



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

June 13th, 2024

6:30 pm

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

Delegations:

- **6:30-Public Works Foreman-Report**
- **7:00-Arien Peterson-Rec Report**

****Recreation Update****

Canada Day Planning is complete and includes:

- Free swim on Sunday with freezes
- Beer Gardens
- Live Music
- The Lollipop Fairy
- Bounce Houses
- Snow Cones, Popcorn, Cotton Candy
- Glitter Tattoos
- Face painting
- Hot Dog BBQ
- Canada day handouts for kids

Movie in the park on July 17th:

- Partnering with Sun-Valley Co-op to feature "Kung Fu Panda 4"

Programming:

- Non-Restricted Firearms Course
- Babysitters Course
- Home Alone Course
- First Aid CPR -C (Completed with 14 attendees)
- Aqua Size
- Teen Night
- Senior Swim
- Parent & Tot Swim
- Gymkyds (Completed a successful 6-week program with over 70 participants)

****Pool Update****

- As of 06/12, the membrane was complete. To address the groundwater issue, a 5 1/4" hole was drilled, and a pump installed to dry the bottom. After laying the fleece and membrane, the hole was sealed with cement.
- An extra drain has been added at the bottom of the pool for future use if needed.
- Pool filling is set to start Thursday, which should take a day.
- It will take two days to heat and balance the pool water.
- Inspection will follow.
- We hope to open by Wednesday.

Lessons:

- Two weeks of private lessons have been cancelled.
- One week of advanced courses is scheduled.
- One week of Swim to Survive with the schools.
- If we open by Wednesday, group lessons can proceed as planned.
- Morris and Lowe Farm School are booked for next week for Swim to Survive. Rescheduling will be arranged with the teachers.
- If the pool doesn't open by Wednesday, group lessons will be cancelled, and a private lesson reschedules will be arranged for the following week.

Splash Park:

- The splash pad opened 06/07 but was shut down the next morning due to an issue with the relay button.
- A technician visited on 06/11 to replace the relay button and a few diaphragms. Al received training on how to replace these maintenance items for future upkeep.

****Parks/Ball Diamonds****

Ball Diamonds are in good shape:

- Minor ball is only running Rally Cap and Grand Slam this year so they only are using 2 diamonds.
- Turf maintenance and weed control continues on all 4 diamonds.

- **7:30-EMO presentation**-Coordinators David Atwell, Chuck Caddick, Patrick Fillion and team made their presentation to Council.

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

Mayor Scott Crick:

- Nothing to report at this time

Councillor Chris Hamblin

Economic Development Committee- For June 13, 2024

- Work has continued on the Development Plan for the community. Council has approved the plan, and a community open house was held on May 28. Mayor Scott introduced the Development Plan with comments about why it is being prepared and how it will be used going forward. M. Richards staff were present to answer questions. Although attendance was light, the attendees were very engaged and posed good questions. Part of the process involves the province reviewing the plan. Once this has been completed, the plan will come back to council for comment and final approval.
- Decisions needed:
 - 1- The Economic Development committee has also met with a developer potentially interested in developing land for residential development. It was a good discussion and follow up is needed.
 - 2- We have also met with a couple of realtors with regards to the Morris Industrial Park. A decision needs to be made to move this forward.

Morris Area Foundation (MAF)-For June 13, 2024.

- The Morris and Are Foundation (MAF) held their AGM on June 4, 2024 at the Morris Riverview Golf Course. The event was well attended. Curtis Evenson was re-elected as chair for another 3 year term. Board members were introduced. The year end financials showed another good year. Contributions have continued to increase year over year which is a good indication that the MAF and its purpose is becoming better known and understood. Work will continue on maintaining and continuing to increase this awareness.
- Morris Early Childhood Learning Centre and the Red River Valley Lodge were invited to provide an update on their facilities. The attendees learned about the new Early Childhood Learning Centre being built and set to open in the fall. They discussed some of the challenges and also efforts being made to train and recruit new workers. All are excited about the future in Morris.
- The Red River Valley Lodge also spoke about the improvements being made to the facility with a major upgrade taking place which is resulting in the need to create a few vacancies to allow for moving residents out of reno areas. The Red River Valley Lodge will be celebrating 50 years August 8 with a reception from 2 to 4.
- Del Stevenson also provided some history of the MAF as this event was a celebration of 10 years. The work began many years prior to 2014 with the incorporation occurring February 2001. Bylaws were created and granting policies set. Charitable status was applied for and after revisions granted in December 2012. This set the stage for receiving funds and with the help of the Sill Foundation and the Winnipeg Foundation, the MAF was able to receive sufficient funds to begin the granting process. The investment fund (which dictates the amount of granting available) is at \$632,084 up from \$521,196 at prior year end.
- The MAF June board meeting will be held on June 11, 2024.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

