



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

April 10th, 2025

6:30 pm

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

Also in attendance: CAO, Brigitte Doerksen, CFO Chris Janke

Not in Attendance: Trevor Thiessen (arrived at 7:16)

2025 Budget Review

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

Mayor Scott Crick:

- Brief report on meetings he has attended

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- Morris and Area Foundation
- Economic Development

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- Morris Fire Department
- Valley Regional Library
- Chamber of Commerce
- Valley Agricultural Society

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

- Transportation and Infrastructure (Chair)
 - A meeting was held between Taylor Braun, Brian Wiebe, Brigitte Doerksen, and Tim Lewis on April 7, 2025.

Items of interest to report on:

- Main Street:
 - Sweeping will begin after the snow melts. Sidewalk cleaning will begin about mid-April. Benches will be placed after sweeping has been completed.
- Water Plant:
 - The entire project is now complete and fully functional, and the SCADA system is working nicely.
- Current Projects:

- Culvert steaming is now completed. The outdoor rink disassembly is also nearly complete. Equipment for street sweeping is being prepped. The walkway in front of Tim Hortons will be removed shortly.
- Upcoming Projects:
 - Water meter replacement and repairs is on-going. Lead monitoring will be starting in May. A new initiative for homeowners to plant trees on their boulevards will see the first 25 interested get trees from the town. Public works will also be planting approximately 42 additional trees. The community garden will be built this year with the intent of leasing out plots starting next year.
- Training:
 - Pat will be attending pesticide training.
 - Joel and Cameron will be taking confined spaces training.
 - Two out of five employees have taken WHMIS training so far.
- Shop:
 - Lunchroom renovations are on-going.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Morris Wellness Report**
 - Financials continue to improve. Aside from equipment loans, all other debts have been cleared.
 - Upgrading equipment is an ongoing process.
 - The next meeting is to be an open house to showcase the facility.
 - The AGM has been set for May 29th at 6:00 pm.
- **Morris District Handivan Report**
 - All vehicles have been serviced and the purchase of new tires is being investigated.
 - Discussion of hospital transfers was raised and the need for an escort to accompany the patient was reinstated.
 - Financials were approved and are in good shape. An additional invoice from BDO was passed.
 - The AGM was set for May 7th at 1:30 pm at the Davidson Center.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- **Daycare renovations coming along**
- **Museum (Bingo nights are a huge addition)**
- **Curling Club**

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- **Valley Weed – New Chair**
- **Morris Manor**

Noted and Discussed

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

Noted and Discussed

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.