



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

September 12th, 2024

6:30 pm

In attendance: Mel Baxter, Taylor Braun, Chris Hamblin, Mayor Scott Crick, Tim Lewis, David Funk (attended virtually) Trevor Thiessen (arrived at 6:40 pm)

Delegations:

None

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

Mayor Scott Crick:

- Attended the Lodge
- PTH 75 Caucus committee (waiting for developments).

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **Economic Development**
 - HAF – application for 2nd intake has been submitted.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Morris Fire Department**
 - All of the trucks are scheduled for their yearly safeties in the next couple of weeks. This year so far the department has had 143 calls. The “make it rain” event that was held at Morris Bigway on one of their Thursday car show nights was very successful. There were a lot of people in attendance and the department received a donation cheque in the amount of \$2500.00. Stampede kick off went very well and the department will be doing the usual bag pickups for the food drive on September 14th.
- **Valley Agricultural Society**
 - There is a fairly big water leak in the campground again – this is getting looked at. Going to be shutting down the campground at the beginning of October and starting winter storage around that time as well. VAS created the “Vallet Ag Society Saddle Club”, this is a club that you pay a yearly membership for, so that you are able to use our fair arenas, barrels and poles for equestrian practice and riding at each members leisure.
- **Valley Regional Library**
 - Summer programs and rodeo reader were well attended. The summer staff they had was fantastic. Circulation, gate count and e-library numbers continue to rise. Going to be applying for some grants in order to get a rubber pathway from the front of the library to the back gazebo. New furnace will be installed before the cold weather begins. The parking attendant booth the library mans for stampede went well. Received confirmation that we are approved for the free tax return clinic again which has been very well utilized.
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Meeting next week.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

- **Public Works**
 - **Main Street**
 - Fall Main Street sweeping to be scheduled for October.
 - Recycling signs to be placed North and South end of town – Signs supplied through new garbage/recycling program.
- **Water Plant**
 - **Project is nearing completion**
 - Old hydro service has been removed.
 - Generator still on order.
 - Training to be done upon completion.
- **Current Projects**
 - Cemetery entrance – Completed.
 - Agassiz Trail Cleanup – Completed.
 - Agassiz Trail storm sewer – Scheduled.
 - Sewer Flushing – 50% completed.
 - Gravel & grading roads – Scheduled.
 - South sign beautification – Scheduled.
- **Road Report**
 - Asphalt assessment to be completed in September.
 - Waiting to meet with Bayview for quotes.
 - Asphalt patching to be continued by Public Works.
 - 2-Mile road damage.
 - Waiting on reply from MTI.
- **Upcoming Projects**
 - Sewer Cleaning – Sept 9-12.
 - Morris Pool shutdown.
 - Training with rec staff & Commercial Pools.
 - Town cleanup – October.
- **Training**
 - Western Canada Water Conference in September.
 - Brain & Jason attending.
 - Water Distribution Class 1.
 - Jason required to attend asap.
- **Budget**
 - Reviewing YTD spending.
 - Beginning budget review for 2025.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Riverview Golf Report:**
 - At the last meeting Scott presented the history of the golf course. It was very informative and outlined the involvement of the Town and RM from the 2005 agreement.
 - The board started the process of winding down the season by changing the hours of operation. Some closing events have been held already with the Glow golf (Sept 14) still to be undertaken.
 - Financially the course still waits for an insurance claim to be paid out. Hard to predict the bottom line as all bills are not in and paid yet.
- **Handivan**
 - Will be purchasing a new Ford Escape to replace the current one as there are a lot of mechanical issues with it.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- Not much news, as my committees have not met since our last meeting, but here are some updates I can share:
- **Curl Morris**
 - Ice is in and the first bonspiel of the year was run over the long weekend. Early bird pricing for league registration has passed.

- **Museum**
 - Mural Has finished and the Museum is now closed for the season. Special visits can still be arranged.
- **Moris Early Learning Centre**
 - Getting close to completion of the new building and excitement is growing. However, there is still a concern for school-age children and where they can go. Staffing as always is an issue. AGM will be in October, so preparations will begin for that. Looking for a new Board Chair as the current one is stepping down after 9 years. There is a current media release requesting those who are interested in becoming a Board member.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- 60th Anniversary for the Morris Manor.

Noted and discussed

Assisted Living Project: Chris Hamblin

- Meeting scheduled for September 13th, 2024.

Noted and discussed

New Business:

- Morris Placemaking Guide 2024 review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.