



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

January 12, 2023

6:30 pm

In attendance: Tim Lewis, Mel Baxter, Taylor Braun, David Funk, Chris Hamblin, Scott Crick, Trevor Thiessen

Not In attendance: No one

Also in attendance: Brigitte Doerksen CAO, Giselle Sabourin, and Dr. Sandy Lange

Public Hearing for Borrowing- water reservoir upgrade @7:00 pm

(Council recessed for the Public Hearing scheduled for 7:00 pm)

Delegation: 7:06

- ***Giselle Sabourin presented herself to Council and provided her credentials.***
 - ***Healthy community***
 - ***Collaborate approach to elaborate on healthy community services.***
 - ***Fundraising initiatives***
 - ***Establish a Healthy Community Committee.***
 - ***Where do you see us (Council) role in this initiative?***
- ***Sandy Lange presented herself to council and provided her credentials as well.***
 - ***Dyna Care Labs Dr. Naidu***
 - ***Will require a letter of support.***
- ***EMO coordinators @ 8:00 – coordinator introduction to Council***

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

Mayor Scott Crick

- Nothing to report

Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Morris and Area Foundation

The Morris and Area Foundation continues to meet monthly virtually. We met on December 13 and again on January 10.

December 13 was also an evening to announce and celebrate this year’s grant recipients. The evening included a short program to announce the grants and hear a bit about their projects. This was then followed by a

reception and informal discussions. Comments were very positive about the format for this year's announcement and the MAF will be looking at ways to build on this.

Donation for the 2022 year exceeded \$70,000. MAF is looking at ways to reach out to its donors as well as potential new donors. We are also looking for ways to reach out using email and social media.

MAF has been holding several "Lunch and Learn" sessions as a tool to help the Board members learn about the operations of the Foundation. These have been useful for me as a new board member. Our last one is coming up on January 17 dealing with Strategic Initiatives.

Economic Development Committee

EDO are continuing to work with staff on promoting our Industrial Park. They have prepared a package for use in promoting the park. They have completed a community profile and initiated a sector profile. They are also setting up meetings with MMI and Highway 75 South Caucus. MMI is a Real Estate Asset Management Group who will help with understanding local markets as it relates to our industrial park and other real estate.

EDO group has also begun the application for Building Sustainable Communities Grant to assist with our Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw. This hasn't been done for about 10 years and should be done approximately every 5 years so this is a good opportunity to get this done.

I had put in a request in December to meet with Manitoba Infrastructure to hear what the plans are for Highway 75 south of Morris and the completion of the flood mitigation plans. We will put in the request for this meeting. Work started last fall but it appears this was preparing the service road so we still don't know details on the Highway and any dyke changes. We would also like to hear what the timelines will look like.

Heritage Fund - discussion

Recovery Fund - discussion

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

Chamber of Commerce

EDO- would like to meet in February/ March. Would also like an update as to what she is currently doing.

Quite a few members that have yet to pay this year's fees. Membership rep to reach out.

Sponsored \$5000.00 to Dekalb

Will be having something small for Ruth Murray for her years of service.

AGM @ Curling club will hopefully be sometime end of January.

Awards night looking @ February 17th - Want to revamp awards criteria

Manitoba Chamber of Commerce has sent out an issue and resolution in regard to Canada-wide early learning and childcare. The Chamber will be supporting the resolution.

Next meeting January 17th, 2023.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis**Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)**

Meeting was held on January 10, 2023.

New stainless steel hanging basket hangers were manufactured by the school welding shop and are complete. The cost was around \$2000.00, about half other quoted costs. Public works is currently scraping Main Street sidewalks and cleaning boulevards.

The new development lift station had further parts problems and they will be replaced/repared when the weather permits.

The public works budget is about 95% complete and they are just waiting on word about the 3-ton truck failure. They are looking to source parts but may need to look at replacing the truck. It is currently unusable.

Some repair work was done on the variable speed drive on the #2 constant pump at the water distribution plant.

The outdoor arena is now open to the public and the toboggan hill will be built as soon as the truck is back in operation.

The new sander is now operational, and we may be able to sell the old one.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- Just waiting for the budget numbers to arrive
- Handivan new rates- will discuss further on

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- Curling Club Rec Meeting
- Early learning Executive meeting

Noted and discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- PVWC
- Morris Manor

Noted and discussed

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin**Assisted Living / Accessible Housing**

The Committee met on December 16, 2022 to review our status and plan our next steps. A Press Release has been prepared and is in the process of being translated prior to being released. We will be distributing to the Carillon, Pembina Valley Online, Steinbach online, Southeast Journal as well as Montcalm will release to La Liberte. We are hoping to have it ready for release shortly. Once released, we will look to releasing a short survey to help us better understand the needs of the area. We will coordinate with the other Municipalities to have this mailed by postal drop to ensure that all in the area will receive. We will also use all available social

media outlets to get the word out. The survey will be available electronically as well and we will be encouraging people to use this method as much as possible as we will be using "Survey Monkey" to enter and tabulate results. R M of Montcalm has offered to have their staff enter paper submissions of the survey into the Survey Monkey for ease of tabulation.

Noted and discussed

New Business:

- Morris District and Handi van Board – New rates
- Red River U9 Female Hockey -request (bring motion to next regular council meeting)

Noted and discussed

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.