



Council Committee as a Whole

Agenda

July 27th, 2023

5:30 pm

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

Absent: *Trevor Thiessen (attending a Morris Manor event)*

Delegations: None

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

Mayor Scott Crick

Economic Development: Ongoing

Industrial Park: Marketing

Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

Richards and Associates are continuing to work towards our web presence and our engagement. A survey has been launched to hear priorities of our citizens. The survey closes on July 28 after which we will receive a report on the findings.

Richards and Associates has also begun work on our bylaw review. We all need to think about changes that are needed or want to be discussed under this review.

We have signed an agreement with CW Stevenson to handle promotion and sales of the Morris Industrial Park. They have prepared a brochure for promotional purposes. We are optimistic that this will lead to more interest and hopefully some sales.

AMM Eastern District meeting – regional directors and executive highlighted the pillars they are putting forward to all candidates in the fall provincial election. These are:

- 1. Predictable funding
- 2. Infrastructure support – (water and sewer)
- 3. Health Care
- 4. Public Safety

Next district meeting will be hosted by the RM of Lac du Bonnet.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

Chamber of Commerce: AGM on June 14th, 2023 went very well.

Planning for the Stampede Kick off on July 20th, 2023 as it is our biggest event of the year.

Board Chair of Manitoba’s Chamber of Commerce Chuck Davidson is also coming to Morris July 20th, 2023. He will be visiting numerous businesses around the Town of Morris and Mel Baxter will be with him.

Monthly meetings are now open to anyone who would like to attend.

Valley Agricultural Society: Currently focusing on Stampede. Jablonski Carpentry finished up the 5 sets of new stairs/railings. Accessibility decks (x2) are pretty much done. They look fantastic.

Morris Fire Department: Nothing to report – no meetings in July or August.

Valley Regional Library Board: It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our Board Chair, friend and coworker Barbara Shewchuk.

Ramp, railings and bike rack to be replaced using funds from the Building Sustaining Communities grant. Our first 5 new trees have been planted.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Public Works Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Councillor Mel Baxter

Riverview Golf Board Report: Recently, the golf course board resolved to fill in the sand bunkers on the course. Flooding and maintenance costs have made them extremely difficult to keep up season after season. They will where necessary be land filled and seeded to still act as a potential hazards to the greens.

Revenue continues to be positive with ongoing tournaments aiding the cause. Sales of the golf lottery tickets continue with some redemptions for golf rounds being presented.

It was approved by the board to have the golf course join our local chamber of commerce to aid in marketing and name recognition.

Morris Wellness Center Report: A motion was approved to enter into an agreement to purchase the AVO security and entrance systems. Work to install cameras and locking mechanisms should begin shortly. Financials are improving with good growth seen in new membership sign ups and existing renewals. Some new "tidying up rules" and signages are being developed. Also some benches will be recovered to spruce up the facility. The WC is working with the multiplex on some air conditioning and air flow concerns that have arisen with the early high humidity days this year. The Wellness Ctr has joined the Morris chamber of commerce for more exposure.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

Events Attended (Paid):

June 26- Morris Curling Club Executive Meeting (2 hours)

July 17- Morris Curling Club Executive Meeting (2 hours)

Events Attended (Unpaid):

July 1- Canada Day Celebration BBQ (2 hours)

Morris Curling Club:

- The relationship between the Dekalb Committee, Cargill Curling Training Centre and Morris Curling Club was explained to the new board.
- Membership prices for the 23/24 season were approved.
- The new club manager provided his report to the board. The big event is an Icebreaker Bonspiel scheduled for the end of August.

Morris Museum

- The breezeway project has hit a snag with obtaining the building permit. We are currently working with MSTW to get that resolved.
- Canada Day Tea was a great success and drew a lot of people into the Museum. Larry and Audrey McCrady were recognized for their volunteer service to the Museum.
- New locks were installed on the exterior doors with new keys provided.
- A building committee was established to provide maintenance and upgrade recommendations to the board. This year we are hoping to proceed with aluminum fascia upgrades to both buildings out of the operating budget. Two trees were also removed, as one was damaged in the wind to the extent of possibly falling onto the Museum.

Day Care

- They are taking a break over summer.

Noted and discussed

Assisted Living Project: Chris Hamblin

- The Board of the Red River Supportive Housing / Logements Supervises de la Riviere Rouge Inc. The board met on June 29th to discuss progress and options. We have commissioned ft3 to provide some schematics of a couple of options. Ft3 was out on July 13 to do a walk around and review options prior to their work on schematics.
- The Provincial government has released their “Senior’s Strategy”. I have reviewed their priorities and believe that what we are working towards fits very well with this strategy. They have not provided details at this point in terms of potential grants but we are hopeful that some will become available. There are also grants available for green builds and energy efficiency. We will be looking at these as well.

HWY 75 Caucus Group: Mayor Scott Crick

- Nothing to report at this time.

New Business: None

In Camera Item: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.