



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

May 8th, 2025

6:30 pm

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

Also in attendance: Brigitte Doerksen CAO, Chris Janke CFO, Arien Peterson, Siobhan Maas, Media

6:30 PM: Public Hearing – Tax Levy By-Law 2025 (Budget)

6:45 PM: Delegations Sgt. Stacy Wiens and Cpl Aaron Dobson – Morris/Emerson RCMP quarterly report

7:15 PM: Fire Chief Trevor Thiessen & Deputy Chief Steve Peters – Annual Report

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

Mayor Scott Crick

- Provided verbal report to council.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **EDO** - continued to meet 2 x month – 2 question survey, hoping to generate feedback.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Valley Regional Library**
 - Attended job/volunteer fair.
 - New staff member starting soon.
 - Tax clinic is complete for the year. There were 72 clients this year compared to 50 last year.
- **Morris Fire Department**
 - 7 Calls in April.
 - Volunteering at Rumble in the Valley.
 - Stampede Kickoff BBQ in July.
 - New training opportunities are coming for the department, which sounds exciting.
 - 5 members with over 25 years of service, 3 with over 15.
 - 1 of our newest members recently passed his level 1.
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Meeting was held April 16th, I was not able to attend.
 - April 29th, we held a short coffee visit with Lauren Stone.
 - May 3rd, we did the job/volunteer fair, we were in with the craft show this year, so we saw a lot more foot traffic. It was a good event.
- **Valley Agricultural Society**
 - A couple of big projects are on the go
 - Continually looking for volunteers. Rumble spots are filling up nicely, but Stampede is a different story.
 - Work parties being planned for the events as Rumble in the Valley is one month away.

Noted and discussed

Committees, Boards, and Activities Attended:

- **Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)**
 - A report was submitted by Brian Wiebe as he was in training this week.
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- **Main Street:**
 - Sweeping 90% completed, Centre boulevards to be done once dry.
 - Sidewalk cleaning complete.
 - Benches placed.
 - Flowers to go out early June.
- **Water Plant:**
 - Facility completed & fully operational
 - Scada system providing great data for training and review.
- **Current Projects:**
 - Sweeping has begun
 - Seasonal water meters installed
 - Preparing equipment for spraying weeds.
 - Parks & Rec area beautification.
 - South sign seating area
 - Flower circle reconstruction (main entrance to stampede grounds).
- **Upcoming Projects:**
 - Water meter replacement/repairs.
 - Lead Monitoring
 - 2BT program
 - Trees should arrive end of May
 - Community garden space has begun
- **Shop:**
 - Roof having leaking issues.
 - Quotes requested for new tin roof in 2026.

Noted and discussed

- **Morris Wellness Centre Report**
 - Financials continue to remain positive and will be presented at the AGM (6:00 PM on May 29th, 2025)
 - Discussions were held on developing a revised gym map to reorganize equipment and movement with the facility.
 - The committee continues to evaluate the need for new equipment.
 - Nominations to the board will take place at the AGM with most current members expressing a desire to stay on.
- **Morris Riverview Golf Course Report**
 - Golf course officially started on May 2nd with the hopes of having the restaurant open shortly after the provincial health inspection has taken place. A new chef is in place and things look good for selection and quality.
 - Steph Berard has started his role as course manager.
 - Lots of new ideas to improve the signage and utilization of the course.
 - The early bird membership drive is going well.
 - The AGM is scheduled for June 5th, 2025 with activities planned.
 - No decision has yet been reached on any additional carts at this time.
- **M.A.S.S**
 - Discussions were had on how to approach MB housing to get renovations done.

- **Morris & District Handivan**
 - AGM Financials are fine.
 - Need to look at a new vehicle.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- **Morris Curling Club**
 - AGM is now slated for September. This will give the bookkeeper time to complete the reconciliation of the financials to present to the members.
 - The club manager who is shared with the golf course has now transitioned to the golf course, with two days per week dedicated to the curling club.
 - They have received the final installment of the Provincial grant that stemmed from the Minister’s visit last year.
 - Financially, the club is in good shape, but this all hinges on hosting successful DEKALB Superspiels.
- **Morris Museum**
 - AGM was held on April 30th.
 - Income from the Bingo nights really help with operating expenses, especially if denied the Canada Summer jobs grant.
 - Spring cleaning will be underway in the next week or so, with the hopes of opening sometime in June.
- **Morris Early Learning Centre**
 - Renovations for the Main Street are 95% complete. Once they are completed, arrangements will be made for the province to come in, inspect the premises, and hopefully issue a licence. As soon as they are licenced, they can leave the Baptiste Church. Financially, it is not as optimistic. If unable to open additional rooms in the RTM, they are looking at a large deficit. Having multiple meetings with the province to explore different options to open new rooms as soon as possible. If opening the building to capacity, we can operate with a balanced budget.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Provided verbal report to council

Noted and Discussed

Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin

- Provided verbal report to council

Noted and Discussed

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm.