



## Council Committee as a Whole

# Minutes

January 09<sup>th</sup>, 2025

5:30 pm

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

**Not in Attendance:** None

**Mayor Scott Crick Chaired the meeting**

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**Delegation:** Laura Epp, re: Van Horne Property

Ms. Epp outlined her concerns to council regarding the sewer line issue. Mayor Crick summarized council's reasonings behind their decision.

**Noted and Discussed**

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

**Mayor Scott Crick:**

- Working on Trade Corridor Initiative.
- Dealing with complaints.

**Noted and Discussed**

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**Councillor Chris Hamblin**

- **Economic Development**
  - Met before Christmas to review the zoning bylaw. Not a lot of decisions were made as Brigitte and Brody had not yet met to discuss.
  - Will be meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, so there may be more to report at the CAAW meeting.
- **Morris Area Foundation**
  - Had a successful grant recipient announcement on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the roads were bad so some of the expected attendees were not able to make it. Still a good turnout and good presentations and discussion afterwards.

**Noted and discussed**

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**Councillor Taylor Braun**

- **Morris & District Chamber of Commerce**
  - Meeting will be held next week.
- **Morris Fire Department**
  - Will be participating in the Winter Carnival in February.
- **Valley Agricultural Society**
  - Meeting will be held next week.
- **Valley Regional Library**
  - Budget has been completed.

## Noted and discussed

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### Councillor Tim Lewis

Committees, Boards, and Activities attended:

Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)

- **Public Works**
  - **A meeting was held between Brian Wiebe, Taylor Braun, Brigitte Doerksen and Tim Lewis on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**
    - **Items of interest to report on:**
      - **Main Street**

MIT will be clearing the snow piles on Main Street within the next 1-2 weeks with the assistance of Public Works. Christmas lights will also be coming down in the next couple of weeks.
      - **Water Plant**

SCASDA system training (the control system for the entire water plant) has been rescheduled for February 3, 2025.
      - **Current Projects**

Street scraping and snow removal will be done this week. The outdoor rink should be completed this week as well. The weather has not cooperated and therefore the toboggan hill is going to be dismantled. Some work was done to enhance tobogganing on the dyke.
      - **Upcoming Projects**

Water meter replacement and repairs is on-going and the town is now well over 50% completed. The Public Works portion of the budget is nearly complete and is just waiting for a couple of quotes. The COR audit has now moved to an online platform making it easier to complete.
      - **Training**

The Town of Morris has been changed from class 1 to class 2 for wastewater treatment. This will require further training for our employees. Brian and Jason will be attending the MWWA conference in February. Brian will be taking his wastewater collection class 2 training in January. Jason will be taking his water distribution training in March. Brian and Jason will be taking the wastewater treatment training in May. Brian will be taking the water distribution class 2 training in June.

## Noted and discussed

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### Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Morris Handivan Report**
  - Meetings are coming up in January.
- **Morris Wellness Board Report**
  - Meetings are coming up in January.

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### Councillor David Funk

- **Moris Early Learning Centre**
  - We continue to wait for the Province to approve the renovation plans at the Main Street building so we can stop renting space in the Baptist Church. We currently pay \$1,500 per month for rent. We have submitted a large deficit budget to the Province for this year. This is due to extended rent in the church, increased and unexpected costs in the new centre, and the inability to open more child care spaces in the new centre due to staffing. Once we add 2-3 more ECE's, we can open more rooms and get out of a deficit situation. We currently have two staff enrolled in the ECE program, with 1-2 more expressing interest. We also have a staff who is in the process of challenging the credentials due to previous education.
- **Curl Morris**
  - We have seen a slight decrease in memberships over the past few weeks, all due to various reasons. One of our goals going forward is to review our fee and membership structure so that we can remain competitive with other curling clubs and local recreation programs. The DEKALB netted roughly \$55,000 this past year. We are hoping to receive the first half of a \$50,000 grant

from the Province by the end of January. The \$50,000 will be used to provide training opportunities for Manitoba curlers (amateur and high level) as well as adding and upgrading existing equipment. Planning is beginning for the annual Morris Curling Club Anniversary bonspiel in April.

#### **Noted and Discussed**

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#### **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

- **Pembina Valley Water Coop**
  - Upcoming tour of the Letellier Plant.
- **Morris Manor**
  - Christmas event well attended.
  - Outside building soffit/facia work has been completed.

#### **Noted and Discussed**

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

- **Senior's housing** – we met as a board prior to Christmas. Penco was delayed in getting numbers back to us which given the time of year was understandable so no news on that front. We will meet with them January 17. The Board did meet to discuss the public meeting, expectations and general discussion. We then met with Rosenort Housing to share where we were at, where they were at, areas of cooperation, etc. It was a good discussion.
- As previously mentioned, we are having public meetings in Rosenort 2 pm on January 19 at the Rosenort Fire Hall; Morris 7 PM, January 21 at the Multiplex; St Jean, 2 PM at the Club Chez Nous.
- (Will loop Arien into the meetings, Wellness Centre has been contacted)
- Meeting will be Gord presenting and then questions/answers
- The one in Morris will be livestreamed.

#### **Noted and Discussed**

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#### **New Business:**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.