



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

July 28th, 2022

5:30 pm

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

Not in attendance: Scott Crick (joined in at 6:30 pm)

5:30 Delegation: Melissa Marion- Facility Manager - Wellness Center financial position.

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

Mayor Scott Crick

- Stampede was an excellent turnout
 - Curling Club lease agreement discussion
 - Mayor to set up a meeting with economic development and the EDO of Emerson/Franklin
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Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Valley Agricultural Society

Stampede has wrapped up for another year. It was great to have the show back and see everyone on the grounds. This year the Kick-Off was held on the grounds in front of the grandstand. The Fire Department cooked steaks and served approximately 300 dinners. The atmosphere was very good with lots of people on the grounds. This was a trial location. We look forward to hearing from the Chamber of Commerce to hear their opinion on the event.

Friday's show was well attended. Saturday afternoon the grandstand was full with lots of people still wandering the midway and viewing the fair activities. The evening show was also very well attended. We had some issues getting everyone ticketed for the shows as the volume was higher than anticipated. Although this was overall good, we will have some lessons learned to be more prepared for this in future years. Sunday's show was also a very good crowd.

The Fair had lots of great events for spectators to enjoy and the crowds were treated a good show.

The Gathering of Nations took some time to pull everything together, but the result was also a great show with lots of people seeking out information so that they could attend to watch the free stage.

Beer Gardens was also enjoyed as the weather was perfect for enjoying. Not too hot and not too cold. Entertainment was great music.

It was great to see so many people having a good time. It is too soon to have an accurate picture of the finances, but they should be positive.

We have received some grants for work on the grandstand but are hoping to hear on others. The pier work has been completed but we would like to do further upgrades to the seating area with repairs, railings, accessibility and painting. This work will be dependent on receiving more grants.

Grants are continuing to be sought out for other work. Quotes have been received for raising and leveling the North Orange Building. This work is important to sustain the building and will make it more useable for storage.

Next board meeting of VAS is on August 11, 2022.

Not a lot to report in most areas. VAS report attached. Most of my time has been spent with VAS. It was a great show with lots of people attending.

Accessible housing – Gordon has circulated some draft by-laws for review. The committee has all received and are to review. We will try to have another meeting in early August.

Economic Development – nothing new to report. No response to our letter to the premier re: flood and the highway closure and the impact this has had on the businesses in town. I did speak to Minister Clarke at the district meeting, and she was going to send some additional information for some possible support for the businesses. We have not received this yet, but she was not overly optimistic of positive results.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Margaret Johnston

Recreation: Canada Day had a great turnout. The changes to location, Fireworks, having the beer gardens open and a live band playing till dusk were very well received. The grounds were very busy, there was some great students from the leadership class at Morris school out to volunteer as well as some pool staff to run some of the games. The dunk tank brought in a great crowd! For the evening fireworks show, the grandstand had between 150-200 people in it

Recreation programming at the pool right now includes Lap swim Mon & Wed in the AM and Tues evenings, Aqua fitness Mon & Weds, Splish Splash toddler time Saturday mornings, Teen nights (themed) every other Thursday and 55+ swim on the opposite Thursday.

Each program has had great attendance, Aqua fitness increases each week. We were able to order some new equipment for the Aqua-Fitness program through the YIP grant we received.

Fall into Xmas craft show, and Breakfast with Santa are already in the planning stages as well as Fall programming which will include a wellness group for teens this year and some dance discovery classes.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Public Works Report - June 2022

- Street sweeping completed later than usual
- Flower pots & hanging baskets are set out and growing nicely
- No longer using the small baskets
- Assisted with splash park repair
- Grass cutting continues
- Cemetery cleanup was delayed shut completed by end of June
- North sign cleanup completed
- Scratching River Park cleanup 95% done
- Dog Park under construction
- Green team (2) started in July
- Seasonal employee hired in July

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

Riverview Golf Comm. Report

An update on the Riverview Golf Course has extensive cleanup work taking place with the potential start date still weeks off. Everything is being reviewed in order to file our DFA claim. The cart storage unit is close to completion after flood damaged repairs were made. Upgrading the golf cart fleet continues with old units being sold off to take advantage of good used market prices. Promotional ideas were discussed looking forward to a modified season.

Morris District Handi Van Report

Update report has all vehicles safety as well as tire rotation. The service is back to using the bus again for Wednesday shopping shuttles. A new individual has been hired to drive and look after the bookkeeping. To that end, the committee has approved the purchase of computer/printer equipment. A new poster and business card has been developed to advertise the Handi van service and fees. A possible revision may be necessary as the rise in gas prices has the committee looking at some slight fee adjustments. To date the service has absorbed the increased costs.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Ruth Murray

Really not that much to report. I did attend the Stampede Kick Off on Thursday, evening show on Friday. The Stampede Parade as well as greeting people on Saturday. It was great to see the attendance, the shows & great Entertainment. Perhaps more signage could be used for the Kickoff as well for people who do not have Internet or Facebook for the various events. I did have comments re the Cemetery & I do believe we will have to let the Public know if they want any tombstone work done, they have to contact Altona Memorial as they have the proper machinery for moving stones etc. as well as experienced workers. I do hope we have requested aid for flood damage to the cemetery & perhaps some of this could be applied to the grave sites that no longer have family living here. I am looking forward to Thursday's meeting to see all (except Scott) in person.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Manor is still running well. Continuous upgrades including new flooring in suites and the common area. Dale H has resigned. That's very unfortunate as he was a pillar for the rebuild. A request was made to fill his position from the church, awaiting a reply. If nothing is forthcoming this week, we will seek community representation. Otherwise, things are running well.

Protective services. Nothing of import to report at this time. I have asked for a report of stampede events from RCMP. The kickoff BBQ was a success from the FD point of view. I think the venue of the grounds is a no brainer.

PVWC. Nothing new to report. Meeting upcoming.

Stampede Kick-off – great location at the Stampede Grounds

\$1,100 raised for Food bank

Noted and discussed

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin

New Business:

- Curling Club -2022 Lease Agreement review
 - Bring back to the Curling Club for their review
- Wellness Center discussion- financial situation
- Boundary Trails Taxi Service discussion

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.