



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

August 28th , 2025

5:30 pm

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

Excused: Trevor Thiessen

Delegations:

Council Discussion -

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

Mayor Scott Crick:

- Verbal report given.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- Verbal report given.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Morris Fire Department**
 - Summer Break.
- **Valley Regional Library**
 - Summer Break.
- **Valley Agricultural Society**
 - Numbers are looking very good, and we have heard lots of great comments on the event. Will look at options for increased WIFI for next year. Work continues on the grounds and grandstands. Planning has already started for next year.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

- **Committees, Boards, and Activities attended:**
 - Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)
A meeting was held between Brian Wiebe, Brigitte Doerksen, Arien Peterson, Taylor Braun and Tim Lewis on August 13, 2025.
- **Main Street:**
 - South sign rest area is now complete.
 - Castle pots and baskets are all full and doing well.
 - PW is looking into the idea of getting planters for trees on Main Street that can be moved.

- **Water Plant:**
 - The issue of the genset running too frequently has been resolved and was a Manitoba Hydro issue.
- **Current Projects:**
 - Cemetery Pad.
 - Hydrant Flushing.
 - Storm sewer installation on Agassiz Trail.
 - Sewer line flushing is complete.
- **Upcoming Projects:**
 - Prepping for asphalt/pothole filling.
 - Lead Monitoring.
 - A Trails Grant was awarded for \$16,500 towards a new river trails.
 - Community garden under construction.
- **Education/Administration:**
 - Joel is signed up for water/wastewater courses this fall and winter.
 - Brian to attend Biosolids conference in Winnipeg in October.
 - Grant research to begin in September.
 - Budget review to begin in September.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Morris Wellness Comm. Report:**
 - At the last meeting new election of officers took place. Reba Krahn was appointed new chairperson.
 - The wellness centre has approximately 200 active members.
 - The committee is currently compiling a new wish list for equipment and ways to improve the facility.
 - Discussion on new software has been put on hold while the current supplier upgrades their service.
- **Morris Area Senior Services:**
 - Slowness of Manitoba Housing to address the maintenance and renovation issues of the Davidson Centre resulted in a formal letter being sent to their property manager with C.C's to Lauren Stone and the Town of Morris, requesting timelines and a contact person. We have had a response from Lauren indicating that the centre has been identified for capitol improvements. The wait goes on.
 - As numbers increase for pickup or delivery of meals, the need for a minimal charge of \$1.00 for containers is to be put in place for Sept 1, 2025. Meal cost is still \$7.00 with many compliments on quality and quantity.
 - Work is continuing on a new MASS website.
 - New officers were elected with Dave Thiessen being named Chairperson.
- **Riverview Golf Course:**
 - Discussion centered around maintenance of the golf carts and getting waivers signed honoring the return of a functional unit (as per the one they took out). The decorating committee for the GLO-BALL tourney on August 30th is set to go. There are currently 41 individuals signed up.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- **Moris Curling Club:**
 - The club is now preparing for the AGM, which is scheduled for September 13th. Financially the club is in decent shape, but a good portion of that was a result of the grant we received from the province. A successful DEKALB Superspiel is also necessary for the club to maintain its good financials. We are also preparing for the start of the leagues, with signup happening at the AGM. The club has also been selected to host the Junior Provincials this February. Planning is well underway.
- **Morris Museum:**
 - The summer season is winding down, and we only have a few weeks left with our summer student. The Museum crossed one project off the list, with the 40th anniversary bench and pergola

being installed. The next project is improving the signage for the Museum and replacing the front door.

- **Morris Early Learning Centre:**
 - We are opening up more rooms in September. This means that the ratio we have between trained ECE’s and CCA’s meet the requirements, as long as we are able to hire another CCA. We are prepping for the AGM and are waiting on the audited financials from GTP. We have one board member leaving after the AGM, but our current number of board members are still well within our guidelines. Financially, the centre needs to continue to have staff trained so we can open the RTM at full capacity. Once all of our rooms are opened, we can lower the deficit on the submitted budget. Main Street has been fully open for a few months now, and we have applied to have more funded spots for school aged children, but there is no timeline as to when we can receive approval for that.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- **Pembina Valley Water Coop**
 - Plant tour if anyone is interested.
- **Valley Weed:**
 - Has nothing of note at the moment.
- **Morris Manor:**
 - Had a longtime tenant pass in their suite, this was traumatizing for some of the residents. We have initiated some upgrades, namely adding decks and privacy walls to the exterior of all suites. This work is ongoing. There are currently 38 people on our wait list, with all suites being occupied.

Noted and Discussed

Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin

Noted and Discussed

New Business:

- Town of Morris website presentation – go live September 11th ,2025 (Arien)

In Camera:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.