been rather hectic, with a dozen discussions with the media in the last two days. It is important to continue to message that the flooding will have limited effect on the community, and that people look for ways to support local business through this time.
2. I want to express appreciation for Minister Piwiniuk, who reached out to me before meeting with MI on Tuesday. The only ask I had was that we keep the highway open as long as possible, and MI is attempting to do this without compromising safety.
3. Also want to express a thanks for MI who has interacted with our Town staff and I in a proactive manner. It is important that we share news with the public, and having MI onside has certainly helped.
4. We do face a decision if we wish to purchase more land within the dike as it becomes available. I would like to respond to the vendor at some point soon, so would appreciate some discussion on this tonight.
5. Thank you to the Morris Early Learning Centre for accepting our request to have a Town representative formally on their Board. The Town will be an important partner as they look towards a long-term expansion, and I hope we can provide resource and advocacy to help make this happen.
 - a. There will be a goal-setting meeting for PVWC on April 29th that Board members, Mayors, and Reeves will be attending. This should be an interesting session, and I hope they received good feedback from the survey responses that the municipalities submitted.

Noted and discussed

Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin
Valley Agricultural Society

Plans are progressing well for the summer events (Rumble in the Valley, Manitoba Stamped and Exhibition and the Farmers' Market). Concessions are being booked and contracts with providers are being booked. There is lots of excitement around the board to have events back.

Repair work on the Grandstand is scheduled to begin as soon as weather allows with the goal to be completed (or at least structural work completed) in time for Rumble.

The budget has been finalized and approved by the board.

Grants and sponsorship work continues and will be important for the bottom line of the show.

A part time staff person will be hired shortly to assist in the office and with administering work around the grounds, campsite and for storage pick up and fall deliveries.

Economic Development Committee

Century 21 has been asked to join us at CAAW in May to provide an update on action on sales in the Morris Industrial Park.

I have been in touch with Roadmap and Storcool about highway signage. We are looking to have Roadmap provide the design work and Storcool to make the sign for the highway. We have asked for one large sign at this time with possibly a second smaller one at a later date.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Margaret Johnston

RRVPCC held their AGM via ZOOM on March 15th.

Program Director's Report gave a recap of the previous year.

Despite Covid 19, the programs ran and were well attended, both in person, when able to be outside, as well as via on line. Parents were able to take part in the many activity kits provided to them over the fall and winter.

In person programming will be starting at the Lowe Farm School and at the United Church!

The financial report was given. Grant applications are in.

With the HCC restructuring still not done, that grant should remain the same, allowing for the programs to be offered as before.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

Items of Interest to Report on:

A meeting was held on April 11 between Mel Baxter, Brian Wiebe, Brigitte Doerksen and Tim Lewis.

Public Works is awaiting the impending storm and snow clearing will be dependent on accumulation and duration of the storm. There was increased cost to snow clearing, hauling and ditching due to the amount of snow this past winter.

Steaming has been vastly reduced at the Multiplex parking lot due to the new drainage. Other steaming and drainage is continuing on a daily basis.

Spring projects include removing the outdoor arena and the toboggan hill, street cleaning and sweeping once it is dry enough and storm sewer work along Stampede ditch and Agassiz Trail.

Main Street center boulevard repairs will start when it is dry enough and the contractor plans to finish the south end of Main Street this summer.

There has been an issue with the main water pump and parts are unavailable. It has been repaired but the fire department has been notified that fire hydrant training should be postponed until the new pumps have been installed.

The grader repair is expected to be completed within about a week at a cost of approximately \$19000.

Robert Collette has started back at his seasonal position and Jimmy Berg will be starting back on May 1 at half time and then will be re-assessed by his doctor.

Noted and discussed

**Councillor Mel Baxter
Riverview Golf Comm.**

The first meeting of the Riverview Golf Committee for 2022 was held recently. Discussions centered around staff for the season and the potential restaurant opportunities available. Equipment is being serviced and a drink cart cooler is being modified and restored for use on the course. Cart storage, membership and sponsorship invoices have been sent out. An estimated opening date was not dealt with as we await the spring melt to check on course conditions.

VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

The library's e-magazine program continues to be popular with physical checkouts increasing monthly. Back issues of mags are available allowing for special research on topics. February saw a good increase in children's and junior book usage with the "I Love to Read Month" theme occurring. Next year there is hope of having guest readers involved.

The library is busy collecting items and books for the mid-may garage sale in town.

Work should begin soon on the outdoor gazebo slated for summer usage.

MORRIS AREA FOUNDATION REPORT

The MAF met recently and updated their 2021 grants. Plans are underway for the annual general meeting scheduled for June-2/2022. The MAF nominating committee has come up with two new recruits to be presented for election at the AGM. An informational package about the MAF is being developed for current and prospective new members. The recent federal budget has a couple of items that will affect community foundations and are being evaluated. Thanks to the Town and RM for granting

MORRIS HANDIVAN REPORT

The Handi Van AGM was held on April-12th with the operational, maintenance and finance reports being approved. It was agreed to continue the mask policy but to show flexibility when needed. New posters are to be created to advertise the service. The maximum bus capacity was slightly adjusted so as to safely fit the number of clients utilizing the Wpg shopping trips.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Ruth Murray

MASS

In the process of installing the flooring in the kitchen & dining hall. As a result, there are no congregate meals until finished. Pat Eidse has at this time taken her holidays and the volunteer has taken time off. The kitchen has been cooking till noon. We are still searching for a permanent cook.

Weed Board

Weed inspector, Luke Hemphill is now back on duty starting on April 4. Lots to do organizing & backing up 2021 files Has checked with MIT and chemical storage and has continued working on smooth pigweed & grasshopper releases. He had the truck serviced. He attended the MWSA seminar all morning. Checked the 2022 MIT agreement. Reviewed pesticide & noxious weed regulations.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- **Manor- things overall are going very well**
- **PVWC meeting in April**
- **Protective Services**

Noted and discussed

Project Board Reports:

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin

The committee met on March 24 and consensus was that the 3 municipalities (Town of Morris, RM of Morris and RM of Montcalm) are agreeable to continuing to explore opportunities for the creation of an assisted living facility in the region. It is the hope of the committee that this project can be funded from donations and not from the municipalities. The municipalities have agreed to some seed money to help with the initial stages of set up. A meeting is being planned for June 7, 2022, with a broader group of participants representing people already involved in seniors' housing and seniors' care. Invitations will be sent out later in April.

Noted and discussed

New Business:

1. **Letters of Concern-regarding property on Main Street**
2. **Morris Early Learning Centre- discuss who wishes to sit on their board**
3. **Luke & Kathy Wiebe proposal for Charles Street property location**

Noted and discussed

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.