



TOWN OF MORRIS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL September 28th, 2023

Councillors Present: Mel Baxter
Taylor Braun
Tim Lewis
David Funk
Trevor Thiessen

Also Present: CAO, Brigitte Doerksen

Absent: Mayor Scott Crick

Presiding: Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

01/09/23
Agenda

Moved by Councillor Dave Funk

Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda for the September 28, 2023, regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

(Carried)

02/09/23
Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun

Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen

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

(Carried)

03/09/23
Minutes

Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter

Seconded by Councillor Dave Funk

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the August 28, 2023, Committee as a Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

04/09/23
Council
Members

Moved by Councillor Dave Funk

Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the following Members from Council for the September 28, 2023, Regular Council Meeting as:

In Attendance: Councillors Mel Baxter, Taylor Braun, Chris Hamblin, Tim Lewis,
Trevor Thiessen, David Funk.

Excused: Mayor Scott Crick

Unexcused: No one

(Carried)

DELEGATIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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| 1) Notice of BMO Closure | CAO to send letter |
| 2) Letter concerning BMO Closure | CAO to send responding letter |

SEMINARS & EDUCATION: NONE

TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL

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| 1) Town of Morris List of Accounts | #05/09/23 |
| 2) Town of Morris Financials – August | #06/09/23 |
| 3) Valley Agro Services Inc. Tax Incentive | #07/09/23 |

05/09/23
Town List
Of Accounts
Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis
BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts for September 2023, being Cheque #'s 19053 to 19083 in the amount of \$137,401.06, Electronic Payments of \$215,494.08 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$58,908.45 be approved as presented.
(Carried)

06/09/23
Financials
August
Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements for the month of August 2023 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented.
(Carried)

07/09/23
Tax Incentive
Program
Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiesen
WHEREAS Valley Agro Services Ltd. qualifies for a Tax Incentive grant as per the Town of Morris Tax Incentive Policy;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Morris Council approve a Tax Incentive grant subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. That Valley Agro Services Ltd. pay all municipal and school taxes when due;
- b. That Valley Agro Services Ltd. keep all utility accounts up to date and pay when due;
- c. For the taxable years of 2023 to 2027 inclusive, a tax incentive grant of the Municipal portion of taxes only in each year, equal to the following:
 - 2023- 100% (of the municipal portion of taxes only)
 - 2024- 80% (of the municipal portion of taxes only)
 - 2025- 60% (of the municipal portion of taxes only)
 - 2026- 40% (of the municipal portion of taxes only)
 - 2027- 20% (of the municipal portion of taxes only)
- d. Should the building be sold, damaged, destroyed or cease operation; all obligations of the Town of Morris shall cease for such periods of time.

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL

- 1. MultiPlex List of Accounts #08/09/23
- 2. MultiPlex Financials- May #09/09/23

08/09/23
MultiPlex List
Of Accounts
Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter
BE IT RESOLVED that the September 2023 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque # 11562 to 11571 in the amount of \$18,726.01 and Electronic Payments of \$6,777.90 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$465.23 be approved as presented.

(Carried)

09/08/23
Financials
June/July
Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Dave Funk
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements for the month of June and July 2023 for the Morris MultiPlex be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. DEKALB- Livestreaming 2023 #10/09/23
- 2. MEDIP Application #11/09/23
- 3. PTH 75 MOU #12/09/23
- 4. MSDIP Application # #13/09/23

10/09/23
DEKALB
Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis
Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Morris approve a sponsorship of \$1,500.00 for the livestreaming event for the upcoming DEKALB.

(Carried)

11/09/23
MEDIP
Moved by Councillor David Funk
Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has developed a Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program (MEDIP) under the department of Manitoba Municipal Relations;
AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris, together with the Town of Morris operate a joint landfill operation;
AND WHEREAS the said joint landfill operation may soon reach the end of its useful life;
THEREFORE, the Rural Municipality of Morris Council along with the Town of Morris Council have deemed it in the best interest of the Municipality to apply to the MEDIP

Fund for funding of Project 1-Priority 1-Solid Waste Collection Facility (Landfill) with the proposed funding be shared as follows:

	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
MEDIP	9.5%	\$14,584,875.00
Rural Municipality of Morris	2.5%	\$383,812.50
Town of Morris	2.5%	\$383,812.50
Totals	100%	<u>\$15,352,500.00</u>

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED the Chief Administrative Officer for the Rural Municipality of Morris be authorized to sign the application on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris and the Town of Morris.

(Carried)

12/09/23
MOU

Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Dave Funk

WHEREAS the Town of Morris has a shared interest in enhancing and developing the Mid-Canada Trade Corridor to capture economic development opportunities tied to the movement of goods and tourism along PTH 75 from the Pembina-Emerson Port of Entry to Winnipeg to Centerport Canada Inland Port;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba, Minister of Economic Development, Investment and Trade proposes a memorandum of understanding with Centerport Canada Inc. Manitoba Heavy Construction Association and the Manitoba Trucking Association, Town of Morris, Rural Municipality of Montcalm and Municipality of Emerson-Franklin respecting collaboration on the advancement of the Mid-Canada Trade Corridor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Morris hereby endorse and approve the signing of the MOU to commit to establishing a collaborative relationship to work together to promote an integrated and coordinated regional approach to economic development with the Mid Canada Trade Corridor.

(Carried)

13/09/23
MSDIP

Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has announced the third intake for the Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program which gives municipalities the opportunity to apply for funding to complete value-for-money delivery reviews of programs and services;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Morris, Municipality of Emerson-Franklin and RM of Montcalm have collaborated and established a vision for regional economic development opportunities along the Mid Canada Corridor along PTH 75;

AND WHEREAS the long-term vision is to formalize a regional governing body/planning district for more coordinated land use/infrastructure planning approach in the region;

AND WHEREAS the Town is encouraged by the support received from the Province, MB. Heavy Construction Association, MB Trucking Association and

Centerport with a focus on regional planning to advance economic development and trade-related opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Morris support the application for funding through the Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program to review the planning and economic development service delivery and opportunities.

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS: NONE

BY-LAWS & POLICIES:

1. Line of Credit By-Law

#14/09/23

14/09/23
By-Law
02/23

Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter

Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 02/23 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris authorizing the borrowing of money to meet the current operating expenditures be given 1st reading.

(Carried)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. PVWC -Funding proposal

noted and discussed

NOTICE OF MOTION: No notice of motion

IN CAMERA ITEMS: None

Next Regular Committee as a Whole Meeting: October 12th, 2023

Next Regular Council Meeting: October 26th, 2023

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

TOWN OF MORRIS

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER