



**TOWN OF MORRIS**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
August 24th, 2023**

Councillors Present: Mel Baxter  
Taylor Braun  
Chris Hamblin  
Tim Lewis  
David Funk  
Trevor Thiessen (via Teams)

Also Present: CAO, Brigitte Doerksen

Absent: None

Presiding: Mayor Scott Crick

**01/08/23**  
Agenda

**Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**

**Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda for the August 24, 2023, regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

**(Carried)**

**02/08/23**  
Minutes

**Moved by Councillor David Hamblin**

**Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes for the July 27, 2023, regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

**(Carried)**

**03/08/23**  
Minutes

**Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**

**Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes for the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Committee as a Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

**04/08/23**  
Council  
Members

**Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**

**Seconded by Councillor David Funk**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept the following Members from Council for the August 24, 2023, Regular Council Meeting as:

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

Excused: No one

Unexcused: No one

**(Carried)**

**DELEGATIONS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1) RCMP quarterly report   | Noted & discussed  |
| 2) CN-request proclamation | Noted- no interest |

**SEMINARS & EDUCATION: NONE**

**TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL**

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1) Town of Morris List of Accounts  | #05/08/23 |
| 2) Town of Morris Financials – July | #06/08/23 |
| 3) Supplementary taxes 2023         | #07/08/23 |
| 4) Town of Morris Audit 2022        | #08/08/23 |
| 5) Audit services for 2023-2025     | #09/08/23 |

**05/08/23** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
Town List Secoded by Councillor David Funk  
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts for August 2023, being Cheque #'s 19026 to 19052 in the amount of \$160,464.03, Electronic Payments of \$155,418.97 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$68,852.302 be approved as presented.

**(Carried)**

**06/07/23** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
Financials Secoded by Councillor Tim Lewis  
July **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of July 2023 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented.

**(Carried)**

**07/08/23** Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin  
Supplementary Secoded by Councillor Taylor Braun  
Taxes **WHEREAS** the Assessment Branch has sent the list of assessment additions and reductions for the 2023 tax year;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council authorize the additions and reductions of the assessment changes to the 2023 tax roll as per Section 300 (6) and 326 of the Municipal Act;  
**AND FURTHER** that the amended tax notices be sent to the taxpayers as per Sections 300 (7) and 327 (1) with a reference to their right to apply for an assessment revision as per Section 327 (2);  
**AND FURTHER** that penalties of one (1) percent per month shall be added to added taxes in arrears effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and a discount in the amount of 1% will be allowed on added taxes prepaid by September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**(Carried)**

**08/08/23**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Audit            **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
2023            **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the 2022 Audit for the Town of Morris from  
BDO as presented.  
**(Carried)**

**09/08/23**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Appointment   **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**  
Of auditor      **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council appoint BDO for the 2023, 2024 & 2025 Audit;  
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the proposed audit fees from  
BDO for the years 2023, 2024 & 2025.  
**(Carried)**

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL**

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| 1. MultiPlex List of Accounts      | #10/08/23 |
| 2. MultiPlex Financials- May       | #11/08/23 |
| 3. MB. Hydro MultiPlex Refinancing | #12/08/23 |
| 4. MultiPlex Audit 2022            | #13/08/23 |

**10/08/23**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
MultiPlex List **Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
Of Accounts   **BE IT RESOLVED** that the July 2023 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being  
Cheque # 11552 in the amount of \$594.33 and Electronic Payments of \$189.93 be  
approved as presented.  
**(Carried)**

**11/08/23**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Financials      **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
May            **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the  
month of May 2023 for the Morris MultiPlex be adopted as presented.  
**(Carried)**

**12/08/23**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
MB Hydro      **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
Refinance      **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve to continue with Option B of the PAYS  
Financing Agreement with Manitoba Hydro regarding the Lighting project in the  
MultiPlex.  
**(Carried)**

**13/08/23**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Audit            **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
2023            **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the 2022 MultiPlex Audit from BDO as  
presented.  
**(Carried)**

**TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Subdivision Application 4435-23-8320 #14/08/23
- 2. RTM Daycare Project -JQ Build Inc. #15/08/23 & 16/08/23

**14/08/23**  
Subdivision  
4435-23-8320

**Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**Secoded by Councillor Taylor**

**WHEREAS** the applicant Samuel W. Teichroew proposes to subdivide the present holdings of +7,898 sq. ft. into two urban residential lots. The proposed lots will be for a side-by-side duplex that will gain access via Agassiz Trail. Piped water and municipal sewer will service both lots.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the above-mentioned subdivision without conditions.

