



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

May 9th , 2024

6:30 pm

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

Also in Attendance: CAO-Brigitte Doerksen, CFO-Chris Janke

Delegations:

6:30 – Assessment Branch-Oliver Pursina-Reassessment Tax Impact 2025

- Made his presentation to Council at 6:30 PM

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

Mayor Scott Crick:

- Nothing to report

Councillor Chris Hamblin:

Morris Area Foundation (MAF)-Nothing to report

- Next Board meeting is May 14, 2024
- Reminder to save the date for the AGM On June 4, 2024 at the Golf Course.

Economic Development Committee Report

- The development plan is to be discussed at CAAW
- I would suggest that you pay particular attention to the 4 pillars, their vision statement and each of the goals within the pillar.
- These are the driving themes on our land use and development plan and how we make decisions going forward. Review the vision for the land use and development on page 48 and the goals on page 49. Also review the implementation that begins on page 61.

Assisted Living Report

- Will be meeting tomorrow (May 10,2024).

Community Partners-Report to Committee as a Whole on May 9, 2024.

- Community partners met on April 25, 2024. Some in person and some virtually.
- Updates were received from Morris General Hospital and The Red River Valley Lodge on improvements and upgrades in the works or in the plans. There has been a willingness from Southern health to provide upgrades and new equipment. New items of equipment and accessories been requested and were approved. These will be ordered shortly and set up. The nurses desk work is scheduled to begin May 6, 2024.
- Efforts on staffing are also going well. There has been some new nurses arriving from the Philippines and more are expected. These nurses need to be included and welcomed so that we retain them in our area. A new doctor is anticipated shortly as well as Southern Health is looking for space outside the hospital for clinic.
- Staff appreciation is coming up and community assistance will be sought to help fund and show appreciation to all staff.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

Valley Regional Library Board:

- No report as meeting is next week.

Morris and District Chamber of Commerce:

- Volunteer and job fair went well. Meeting next week.

VAS:

- Warmer weather is allowing us to get started on some projects in the next week or so. Planning of events continue.

Fire Department:

- 8 calls in April.
- 1 member left the department.
- 4 members attended memorial at the legislature.
- June 7 & 8 to attend Rumble in the Valley.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Tim has provided his report for the Triple R Community Futures.

A meeting was held between Brian Wibe, Brigitte Doerksen, Taylor Braun and Tim Lewis on May 8, 2024.

Items of interest:**Main Street:**

- Sweeping has been delayed by weather and is now about 40% complete. The top sign on the reader board is now ready for installation and will go up after new lights are installed in the next week or so. The new dual stream bins are now expected in mid to late May.

Water Plant:

- The hydro change-over is being completed and the new pumps are being installed on May 8th. The BWA goes into effect at that time. If all goes well the BWA could be rescinded by Friday.

Current Projects:

- Three MWSB grants have been submitted. These are for projects over the next several years. Graveling

Upcoming Projects:

- Asphalt paving will be done this summer on Ash Boulevard, by the daycare, Wagon Trail and some patching on Ash. The new speed bumps will be sloped slightly so they are not as aggressive.

Misc:

- The new PW employee is working out well and they are awaiting approval on green team. They will be looking into blocking access between Santa Lucia and the Post Office parking lot. Asset management continues for roads and infrastructure.

Recommendations:

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter**M.A.S.S. Report:**

- The AGM was held on May 6th with all reports and financials being approved for 2023. In the regular meeting which followed, discussion took place on a new cook. Despite numerous methods of advertising the position, few applications have come forward. There is hope that one new applicant might prove successful. In the meantime, the meal program continues with help from Lorraine Loewen on Tues & Thurs and Pat Eidse with volunteers on handling Friday suppers.
- Manitoba Housing has approved all requested improvements to the Davidson Ctr. Which includes ventilation, A/C, floors, windows and west wall replacement. Some new furniture has been ordered as well.
- The Board is still looking for a Rosenort member representative.

Riverview Golf Course:

- Membership increases are helping out for the 2024 Season.
- Kitchens is now Open 10 – 3 daily.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk**Morris Early Learning Centre:**

- Haven't met since my last report, but we do have some good news regarding the CCA program being taught here in Morris by our own staff member. The course is full and has a waiting list. This will help show education organizations that this is a good region to host an ECE course. We have another TEAMS meeting with the Province regarding the opening of the new centre as well as expansion of school age programming next week. There are also hopes of planning a future expansion to the new centre. Conversations have also been ongoing with the recruitment department with the province to attract more ECE's to our area. They have had a recent radio ad specifically mentioning Morris, but it is still early to see if it yields any results.

Morris Curling Club:

- Preparations for the AGM continue to be underway. The event is on May 25th and will feature a fish fry, with live music and a cornhole tournament following the business portion of the evening. The goal is to use this to attract people to the event and get them involved in the curling club, whether it be a board member or just a member in general. Over 60 tickets have been sold to this point. We have also had an early resignation of a board member, which was accepted by the board.

Morris Museum:

- With the AGM done, we are now focused on preparing for opening the 2024 season. Facility cleaning is planned, and the building committee has met to discuss potential projects for this year. Amongst them are further exterior improvements, security system upgrade and upgrades to the existing display cases. The other focus on the board is to continue to draft updates to the museum by-laws and strengthen the membership.

School Presentation:

- I went to the school on Friday May 3rd, to speak with the grade 9 Social Studies class on the structure and importance of municipal (small town) politics. Some points of discussion were by-laws, economic development, volunteering, taxation and decision making for the benefit of our citizens. The students asked some very good questions and seemed to be very engaged in the conversation.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Morris Manor: No report

Noted and discussed

Red River Supportive Housing-Chris Hamblin

Logement Supervise Rivierre Rouge to Committee as a Whole for May 9, 2024

- The Committee met on April 23 in person. Prior to and after the meeting some of ft# did a site visit to better understand the needs of the project and in readiness for the next steps. Ft3 led a discussion on our goals and wishes for this project. Discussion was broad and all encompassing to lay the framework for ft3 to move forward.
- We will meet again on May 7, 2024

Noted and discussed

New Business:

- Regional Municipal Committee-formation of- no interest at this time, however will gather more information.

Noted and discussed

Meeting adjourned at 8.23 pm.