



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

July 24th, 2025

5:30 pm

In attendance: Mayor Scott Crick, Chris Hamblin, Tim Lewis, Mel Baxter, Taylor Braun

Excused: David Funk, Trevor Thiessen

Delegations:

Council Discussion -

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

Mayor Scott Crick

- Provided verbal report to council.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **MAF**
 - Held the AGM in June. No meetings in July & August.
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Mostly working on Stampede Kick Off and the float for the parade. Chuck Davidson, President of Manitoba Chamber of Commerce, will be attending the area on Thursday and attending the Kick Off. He is meeting with local businesses, Chamber members and local municipal representatives.
- **Community partners**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Economic Development**
 - Ongoing work on business engagement (particularly Main Street and nearby businesses). Looking to share a short summary of the survey findings. Working on mapping active businesses, vacant lots, town owned, green space and residential.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Valley Regional Library**
 - Haven't met since last CAAW.
- **Morris Fire Department**
 - Missed the monthly meeting. Hosted Kick Off BBQ and it was a huge success with about 291 meals cooked.
 - MDF was selected as the recipient for all monies raised at the Access Credit Union pancake breakfast this year. The team came out and served pancakes, juice, etc. and collected \$1575.00. A great week for the department members to chat with the community members.
- **Valley Agricultural Society**
 - Stampede 2025 has now come and gone. It was a huge success with another sellout on Saturday and a great audience on both Friday and Sunday. We heard from numerous booths and food trucks that this was a

record year for them and we saw about 40,000 people on the grounds. It was a great weekend, and we are already planning for 2026.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

July 2025 Public Works Report (with recommendations)

- **Infrastructure:**
 - Poplar Street reconstruction beginning July 21st.
 - James Street East Road collapse to be repaired following Poplar.
 - Sewer flushing ongoing.
 - Pothole patching continues with larger patches to be done in August.
- **Main Street:**
 - Flowers are growing very well.
 - Main Street/Highway 75 town access to be patched by MTI this summer (offset road at entrance).
- **Grants:**
 - Accessibility grant denied.
 - Trails Manitoba approved a grant towards trail reconstruction, to begin in August.
 - Tree grant, 71 trees have been planted this year.
- **Public Works Yard:**
 - Consistent issues with overloading & abuse of the garbage bins.
 - Recommending
 - Garbage bins be permanently removed.
 - 2 bins to remain at the north side of the PW shop for Main Street & Town garbage pickup.
 - This will save the Town a significant amount per year in wages, tipping fees, and rental costs.
 - Recommending the recycle bins remain.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Morris Riverview Golf Course Report**
 - At this point in the season finances are in good shape, profits are close to double last year. The golf course itself is in good condition with improvements being made to upgrade the presentation. Food and bar sales continue to do well.
 - Events for the rest of the year include:
 - July 26 – Live Band (REVOLVING DOOR) with special menu.
 - Aug 24 – Men’s open golf tourney.
 - Aug 30 – GLOW BAND, tourney-food and games inclusive.
 - As well as some local events.
- **Morris & District Handivan**
 - Finances look good with all bill payments having been made.
 - A new part-time dispatcher has been hired to give Ellayn Ridalen some assistance and time off.
 - New front tires were approved for the bus due to uneven wear because of an alignment issue.
 - Some driver concerns were raised as well as regular cleaning of the vehicles.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- **Morris Curling Club**
 - Summer bookings have not been what we had originally hoped for, but it is starting to pick up. The ice itself is in really good shape after a controlled melt. The curling club was also selected by VAS to administer the Stampede 50/50, so there was a push to fill shifts with volunteers. The

next big event will be the AGM, which is scheduled for September 13th. Just like last year, there will be a dinner, entertainment and a small silent auction to help raise funds for the club. Tickets for the AGM will be sold for \$25. There has also been an increased effort to boost the social media presence.

- **Morris Museum**
 - The Museum is moving forward with a new bench project. This involves a cement pad, bench and arbor, with a plaque that acknowledges past Museum board members and contributors. The bench has been purchased, and the pad and arbor construction will begin in July. The Museum will also be getting a new front door later this year. Financials are in good standing, as the Bingo fundraiser has been incredibly helpful. The next project will be improving signage for the Museum.
- **Morris Early Learning Centre**
 - We have received full occupancy for the Main Street building, and school age students are now in the space. The RTM currently has half of its rooms open, but we are able to open an additional two rooms in September, and another two rooms opening later in 2025. This is as good of a situation as we can hope for. The plan moving forward is to continue to have staff in ECE training and to recruit new ECE’s to the Centre.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Excused

Noted and Discussed

Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin

- Nothing to report. We will resume later in August or September.

Noted and Discussed

New Business:

- Council discussed the CDC.

In Camera:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.