



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

March 13, 2025

6:30 pm

In attendance: Chris Hamblin, Mel Baxter, Dave Funk, Mayor Scott Crick

Not in Attendance: Tim Lewis

Virtual attendance: Taylor Braun and Trevor Thiessen (via Teams)

Also in attendance: Brigitte Doerksen CAO

6.30 – RRVSD – Morris Robotics Team (presentation)

Morris Robotics made their presentation to Council at 6:30 pm

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

Mayor Scott Crick:

- Hwy 75 Caucus Group

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **Community Partners:**
 - Community Partners met on February 20, 2025. There were several people away due to holidays and illness. The meeting proceeded and good information was shared. The team is working diligently to manage staffing and ensure the needs of the area are met. They are hopeful that there will be some new doctors in the area. Hopefully there will be some news on this later this summer. It was announced the Dr Manness has retired so this will create some more challenges to fill the gaps created through his leaving.
 - Several projects are being planned or worked on. Railings on ramp, hallways, etc. looking to enhance some green space at the hospital. Patient TV's is still a goal but likely will be put on hold for now due to the high cost, especially given the uncertain tariff environment.
 - We will be meeting again on May 22, 2025
- **Economic Development**
 - The committee has been reviewing the Placemaking Strategy with a focus on Main Street. We are in the process of arranging a meeting to focus on businesses in or near Main Street.
 - Strategic Plan – The committee has reviewed the strategic plan document and felt it best to review as a council. This meeting has been set for March 20, 2025.
 - Mayor Scott Crick, CAO Brigitte Doerksen and I met with a developer to explore some potential opportunities with regards to residential development in Morris. We had a good discussion with some takeaways with regards to the challenges. Nothing more at this time but hopeful that it may lead to something down the road.
 - Some discussion on fees and streamlining these with others in the area. Our CAO is working on this with our building inspector.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Morris Fire Department**
- **Valley Regional Library**
- **Chamber of Commerce (Stampede kick off and Job Fair)**
- **Valley Agricultural Society**

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

-A meeting was held between Brian Wiebe, Brigitte Doerksen, and Tim Lewis on March 11, 2025
Items of interest:

- Main Street:
 - Sweeping will begin after the snow melts.
- Water Plant:
 - The entire project is now complete and fully functional.
- Current Projects:
 - Culvert steaming is on-going.
 - Outdoor rink will be disassembled as the snow and ice melts.
 - Ditching and snow removal were done on the major ditches.
- Upcoming Projects:
 - Water meter replacement and repairs are on-going.
 - The Public Works portion of the budget is now complete.
 - The COR audit is now complete with Public Works being 91% compliant.
- Training:
 - Brian and Jason attended the MWWA conference in February.
 - Jason passed his class 1 water distribution training.
 - Pat will be attending pesticide training.
 - Joel and Cameron will be taking confined spaces training.
 - All employees will be taking WHMIS training.
- Shop:
 - Lunchroom renovations are on-going.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Riverview Golf Course**
 - At the last meeting, golf membership rates were set for the upcoming season. Rates remain the same as last year with Early Bird specials getting us started. The One-time ½ price membership for those who have not golfed in the last three years is under review. It resulted in numbers increasing from 49 individuals to 98.
 - Job postings and interviews have started to take place for cooking and club staff. A job splitting scenario has been agreed upon for sharing the curling club manager between the two facilities. Sponsorship packages continue to be worked on and improved.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- **Moris Early Learning Reno’s (after school program)**

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Valley Weed – New Chair
- PVWC
- Manor

Noted and Discussed

Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin: on-going

Noted and Discussed

New Business:

- M. Richards – updated proposal for 2025 review

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.