



## Council Committee as a Whole

# Minutes

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:30 pm

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

**Not in Attendance:** Chris Hamblin (excused) Trevor Thiessen (unexcused)

**Delegations:** Facility Manager – Arien Peterson

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

#### Mayor Scott Crick:

- Truth and Reconciliation event

**Noted and Discussed**

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#### Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **Economic Development**
  - The Public Hearing for the Development Plan will be on November 7 (not October 24 as previously mentioned). This will allow time for all the proper notifications to be provided. Looking at social media, and posters in town.
  - The committee will be meeting later in October to discuss how we will roll out the Placemaking Strategy with the Chamber of Commerce and businesses potentially impacted.
  - I also sat in on a meeting with a digital media company focused on digital marketing. They will be providing us a proposal for marketing the Industrial Park. They are already working with Cushman Wakefield on some projects. As Cushman Wakefield has the listing for the lots in the Industrial Park, we will need to have further discussion with them as well. Something for the committee to look at when we meet later this month.
- **Morris Area Foundation (MAF)**
  - MAF has been quiet over the summer months with no meeting in July and August. They are now preparing for the Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge the week of November 12 – 17 (this normally would have started on the Monday but as that is Remembrance Day it is delayed one day). On October 2, 11 participated in a webinar in preparation for the Giving Challenge. They reviewed the supports that Endow Manitoba has in place to assist Community Foundations in their promotion of this Giving Challenge.
  - MAF's next board meeting will be on Tuesday October 8 and will be focused on our preparations for the Giving Challenge. It is the major drive for our Foundation. I will be joining this meeting, but the report of that meeting is not included in this report.

**Noted and discussed**

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#### Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Morris Fire Department**
  - Fire Department is hosting an Open house
- **Valley Agricultural Society (VAS)**
  - VAS meeting October 9, 2024

**Noted and discussed**

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#### Councillor Tim Lewis

Committees, Boards, and Activities attended: Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

-Meeting was held between Brian Wiebe, Brigitte Doerksen and Tim Lewis on October 9, 2024.

- **Public Works**

- **Main Street**

Flower hanging baskets and castle pots have been removed for the winter.

- **Water Plant**

The generator is supposed to be delivered by the end of October and complete installation should be done by the end of November.

- **Current Projects**

Sewer flushing has been completed and hydrant flushing is underway. The west Agassiz Trail storm sewer was completed, and the east will be done in the spring. Graveling and grading of roads is scheduled. The south sign beautification is in progress. Street sweeping will be done after Halloween and compost bag pickup will be October 7 – 11 and November 4 – 8.

- **Road Report**

Asphalt assessment will be completed in November and quotes will be obtained from Maple Leaf, Nelson River, and Bayview. Asphalt patching is continuing and nearly complete by public works. We are waiting on a reply from MTI on the damage caused to 2 Mile Road.

- **Upcoming Projects**

Seasonal water meter removal and blowout will take place after Thanksgiving and the pool shutdown is ready to do. Town cleanup will take place this fall the week of October 21- 25.

- **Training**

Brian and Jason attended the Western Canada Water Conference in September. Jason will be scheduled to attend the Water Distribution Class 1 course as soon as possible. Brian will take the Class 2 Distribution course if required. Brian will also be attending the Disaster Management Conference.

- **Budget**

Public Works is reviewing the YTD spending and beginning budget review for 2025.

- **Discussion**

In regard to the garbage bins at the PW shop, Brian is recommending that the bins be removed permanently. The costs of having them in place include, rental of bins, tipping fees, 4-5 hours of PW time weekly to clean the area.

The bin area is seeing increased late night visitors, there is a higher risk of theft, the bins continue to be abused and approximately 80% of large usage is from people outside of town.

Brian will attend the November CAAW meeting with more information.

- **Recommendations**

None

**Noted and discussed**

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**Councillor Mel Baxter**

- **Morris Handivan Report**

- Drivers and clients are pleased with the new Ford Escape vehicle recently purchased. With the minimum wage increase it was felt necessary to raise the driver's remuneration, as well as a slight increase was added to client charges for local trips (effective Oct 1/24) and medical trips (effective Jan 1/25)

- **Riverview Golf Comm. Report:**

- Golf season is over for another year with improved food service, excellent course management (thanks to Stephane – clubhouse manager and Brian – greenskeeper) and good weather all contributing to the overall success. There should be a modest net income after all insurance claims are received. Thanks to sponsors and the town for their significant support. Plans are underway for the 2025 season.

Wellness Center – Rental Agreement 2025 will be the same as 2024.

**Noted and discussed**

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**Councillor David Funk**

- **Curl Morris**

- We had the Club Manager resign from his position. We have placed the Golf Course Manager Stephane Berard in that position on an interim basis. We'll see how the hours look and how much he acclimates to

the position in the upcoming weeks. Preparations for the Dekalb are ongoing, and the former Club Manager has agreed to stay on the Dekalb Board. We've dealt with a few resignations on the board level the past few months and have had to shuffle some positions. Last month we replaced the vacant Treasurer position with the current Ice Manager and have then filled the vacant Ice Manager position. The Board also listened to a presentation from Chris and Lorne Hamblin regarding the Province's announcement on the Curling Training Centre of Excellence funding. The Minister has committed to \$50,000 to the Cargill Curling Training Centre and a rough budget for those funds was discussed. Further reporting to the Province needs to be done before any funding is put in place.

- **Moris Early Learning Centre**

- The Move into the new RTM is well underway. We are waiting on a small furniture order to come in before the move is complete. Once that is done, then we can arrange for the formal inspections of the facility. Once those inspections have been completed and all deficiencies addressed, we can be licenced and can begin operating out of the RTM. However, we cannot accommodate any school age children in that facility. The best option moving forward is to renovate the Main Street building to accommodate school age, but while that is taking place, we have two options in the meantime. One is to stay the course at the Baptiste Church and continue to pay rent, with the other moving to the school and operating out of an existing classroom. Both options are being considered. The AGM is scheduled for October 17, and the goal is to have it in the RTM. Our existing Board Chair is stepping down after 9 years, but a replacement Chair has already been discussed and will be voted in at the executive board meeting immediately following the AGM. The other issues still exist, with not having enough ECE's on staff, however we do have two staff members in school which will help soon.

- **Museum**

- The Museum has closed for the year, but plans for a formal mural unveiling are planned for Saturday, October 19. There is also a fundraising endeavor to help pay for the Mural and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary bench project, with a 50/50 raffle underway. There are also plans to have a bingo night, but there is still a lot of preparation before that can happen.

- **Manitoba Disaster Management Conference**

- I will be attending the Manitoba Disaster Management Conference in Winnipeg from October 16 - 18.

**Noted and Discussed**

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**Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

- No Report

**Noted and discussed**

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**Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin**

- **RRSH**

- An RFP has been put out to hire a construction Manager with the intent of fine tuning the costing and getting a better handle on how we proceed. Responses to the RFP are to be in by October 18 after which we will review and look to hire a construction manager for this project.
- We are looking to have 3 open houses in early December to engage the 3 municipalities and receive feedback and level of interest in this project. We are looking at December 3, December 5 in Morris and December 10 in St. Jean. Although there will be 3 separate meetings people can attend any one of the 3 regardless of residency.

**Noted and discussed**

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**New Business:**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.