



## Council Committee as a Whole

# MINUTES

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

7:00 pm

**In attendance:** Tim Lewis, Mel Baxter, Trevor Thiessen (via Teams) Ruth Murray, Chris Hamblin and Mayor Scott Crick

**Also in attendance:** CAO Brigitte Doerksen

**Not in attendance:** Margaret Johnston

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

#### Mayor Scott Crick

- Curling Club
- Pursuing the Government re: Dike closures/75 hwy being closed- yet to receive a response
- Day Care Board meeting

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#### Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Valley Agricultural Society Report

Preparation is taking place to get the facilities ready for Rumble. There have been work parties most nights over the last couple of weeks.

Grandstand repairs are coming along. Work will be halted during Rumble and will resume after to have it completed prior to the Stampede.

Storage is slow in moving out this year due to the late spring and the flooding that is preventing people from accessing their cottages.

Still working on sponsorship and applications for grants to assist in the financials of the organization.

**Noted and discussed**

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#### Councillor Margaret Johnston

##### Recreation Report:

Events/Activities:

-Canada Day Celebrations in person!!!: Free Swim, Bounce Castles, BBQ, Fireworks, all to be held at the Multiplex/VAS Area.

-Comedy Night, round 2- July 8<sup>th</sup>

-Pool programming- Aqua Zumba, Teen Night, Tot Swim

Gymkys are finishing up its last 2 weeks

-Walk Stretch and Refresh has finished and will begin again in the fall.

-Women's Circuit Training- organizing

-Rustic Paint Night- organizing

##### Pool Updates:

- The pool opened up Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The first group lessons started June 6<sup>th</sup>

-The splash pad repairs are in the works, with FulFlo. Melissa hopes to have a better timeline and the repairs by the end of the week.

**Noted and discussed**

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**Councillor Tim Lewis**

**Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)**

Items of Interest to Report on:

A meeting was held on June 6 between Mel Baxter, Brian Wiebe, Brigitte Doerksen and Tim Lewis.

Public Works has been working with Brigitte on costs relating to a DFA claim in regards to the spring flood. With highway 75 north opening today we should have access to the cemetery to start assessing damage.

All water lines have now thawed out and bypass lines will be turned off this week.

Main Street center boulevards will be repaired when dry enough and construction has resumed at the south end of town. Decorative lights will be coming down in June subject to Manitoba Hydro availability.

The new water plant drawings are now complete. Public Works is working with Associated Engineering to finalize items before going to tender.

Public Works has been working with Dan and Darren to teach them how to do pool start up. The pool is now operational. The splash park repairs are beyond the scope of what PW can do and will be completed by contractors.

Street sweeping has begun and will run for another 2 to 3 weeks.

Brian will get firm prices on permanent versus temporary speed humps. We would need to decide where we want them and how many.

Town cleanup is nearly completed and Brian will get real costs for that. An issue of concern is mattresses and box springs.

There are several Town of Morris banners on Main Street that need to be replaced.

Mosquito fogging may begin this week.

Public Works is discussing the possibility of purchasing a ½ ton truck as part of the regular equipment replacement schedule and giving one of the older ones to the Multiplex staff for their maintenance of the sports facilities.

**Noted and discussed**

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**Councillor Mel Baxter**

**VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT**

Valley Regional Library approved changing the internet and phone supplier to Vally Fibre at the latest committee meeting. The dollar saving from the current supplier (BELLMTS) is significant. The library received a grant from Rosenort school, Youth In Philanthropy, which will enable a new circulation counter to be built allowing for wheelchair access and easier computer use for those with disabilities. The library is also applying for other grants to repair the entrance ramp and bicycle stand. The library lost a friend and mentor recently, Rita Covernton. Rita's artwork brightened up the library and her spirit of volunteerism will be missed.

**Noted and discussed**

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## **Councillor Ruth Murray**

May 31- Mass Board meeting from 10:30-12:00. Discussed the repairs that had been done. Still without a cook. Unable to open the dining area until a cook is found. Finalized budget & prepared for AGM in the afternoon. The AGM was held @ The Davidson centre @1:30-3:00 with reports from Pat Eidse's & Leslie Poulin. It was suggested we advertise for job sharing the position of the cook. Perhaps this might be feasible.

June 2- I attended the A G M of the Morris & Area Foundation. A presentation was given by a number of recipients of grants from the Foundation. The first was from the students of the Morris School with Youth in Philanthropy teaching young people the importance of giving back & how that benefits local charities. The Rosenort school was also involved helping K-Tech with Habitat for Humanities in the building of a home for a family of 2 parents & 8 children living in a 600 sq. Ft suite in a basement in Winnipeg. All are working in the building of this home.

Trevor gave a report on the Morris Manor another success story. Two new board members joined & it was interesting to find out all donations are matched by Endow Manitoba & interest rates are 14% rather than 1-2% .What an asset for Morris.

June 7- attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting from 8-9 a.m.@ Stampede Inn. Working on Stampede Kick Off which will be held on the grounds this year.

Am working on having volunteers help weed perennial beds as well as planting of the planters this week coming up.

I am going to forward a letter I received from CIB Manitoba in regard to accomplishments made in spite of all the problems we have encountered. I had submitted pics & stories of work completed by volunteers. These pics will appear in the National newsletter coming up in the near future.

### **Noted and discussed**

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## **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

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### **Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin**

We hosted a meeting on June 7. The invites included representatives from various groups involved in seniors' housing. We had 21 people attending from 4 municipalities and including our consultant, Gordon Damon. Gordon presented some information on what others have been doing as well as the demographics of the area compared to the Provincial numbers. Based on the demographics of the area, he believes we can support 40 – 70 units. This was followed by an open forum of discussion, questions and comments. General agreement was that the need is not large enough to sustain for profit facilities (a minimum of 80 units would be needed) and that we need to look at fund raising to support the completion of this project. It was felt that we may want to consider a mixed-use facility with some independent living suites along with the assisted living suites. Details will be worked out as we proceed.

The committee will start to review and set up by-laws for a new organization to manage the new accessible housing project.

### **New Business: None**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.