



Council Committee as a Whole

Agenda

June 8th, 2023

6:30 pm

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

Delegations:

Lorne Hamblin (6:30pm)

Lorne Hamblin gave a power point presentation regarding the Curling Club news and activities.

Tara Mills and Jennifer Collette representing Morris Early Years Learning Centre (7:30pm)

Presented a report to Council regarding the Daycare and answered any questions or concerns from Council.

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

Mayor Scott Crick

Economic Development: Ongoing

Industrial Park: Marketing

Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Assisted Living: Continue to explore locations for this to be situated. Have a board meeting schedule for June 29th. Hope to have more to report following this meeting.

Morris Area Foundation: Monthly meeting was on May 9. The Annual Report has been prepared and will be shared at the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting is set for June 13 at the Multiplex. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our part time staff person has taken a new position. We are looking to share a position with Morden, Manitou and Plum Coulee. Monthly meeting was held on June 6 with discussions on the AGM and also on the Health fund and a request from the Morris hospital for funds for planned improvements.

Economic Development: The committee met on May 25. Items discussed included: housing, the Industrial Park, Highway 75 Caucus, communication strategy for Economic Development and our strategic plan. A further discussion will take place on June 7 and then the plan will be brought to council.

Further Items: Attended the sod turning for the Pickle Ball court. There was a nice turnout with some more funds raised for the courts. Tim Hortons was also on hand to present the cheque for the smile cookies campaign, about \$24,000 raised.

June 1st met with a couple of doctor residents to share a bit of information about our community.

June 7 will attend a web meeting with Randy Koroscil and someone representing a potential client interested in building and looking for more information to see if we can provide what they need.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

Chamber of Commerce: Currently planning AGM that is to be held at the Beer Gardens June 14th, 2023. Those who are members get two free steak dinner tickets, anyone else who would like to come can also purchase tickets..

Valley Agricultural Society: We are currently in Rumble mode. Jablonski’s Carpentry is working hard to get new grandstand stairs/railings to the first level on before end of this week. Board members are working hard to get the grounds ready for this weekend.

Morris Fire Department: Planning and preparing for Stampede Kickoff as this is a big event for the department. There was a total of 8 calls for the month of May. If the town does not see a significant amount of rain in the next few days we can expect a fire ban for the town, likely for this weekend. JPF 2000 is currently doing safeties on all of the trucks. It was decided that we will take July and August off of our regular monthly meetings, truck checks will obviously still be done.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Public Works Report: A meeting was held on June 1, 2023 between Brian Wiebe, Taylor Braun, Brigitte Doerksen and Tim Lewis.

Main street sweeping will be completed beginning of June. Castle pots have been placed along Main Street. The new stainless steel hanging basket holders will be going up this week with the baskets to follow. The new north sign will be installed within two weeks.

The Town will be receiving 75 trees from the Province of Manitoba and the south sign green space will be redesigned. Most of the town sweeping has been completed with the south development left to be completed.

The tender for the water plant has been awarded to Full-Flo. A temporary backup generator has been installed for use during the upgrade.

The hydro upgrade at the Town shop is on going with the trenching and line install completed and the panels and wiring to be completed this week.

In-kind work that has been done recently was pumping at the golf course and the water leak at the campground was found under the shower building.

Some emergency first aid training has been completed and WHMIS training is scheduled for June.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

Riverview Golf Board Report: The golf committee held it's AGM on May 24th with a Bud, Spud and Steak dinner night. Reports and finances were approved. Financially the course suffered a substantial loss on the 2022 operation due to expenses occurring in the closed golf season. DFA funds received helped to cushion some of this loss.

The election of directors took place with 2 resignations and 5 new additions. The board now stands with 9 directors.

Much discussion took place about extending the restaurant hours. In the end it was felt that hours of operation would increase as revenue and demand required.

A motion to hold regular AGM's no later then the end of June in the following year was passed.

Morris & District Handivan Service: The latest HandiVan meeting was held May 30th. The financial chair reported that the service has received the outstanding grants for 2022 & the first half of 2023 helping the balance sheet. The existing executive were re-elected for another term. A contract was signed with Cheryl Thiessen to serve as bookkeeper for the handiVan service.

