



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

June 12, 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, Arien Peterson

Delegations: None

Council Discussions -

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

Mayor Scott Crick:

- Provided verbal report to Council

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **Morris and Area Foundation:**
 - Morris and Area Foundation has continued to meet monthly. The June 10th meeting will be the last board meeting until September.
 - The AGM was held at the Morris Riverview Golf Course on June 10th. It was well attended. MAF had a good year with 102 donations in 2024, donating \$71,903.38. MAF has distributed grants totaling \$202,050 since it began granting. The Financials are good with assets reaching the \$1M mark.
 - The board has 2 new board members that were introduced at the AGM, Ralph Fyfe and Siobhan Maas.
- **Economic Development:**
 - The Economic Development Committee has received the survey results of the Business Needs Survey. 125 completed surveys were received with 84% being from Town residents. Interest was expressed in having recognizable chain stores. We will be reviewing further with a look to what our next steps should be.
 - We are continuing to push the Industrial Park and the Willow Park area for residential development. M. Richards has circulated information and is receiving some interest but nothing concrete at this time.
 - Brigitte has prepared a draft policy for selling lots in the Industrial Park as well as a draft Development Agreement to be included when we sell lots in the community, especially aimed at the Industrial Park.
- **Community Partners:**
 - I was unable to attend the last Community Partners meeting. Scott was invited to attend in my absence. I did have the opportunity to show 2 medical students around our town. They were quite impressed with our community and with the services the hospital provides.
- **Chamber of Commerce:**
 - The Chamber of Commerce met on May 14th and June 11th. Plans are well in place for the Stampede Kickoff event. Manitoba Chamber President, Chuck Davidson will be coming out to Stampede Kickoff and will spend the day in the area meeting businesses and chamber members.
- **AMM Eastern Region Meeting:**
 - I, along with Brigitte, Arien, Tim and Dave attended the AMM Eastern Region Meeting. The Honorable Glen Simard, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations attended and participated in a Municipal discussion. He responded positively to questions and acknowledged where work was still needed. He also led an engagement session on the Code of Conduct policy.
 - There was some interesting discussion on resolutions with a mix of resolutions being adopted and not adopted.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Morris Fire Department:**

- Two deployments up North to help with the wildfires. The first two members and engine 2 went to Lynn Lake and the other two members went to Cross Lake. The communities are very thankful that we went to help. Trevor’s experience and the stories he has from his time there are truly incredible. Thank you, MFD.
- The backup generator has been installed and is operational.
- The department had 6 calls in May.
- Two members attended Decoration Day and they are gearing up for Stampede Kickoff on July 17th, 2025.
- **Valley Agricultural Society:**
 - Rumble in the Valley was held June 6th & 7th, 2025. Friday’s show resulted in the best Friday attendance yet. Saturday’s show was a bit less due to a storm most of the day, we did better than I thought we would. We figure around 250-300 people less than last year.
 - Saturday was the show and shine where we collected “Tin for the Bin” for the food bank. Due to the weather the attendance was down for the show and shine so hopefully next year will be better. The shows went well.
 - We are now in full Stampede mode. As it is just over a month away. Otherwise, everything is going well.
- **Valley Regional Library:**
 - Red Dress Day was held at the library on May 24th, 2025. The committee who hosted it was very pleased with with the exposure for their project.
 - We will be looking to host a blanket exercise in the future at the library.
 - We have hired a new very part time staff member that we are thrilled to have joined the team and have also hired our summer reading program coordinator!
 - Meetings are now on hold until September!

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

- **Committees, Boards and activities attended:**
 - **Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)**
 - A meeting was held between Brian Wiebe, Brigitte Doerksen, Taylor Braun, and Tim Lewis on June 9th, 2025.
- **Items of interest to report on:**
- **Main Street:**
 - Sweeping will continue depending on weather.
 - Sidewalks will be sprayed for weeds this week.
 - Benches and garbage/recycling have been placed.
 - Flower planters have been placed and hanging baskets will be going up this week.
- **Water Plant:**
 - The genset is running too frequently and Pritchard Engineering will be coming to test it.
- **Current Projects:**
 - Grass cutting continues.
 - Green space beautification is taking place.
 - Storm sewer installation by Day Care and on Agassiz Trail.
 - Walking trail to Agassiz will be completed.
 - Prepping for asphalt/pothole filling.
- **Upcoming Projects:**
 - Lead monitoring.
 - 2BT program.
 - Trees should arrive within 2 weeks (85 Trees).
 - Community garden space has been marked out.
- **Shop:**
 - Roof having leaking issues, repaired.
 - Yard is being cleaned and organized.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Morris Wellness Report**
 - The AGM was held on May 29th. Financials for 2024 were approved with a net income of \$30,435.
 - With 250 members signed up, data was presented indicating the busiest times of the day and numbers per week etc.

- Discussion points raised- use of arena track after hours – Kids under supervision in the gym.
- 2 new members were appointed to the board.
- Wish list for equipment continues to grow.
- **Riverview Golf Report:**
 - The AGM was held on June 5th at which time financials for 2024 were accepted showing a net profit of \$29,567.
 - Board members were re-elected with one new addition – Dan Ross.
 - Discussion was held on stricter enforcement of cart rentals – checking cart in on return and children driving the vehicle.
 - Elections of officers to be held next meeting.
- **M.A.S.S. Report:**
 - The AGM was held on May 27th. The 2024 financials were approved and a new budget was approved.
 - 4 new individuals were nominated to the board leaving the need to find a Rosenort vacancy still outstanding.
 - Nothing new on Davidson Ctr repairs.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- Provided verbal report to Council

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Provided verbal report to Council

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Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin: No update

Noted and Discussed

New Business:

- 1) Town of Morris Cemetery Request – Morris Legion

Noted and Discussed
- 2) Bergstresser offer to purchase

Noted and Discussed

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.