



**TOWN OF MORRIS  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:00 pm**

Councillors Present: Mel Baxter  
Taylor Braun  
Chris Hamblin  
Trevor Thiessen (Virtual)  
David Funk  
Tim Lewis

Also Present: Arien Peterson, CAO  
Absent: None  
Presiding: Mayor Scott Crick

<b>03/01/26</b> Agenda	<b>Moved by Councillor David Funk</b> <b>Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun</b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Agenda for January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026, Regular Council meeting be approved as presented	<b>(Carried)</b>
<b>04/01/26</b> Council Minutes	<b>Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin</b> <b>Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis</b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Minutes for the November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.	<b>(Carried)</b>
<b>05/01/26</b> CAAW Minutes	<b>Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun</b> <b>Seconded by Councillor David Funk</b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Minutes for the December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025, Committee as a Whole Meeting be adopted as presented	<b>(Carried)</b>
<b>06/01/26</b> Council Members	<b>Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin</b> <b>Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun</b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> that Council accept the following Members from Council for the January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 Regular Council Meeting as:	<b>(Carried)</b>
	In Attendance: Councillors David Funk, Mel Baxter, Tim Lewis, Taylor Braun, Trevor Thiessen (Virtual), Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin, and Mayor Scott Crick	
Excused:	None	
Unexcused:	None	

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

## 1. Letter from MCC Thrift

2. Letter from CF Triple R	<b>Noted &amp; discussed</b>
3. Letter from Big Rig Carwash	<b>Noted &amp; discussed</b>
4. Letter from VAS <b>07/01/26</b>	<b>Noted &amp; discussed</b>

**SEMINARS & EDUCATION: None**

1) Town of Morris List of Accounts	#08/01/26
2) Town of Morris Financials	#09/01/26
3) Town of Morris Interim Budget	#10/01/26

**08/01/26** **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts for December 2025, being Cheque #'s 19837 to 19900 in the amount of \$92,670.31, Electronic Payments of \$220,727.87 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$136,383.78 be approved as presented.

**(Carried)**

**09/01/26** **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of November 2025 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented.

**(Carried)**

**10/01/26** **Moved by Councillor David Funk**  
**Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 163 of The Municipal Act, Council hereby adopts the Interim Budget for all operations and capital expenditures for 2026 until the adoption of the Annual Estimates as follows:

**OPERATING REQUIREMENTS:**

General Government Services:	\$ 200,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 130,000.00
Transportation Services	\$ 300,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 60,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$ 20,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$ 20,000.00
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$ 200,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$ 500,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 40,000.00
	\$1,470,000.00

**CAPITAL SERVICES:**

Operating	\$ 100,000.00
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**UTILITIES OPERATION:**

Operating	\$ 100,000.00
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**UTILITIES CAPITAL:**

	\$ 50,000.00
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**(Carried)**

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL**

1. MultiPlex List of Accounts	#11/01/26
2. Multiplex Financials	#12/01/26

**11/01/26** **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
**Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the December 2025 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque #'s 11777 to 11794 in the amount of \$49,976.83, Electronic Payments of \$13,179.37 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$2,765.68 be approved as presented.

**(Carried)**

**12/01/26**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Multiplex      **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
Financials      **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the months of October and November 2025 for the Morris MultiPlex be adopted as presented.

**(Carried)**

**TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Authorize for Electronic Access - Chief Administrative Officer      **#13/01/26**
2. Signing Authority Municipal Documents - Chief Administrative Officer      **#14/01/26**
3. Removal of Electronic Access – Retired CAO      **#15/01/26**
4. Removal of Signing Authority – Retired CAO      **#16/01/26**

**13/01/26**      **Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
Town Auth      **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**  
Electronic      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council authorize CAO, Arien Peterson, to have electronic access for cheques and other municipal documents as of the first day of employment, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**(Carried)**

**14/01/26**      **Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
Signing      **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
Authority      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council authorize CAO, Arien Peterson, to have signing authority for cheques and other municipal documents as of the first day of employment, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**(Carried)**