Maintenance on all vehicles has taken place.

Morris Area Senior Services: The regular M.A.S.S. meeting and AGM was held on May 30th. Yearly reports and finances were approved. With the addition of Craig McMillan on board as cook, plans were made to restart home delivery of meals, group meals in the dining room and reopening the games room. A wide screen tv with hook up to Valley Fiber will allow for some community involvement in special events. Plans to have increased activities (games, cards, crafts etc) through M.A.S.S. are planned.

The mold issue in the games room and dining room have been approved for repair by Man. Housing. New windows, insulation and vapour barrier are to be installed. No firm date has been announced yet.

Morris Wellness Center Report: At the June 6th meeting financials were approved. All large debts have been fully paid off. CEBA remains on the books as the last obligation to be resolved.

A quote for a new analytic and cctv security system is being pursued.
Membership continues to grow and currently stands at 138 members.
Comments are very good on the new PhysioGo therapy business that has rented space from the Wellness Center.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

Recreation Report for June 2023:

- Recreation was approach early in May by a local film company looking for a facility with year-round curling ice to film a Hallmark movie coming out this year, I cc'd the Morris Curling Club on the response that yes, our curling rink is the only one with year round ice and what an exciting opportunity to have them film here. Last week, I along with Lorne Hamblin met with location scouts at the curling rink to confirm the location would be suitable. After a brief discussion it was decided that the movie would be filmed on a closed set for one day between June 13-16. The day is to be confirmed. They will drop off trailers at night utilizing the front parking lot for staff trailers and back lane for tech trailers. It was great to meet everyone and will be great to see the Morris Curling club in a movie, even though unfortunately they will have to cover up all advertising and disguise the ice to look like its down in Kentucky. We'll all have to watch "Written In the Stars" to see how it turned out, because even though the question was approached they were very adamant to make sure it's a closed set with no media or viewers due to sound quality and production leaks. I assured them the facility is quite this time of year, and that should be no problem.
- Canada Day is fast approaching, and plans are being finalized. This year celebrations will include Fireworks, free swim, bounce houses, free treats, live band, beer gardens plus more! Location will be at the VAS grounds. I will be asking for Council volunteers to BBQ this year.
- Excited to announce that Recreation will be launching a new Recreation Registration/POS/Booking system this month through ACTIVEnet. This is to alleviate many of the issues we have with online registration, offer a POS system for the pool and our workstations, and bring all of Recreation into one database and eventually be utilized to assist with facility booking.
- Swimming lessons started this week, staff are handling the changes in the teaching structure moving from Red Cross to Lifesaving very well.
- Splash park is now open regular hours 8-9pm everyday
- Gymkyds gymnastic program ends next week. There were 4 classes offered an evening and they were all oversold. I will be looking at bringing back a class in the Fall.
- Pickleball will return to its normal evening and morning once the gymnastics equipment is out of the hall. The morning group has been utilizing the one available court throughout the gymnastics program.
- Good Manners & Leash reactivity dog trailing classes 6-week program completed. Both classes had great registration and will run again next Spring
- The first ever Sip' & Paint night was held since coming out of Covid. There was 16 in attendance which was a great number, everyone had a great evening.
- Non-Restricted Firearms course is booked in for June 24th to run the class for the 4th sold out time this year.

Arien Peter/Recreation Director

Noted and discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Morris Manor: Status Quo

Pembina Valley Water Coop: Nothing to report

Weed Committee: Has reached out to the board

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

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HWY 75 Caucus Group: Mayor Scott Crick

- Letter has been sent out
- Province has announce a critical trade corridor advisory.

New Business:

1. **Draft Morris Strategic Plan Review:**
 - a. Council will review and send feedback to M. Richards. Revised plan to be brought to next council meeting.
2. **Valley Ag – Parade and Presidents Reception Invite:**
 - a. Mayor Crick and guest, Chris Hamblin and guest and Mel Baxter will be attending.
3. **Fairview Place Project Request for Review:**
 - a. Detailed map showing areas of damage in relation to town property will be presented at the next meeting.

In Camera Item: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.