**(Carried)**

**15/08/23**  
FAA

**Moved by Councillor David Funk**  
**Secoded by Councillor Mel Baxter**

**WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba is providing a capital funding grant to develop new childcare spaces in a new childcare center in partnership with JohnQ Public Inc./JQ Built Inc. and the Town of Morris

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Morris agreed to provide a minimum of two acres of serviced land for the purpose of operating a childcare center and authorized the CAO to work with JQ Public Inc./JQ Built Inc. and the Province of Manitoba to negotiate a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) and to bring forward the Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) for Council approval.

**AND WHEREAS** on October 21, 2022, JohnQ Public Inc. authorized JQ Built Inc. to award a public RFP for the design and construction of nine (9) prefabricated/hybrid daycare facilities in communities as identified by the Province's Early Learning and Childcare Program.

**AND WHEREAS** a Financial Assistance Agreement has been negotiated with all nine (9) communities. Which requires the Town of Morris to provide two acres of serviced land, to assume and hold ownership of facility, commit to operations and maintenance of facility and grounds, and provide for 15 years at zero rent lease with a licensed and regulated non-profit childcare operator.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Morris enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) with the Province of Manitoba through its Early Learning and Child Care Program for capital funding for construction of a building to develop new 104 child care spaces in a new child care center.

**AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Morris will be adhering to the Early Learning and Child Care's Conflict of Interest Policy and Guidelines for this Capital Project.

**AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED** the CAO be authorized to sign the Financial Assistance Agreement on behalf of the Town of Morris.

**(Carried)**

16/08/23  
CCDC

**Moved by Councillor David Funk**  
**Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**

**WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba is providing a capital funding grant to develop new childcare spaces in a new childcare center in partnership with JohnQ Public Inc./JQ Built Inc. and the Town of Morris

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Morris agreed and signed the General Service Agreement with JQ Built Inc.

**AND WHEREAS** on October 21, 2022 JohnQ Public Inc. authorized JQ Built to award a public RFP for the design and construction of nine (9) prefabricated/hybrid daycare facilities in communities as identified by the Province's Early Learning and Child Care Program.

**AND WHEREAS** JQ Built Inc. on behalf of JohnQ Public Inc. negotiated and awarded to Pretium Projects Limited as the design build contractor.

**AND WHEREAS** to reduce risk and ensure the project remains on time and on budget, JQ Built has developed a full slate of support service identified in the General Service Agreement and the need of a Design Build construction contract.

**AND WHEREAS** Pretium Projects Limited has identified a CCDC 14-2013, an industry standard Design Build construction contract, from Canadian Construction Documents Committee, for a pre-determined stipulated or fixed price for each daycare facility.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Morris authorize JQ Built Inc. to enter into a CCDC14-2013 Contract with Pretium Projects Limited on behalf of the Town of Morris

**AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Executive Director and Board Chair of JohnQ Public Inc. be authorized to execute the CCDC 14-2013 contract on behalf of the Town of Morris.

**(Carried)**

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**BY-LAWS & POLICIES: NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Fairview Place Request – Asphalt Project

#17/08/23

17/08/23  
Fairview

**Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**Seconded by Councillor David Funk**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council agree to pay 25% of the total cost of the asphaltting project at Fairview Place and also provide services in-kind and material to improve the north area of the property.

**(Carried)**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** No notice of motion

**IN CAMERA ITEMS:** None

Next Regular Committee as a Whole Meeting: September 14, 2023

Next Regular Council Meeting: September 28, 2023

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**TOWN OF MORRIS**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**