



Council Committee as a Whole

Agenda

May 11, 2023

6:30 pm

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

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

Mayor Scott Crick
Nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Morris Area Foundation: Preparing for the AGM June 13. The Endow MB supported staff for ½ day per week is leaving and will be moving to a new position. Endow MB is discussion options for the MAF and are currently suggesting a shared staff person with MAF receiving 1 day per week. This position is supported by the Endow Mb but will cost the MAF more as we are moving from a ½ day per week to a full day per week. This is not finalized at this moment.

Economic Development Committee: Have ordered and received a sign to promote the Morris Industrial Park. Hoping that public works can get this up in the next week or 2. Met with M Richards and Associated to review the work of the Strategic Planning session. Next meeting is May 17 and it is hoped that all of the economic development committee can attend. Will want to book someone to handle the video and pictures for the website if this is the path we are pursuing.

Assisted living: Needs more discussion at the meeting.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

Chamber of Commerce: Strat planning session with Triple R went well, came up with some good points and things to do, have to now come up with a plan to execute changes to better improve the chamber.

Valley Agricultural Society: Both events coming up fast. Conversation was had in regards to the potential selling of VAS land to the assisted living project. Decision was made that VAS is not interested in selling the prime piece of land to the West of the multiplex or the piece of land to the East at this time. The VAS board did however decide on an alternative option and have presented that idea to the assisted living project committee head.

Valley Regional Library: Counter construction is complete – looks good. Looking at getting a new board member as Claudia is wanting to step back.

Morris and District Chamber of Commerce: Chamber is getting frustrated with the LED sign not working properly. Would really like to see it back up and running properly. AGM June 14th, 2023 – bud, spud and steak. Would really like information packets on the industrial park to have more information. Reaching out to RM of Montcalm – wanting to get more businesses from there.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Public Works Report:

Spring Thaw: Steaming completed. Ditching to be done in fall to assist with 2024 drainage

Main Street: Washing & sweeping to start in May

Sweeping: Boulevards to start as soon as it dries up, Side streets to start once boulevards are completed, Multiplex parking lot swept, VAS area where ODR & toboggan hill were has been cleaned and swept

Water Plant: Tender is posted. Site meeting with potential contractors completed

Spring Clean-up: Town cleanup May 29 – June 2

Spring projects: Pool pumping out & being washed May 8th . Pool filling May 9th & 10th . Splash Park prep and system inspection May 11th – 12th . Diamond 3 to be levelled once dry. Willow Park work completed to date. Assisting golf course with pumping of spring melt within GC dyke

Training: Josh & Kaylyn completed Eco-Centre training.

Upcoming training days: Emergency First Aid – May 12th & 13th (3 employees are scheduled). WHMIS - June

Staffing: Back to a full crew of 6. Green Team ad posted

Noted as the PW report was sent from the PW Foreman

Councillor Mel Baxter

Morris Wellness Board Report: Two new members were welcomed to the board-Zander Herbert and Pat Schmitke-making the board more workable. May-1 saw the lease agreement with PHYSIO-GO completed and the start of their physiotherapy, athletic therapy services etc. to the town multiplex. Financials show improvement but the CEBA loan is still an outstanding concern for the future. Final approval on a new entry, cctv, and analytics system upgrade was tabled until the next meeting.

Riverview Golf Board Report: Timing of the golf course opening is scheduled for the week of May-22 or sooner if course conditions permit. The driving range will be ASAP. The AGM meeting is set for May-23rd with a BEER, SPUD and STEAK event preceding the reports. Tickets will sell for \$25.00. As well, the hope is to find a few new members for the board as current numbers are not adequate. Men's night should follow on Wed May-24th. Financial outlook for the club is caution as we did not receive the full valuation of the DFA claim for the 2022 closure. A lottery fund raiser with the Emerson and Dominion City golf courses is still ongoing. **AGM for Golf Course if the 24th of May**

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

Events Attended (Paid):

March 30- Economic Development Strategic Planning Session (3 hours)

April 12- Joint Council Assisted Living Update (1 hour)

April 17- Morris Curling Club Executive Meeting (2.5 hours)

April 18- Morris Early Learning Centre Executive Meeting (2 hours)

April 19- Morris Museum Executive Meeting (2 hours)

May 8- Morris Curling Club Executive Meeting (2.5 hours)

Events Attended (Unpaid):

April 18- Manitoba EMO Flood Update (1 hour)

May 4- Morris Multiplex Committee Meeting (1 hour)

Morris Curling Club: 125th Anniversary raffle nearly sold out in less than one week.

Morris Curling Club will take on the 50/50 sales at the Stampede this year.

There is a buzz generating from the 125th Anniversary bonspiel that could potentially bump membership.

A few applications for the club manager position, with interviews to commence within a week. The summer student position has been filled by Ethan Brandt.

Bylaws going to membership at May AGM for approval. AGM set for May 26.

Morris Early Learning Centre: Held a special meeting to update bylaws in regard to board structure and terms.

The centre currently has 15 provincially funded spaces for school age children and are looking at ways to expand the school age program to families. One way is to provide an additional 15 unfunded spaces, but can charge more to help offset the cost. The challenge with this is another staff member will need to be hired. We need to find out if the license will permit this.

The plan is to maintain possession of the current Main St. location in the event that the new centre fills to capacity in order to continue to fulfill the need of childcare in the community.

Morris Museum: Discussion on the reconstruction of the breezeway. The plan will be brought to the building inspector to determine the next steps.

Continuing to digitize the Morris-Emerson Journal and Scratching River Post with the Pembina Manitou Archives.

The museum has setup a bursary for a local Grade 12 student of \$100. Eligible applicants will submit an essay to the museum board where they will select the winner.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Morris Manor: meeting next week

Morris Fire Department: Nothing to report

MultiPlex Committee: Meeting (setting more regular meetings)

Noted and discussed

Meeting was suspended at 6:56 pm to move into the Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget

Meeting convened at 7:33 pm

Assisted Living Project: Chris Hamblin

- **Proposal to VAS for land to accommodate an Assisted Living Facility**

HWY 75 Caucus Group: Mayor Scott Crick

- **Initial meeting**
- **Moving forward to lobby the Government**

New Business:

In Camera Item: Land Development

Moved: Chris Hamblin

Seconded: Trevor Thiessen

Be it resolved that Council go in-camera to discuss a potential land development with VAS.

Tim Lewis declared a conflict of interest; he left the meeting at 7:57 pm

Out of Camera:

Moved: David Funk

Seconded: Trevor Thiessen

Be it resolved that Council resume the Committee as a Whole Meeting.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.