



**TOWN OF MORRIS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
November 20, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

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

Also Present: Brigitte Doerksen, CAO
Absent: None
Presiding: Mayor Scott Crick

01/11/25
Agenda
Moved by Councillor David Funk
Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter
BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda for November 20, 2025, regular Council meeting be approved as presented
(Carried)

02/11/25
Council
Minutes
Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun
Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes for the October 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

03/11/25
CAAW
Minutes
Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes for the November 6, 2025, Committee as a Whole Meeting be adopted as presented

(Carried)

04/11/25
Council
Members
Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun
Seconded by Councillor David Funk
BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the following Members from Council for the October 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting as:

In Attendance: Councillors David Funk, Mel Baxter, Tim Lewis, Taylor Braun, Trevor Thiessen, Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin, and Mayor Scott Crick

Excused: None

Unexcused: None

(Carried)

DELEGATIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 1. Letter from Minister of Environment & Climate Change | Noted & discussed |
| 2. Manitoba Good Roads | Noted & discussed |

SEMINARS & EDUCATION: None

TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL

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| 1) Town of Morris List of Accounts | #05/11/25 |
| 2) Town of Morris Financials | #06/11/25 |

05/11/25 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Town List **Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts for November 2025, being Cheque #'s 19819 to 19836 in the amount of \$101,634.55, Electronic Payments of \$256,743.42 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$60,928.56 be approved as presented.

(Carried)

06/11/25 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Town **Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of October 2025 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL

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| 1. MultiPlex List of Accounts | #07/11/25 |
| 2. Multiplex Financials | #08/11/25 |

07/11/25 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
MultiPlex List **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the November 2025 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque #'s 11768 to 11776 in the amount of \$34,441.63, Electronic Payments of \$9,000.05 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$1,672.12 be approved as presented.

(Carried)

08/11/25 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Multiplex **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of September 2025 for the Morris MultiPlex be adopted as presented

(Carried)

TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:

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| 1. Hiring of new Chief Administrative Officer | #09/11/25 |
| 2. Signing Authority for new Chief Administrative Officer # | #10/11/25 |

09/11/25 **Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**
New CAO **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**
Hire **WHEREAS** the current Chief Administrative Officer has previously provided her intention to retire at the end of 2025;
 AND WHEREAS Council has been involved in the recruiting process for several months;
 AND WHEREAS Council has agreed upon a candidate to fill the role of Chief Administrative Officer;
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of Mrs. Arien Peterson to fill the position of Chief Administrative Officer effective January 2nd, 2026.

(Carried)

10/11/25 **Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**
Signing **Seconded by Councillor Dave Funk**
 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 2nd, 2026.

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS: NONE

BY-LAWS & POLICIES:

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| 1. By-Law 04.25 – Water and Wastewater Utility | On hold for PUB |
| 2. By-Law 07.25 – Line of Credit | #11/11/25 |
| 3. By-Law 05.25 – General Enforcement | #12/11/25 |
| 4. By-Law 06.25 – Vacant and Derelict Buildings | #13/25/25 |

11/11/25 Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
ByLaw 07.25 Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin
 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 1st reading.

12/11/25 Moved by Councillor David Funk
ByLaw 05/25 Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
First Read **WHEREAS** Council for the Town of Morris is authorized under The Municipal Act, including but not limited to clauses 231(a), 232(1)(a), 232(1)(c), 232(1)(o), subsection 236(1), and sections 239 through 249, to pass by-laws respecting the enforcement of municipal by-laws, including provisions for inspections and the remedying of by-law contraventions; and
 WHEREAS Council for the Town of Morris has reviewed By-Law 05-2025 General Enforcement By-Law, being a By-Law to provide for the enforcement of municipal by-laws, The Municipal Act, The Planning Act, and any other Act the Municipality is authorized to enforce, and any related permits, authorizations, approvals and agreements issued under such authority;
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Morris give 1st reading to By-Law 05.25

(Carried)

13/11/25 Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
Bylaw 06.25 Seconded by Councillor Dave Funk
 WHEREAS Council for the Town of Morris empowered under Part 7, Division 2, Sections 231, 232 and 233 of The Municipal Act, to pass a by-law with respect to the conditions and maintenance of vacant residential and commercial buildings;
 AND WHEREAS vacant and derelict buildings may create harmful visual impacts, increase risk of arson or vandalism, negatively affect property values, and pose risks to public safety and neighborhood stability;
 AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary and in the public interest to establish a by-law to regulate the condition and maintenance of vacant, unsafe and unsightly buildings and to provide a process by which the Municipality may take title to vacant and derelict buildings in accordance with Sections 247.2 (1) of the Municipal Act
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Morris give 1st reading to By-Law 06.25- Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-Law.

(Carried)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NOTICE OF MOTION: NONE

IN CAMERA ITEMS: NONE

Next Regular Committee as a Whole Meeting: January 8th, 2026
Next Regular Council Meeting: January 8th, 2026

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

TOWN OF MORRIS

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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