Valley Agricultural Society:

- Board worked hard to complete the new stairs and handrails project just in time for Rumble. Successful weekend of Rumble in the Valley.
- Preparation continues for Stampede in a few short weeks.

Valley Regional Library:

- New ramp and bike racks installed this week.
- The new furnace and A/C will be installed around the end of June.
- Number of visitors, e-library users etc. have been doing well.

Morris and District Chamber of Commerce:

- Membership continues to rise. Some of the board members met with Brenden Leslie a couple weeks ago, the conversation was good.
- Chamber is working hard at planning stampede kickoff.
- One subject that came up at the meeting was that numerous people would like to see a traffic light at 23&75. I know this isn't up to us, but could we possibly request it.
- I also talked to the rest of the board about the immigration pilot program, and they all had the same thoughts as we did, which was basically that we don't have the jobs/housing available at this time.

Morris Fire Department:

- Was not able to attend this month's meeting.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

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

Public Works Report:

Main Street:

- Sidewalks and bubbles to be washed in June.
- Reader board – complete.
- Dual stream bins – complete.

Water Plant:

Project is in progress:

- Hydro changeover – complete.
- New pumps installed.
- Final BWA to begin approx. June 24.

Current Projects:

- Spraying of weeds.
- Spraying of sidewalks.
- Gravel & grading roads.
- Planting trees – 115 trees awarded under the Provincial Tree Grant.
- Asphalt on Ash Blvd beginning this week (includes 3 patches) – Wagon trail to begin within the month.
- Pothole repairs.

Upcoming Projects:

- Speed bump “softening”.
- Asphalt repairs & potholes.

Training:

- GPS training June 12.
- Neptune (water meter) training June 14.

Other PW items:

- CAAW delegate to discuss items pertaining to back lanes.
- Green team approval received – 2GT hired.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

Morris Wellness Centre Report:

- AGM for the Wellness Committee was held on May 13 with an open house in the workout gym. A board of directors was voted in from the members in attendance with the existing executive being reappointed. An auditor's report was presented and finances for 2023 showed noticeable improvement.
- The Wellness constitution was upgraded with minor changes.
- An equipment reserve fund was established.

Morris District and Handi Van Report:

- Finances were approved at the last meeting on June 6.
- Vehicle maintenance has been carried out on all units.
- The driver's handbook has been updated. The need for more drivers is acute as one individual has left and a few others are unavailable for the summer.

Riverview Golf Committee Report:

- The AGM and regular meeting of the Golf Board took place on May 16. Tim Lewis stepped down as President and a new executive was chosen as well as committee chairs from amongst the new and remaining board members.
- An insurance claim is being processed for the stolen items from the recent break-in at the course.
- The new club manager (Stephane Berard) along with our greenskeeper (Brian Reckseidler) have the clubhouse and course in good shape.
- The restaurant continues to do well. Favourable complements have been received on food quality, quantity and overall prices.
- Rental and course rates for bookings and tournaments are being reviewed.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- Nothing to report at this time.

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Nothing to report at this time.

Assisted Living Project: Chris Hamblin-Red River Supportive Housing-for June 13

- The Red River Supportive Housing committee is meeting biweekly with ft3 to establish the design of the facility. The committee has also met separately to discuss and answer questions derived from the meetings with ft3. Progress is continuing with design evolving as we go. All aspects of the design are being reviewed and decisions made to continue progress. Once design is firmed up, we will be having a costing provided to help us move forward with fund raising. Rough estimates are a \$15 million cost with the need to raise \$3 million from the community. Much work is ahead of us.

Noted and discussed

New Business:

- In Camera

Moved by Councillor David Funk

Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun

Be it resolved that Council go in camera to discuss a potential development and personnel issue.

Moved by Councillor David Funk

Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun

Be it resolved that Council resume their Committee as a Whole Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.