**15/01/26**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Removal      **Seconded by Councillor Dave Funk**  
Electronic      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council remove CAO, Brigitte Access      Doerksen's electronic access for cheques and other municipal documents as of her last day of employment, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**(Carried)**

**16/01/26**      **Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
Removal      **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
Signing      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council remove CAO, Brigitte Authority      Doerksen's electronic access for cheques and other municipal documents as of her last day of employment, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**(Carried)**

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Authorize for Electronic Access - Chief Administrative Officer      **#17/01/26**
2. Signing Authority Municipal Documents - Chief Administrative Officer      **#18/01/26**
3. Removal of Electronic Access – Retired CAO      **#19/01/26**
4. Removal of Signing Authority – Retired CAO      **#20/01/26**

**17/01/26**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Multiplex Auth      **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
Electronic      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council authorize CAO, Arien Peterson, to have electronic access for cheques and other documents for the Morris Multiplex Inc as of the first day of employment, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**(Carried)**

**18/01/26**      **Moved by Councillor David Funk**  
Signing      **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
Authority      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council authorize CAO, Arien Peterson, to have signing authority for cheques and other documents for the Morris Multiplex Inc as of the first day of employment, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**(Carried)**

**19/01/26**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Removal      **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
Signing      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council remove CAO, Brigitte as of her last day of employment, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**(Carried)**

**20/01/26** **Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**Removal** **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Electronic** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council remove CAO, Brigitte Doerksen's electronic access for cheques and other documents for the Morris Multiplex Inc as of her last day of employment, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.  
**(Carried)**

**BY-LAWS & POLICIES:**

1. By-Law 04.25 – Water and Wastewater Utility	On hold for PUB
2. By-Law 07.25 – Line of Credit – Second Reading	#21/01/26
3. By-Law 07.25 – Line of Credit – Final Reading	#22/01/26
4. By-Law 05.25 – General Enforcement – Second Reading	#23/01/26
5. By-Law 05.25 – General Enforcement – Final Reading	#24/01/06
6. By-Law 06.25 – Vacant and Derelict Buildings	On hold

**21/01/26** **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**By-Law 07.25** **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**  
**Second** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 07.25 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris authorizing the borrowing of money to meet the current operating expenditures be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.  
**(Carried)**

**22/01/26** **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**By-Law 07.25** **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**  
**Final** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 07.25 being a By-Law of the Town of Morris authorizing the borrowing of money to meet the current operating expenditures be given final reading.  
**(Carried)**

*Recorded Vote: For: Councillors Tim Lewis, Mel Baxter, David Funk, Trevor Thiessen, Taylor Bruan, Chris Hamblin and Mayor Scott Crick*  
*Against: None*  
*Absent: None*

**23/01/26** **Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**By-Law 05.25** **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**First Read** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 05-25 being a by-law of the Town of Morris to provide for general enforcement by the municipality of its by-laws, provisions of the municipal act, the planning act, and any other act the municipality is authorized to enforce, and any permits, authorizations or agreements issued by or entered into by the municipality under the authority of such act, by-laws or provision be given second reading  
**(Carried)**

**24/01/26** **Moved by Councillor David Funk**  
**Bylaw 05.25** **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**  
**Final** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 05-25 being a by-law of the Town of Morris to provide for general enforcement by the municipality of its by-laws, provisions of the municipal act, the planning act, and any other act the municipality is authorized to enforce, and any permits, authorizations or agreements issued by or entered into by the municipality under the authority of such act, by-laws or provision be given final reading  
**(Carried)**

*Recorded Vote: For: Councillors Tim Lewis, Mel Baxter, David Funk, Trevor Thiessen, Taylor Bruan, Chris Hamblin and Mayor Scott Crick*

*Against: None*

*Absent: None*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NOTICE OF MOTION: NONE**

**IN CAMERA ITEMS: NONE**

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

**TOWN OF MORRIS**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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