



## Council Committee as a Whole

### Minutes

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:30 pm

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

**Excused:** Trevor Thiessen

#### Delegations:

- RCMP Report: 2025-2026 Q2

#### Council Discussion:

- Garbage, Recycling and Compost fees Bylaw
- Town of Morris – Utility Rate Study

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

##### Mayor Scott Crick

- PTH 75 Caucus Group

**Noted and Discussed**

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##### Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **CofC**
  - Met on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Increasing membership to \$95/year. Preparations are ongoing for the Rings of Influence November 28<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the DEKALB SuperSpiel. Looking for ways to increase promotion of the Chamber and of activities happening in the area. The Mental Health session will be pushed into January. Manitoba Chamber of Commerce is offering an AI workshop to board members of Chambers of Commerce. Several from Morris and Area Chamber will attend.
- **Community Partners:**
  - No meeting in this reporting period.
- **Economic Development:**
  - Have not met.
- **Model Railway:**
  - Attended a second meeting to discuss possibilities for relocating the Skogland model. Recommended they come up with a business plan including potential sites, costs, grant opportunities, etc. They have formed a committee chaired by Cindy Conway to put this plan together.

## **Noted and discussed**

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### **Councillor Taylor Braun**

- **Valley Agricultural Society:**
  - Planning for 2026 is well under way, we are continuing to apply for additional grants and still have a staff member on doing a bunch of work to the grandstands.
  - Board training with CF Triple R in the next month or so.
  - We were once again nominated for Event of the Year, and I will be attending the Manitoba Country Music Association awards to accept the award if we win for the third year in a row!
  - Awarded the From The Ground Up grant which will provide us with 46 new picnic tables and help with electrical upgrades for the concessions area.
  - AGM is set for December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- **Valley Regional Library:**
  - New furnace and central air were finally installed by Jablonski Electric -everything is working well!
  - Processed 88 tax returns last year and have been approved for those expenses. Sean has purchased the second computer to have help with this but is still looking for another person to volunteer their time and help with this.
  - Chair, Dianne has expressed that she would like to step down as chair at the end of her term in January 2026, so we will looking for someone to replace her as Chairperson.
- **Morris Fire Department:**
  - No meetings to report on.

## **Noted and discussed**

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### **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 October 7, 2025.

#### **Items of Interest to report on:**

- **Main Street:**
  - Hanging baskets have all been removed.
  - Castle pot flowers are being removed and will be put away.
- **Road Infrastructure:**
  - Phase 1 of 2025 asphalt work has been completed.
  - Phase 2 will be completed this week.
  - Items for 2026 road infrastructure budget include:
    - o 2 - mile road, six patches.
    - o Mulvey West 1<sup>st</sup> block resurfacing and parking lanes.
  - Met with MTI regarding 23 Highway West (422 to 75) asking for millings from that project.

- **Current Projects:**
  - Streets & Infrastructure Asset Management.
  - Drainage work: Agassiz Trail and Willow Drive turnaround.
  - Daycare Ditches work to begin in October.
  - Town shop yard reconstruction.
  - Lead monitoring for this year is complete and well below requirement. This will be an annual program.
- **Upcoming Projects:**
  - Town cleanup will take place as usual.
  - Fire hydrant replacement required at Boyne West and Lucinda Street.
  - The Trails Grant project will begin soon.
  - Community garden showing interest for next year. Large totes for watering have been ordered.
- **Education/Administration:**
  - Joel has achieved his Class 1 Water/Wastewater certificate.
  - Brian to attend Biosolids conference in Winnipeg in October.
  - Budget preparations have begun.
- **Recommendations:**
  - Due to on-going misuse of garbage bins at the Town Shop, it is recommended that they be removed permanently.
  - Garbage bins would be replaced by a large container for recyclables like batteries, paint cans, light bulbs, propane cylinders, etc. as a transfer station.
  - Town cleanup in future years would still include branches, mattresses and compost with the addition of a 45-yard dumpster at the Town Shop for one week for all other refuse. This would still happen twice a year.

### **Noted and discussed**

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#### **Councillor Mel Baxter**

- **M.A.S.S**
  - Discussions were held regarding the splitting of duties and responsibilities between the coordinator and cook as per Southern Health's regulations. MASS is trying to maintain Victoria Helpline within the community in way that satisfies Southern Health. Documents were signed listing new officers and volunteers for the records. There has been no update on Manitoba Housing renovations.

### **Noted and discussed**

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#### **Councillor David Funk**

- **Morris Curling Club**
  - We had our Curl Morris AGM on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We had our President Mel Baxter step down from the board and have welcomed back Brian Recksiedler as the new President. Preparations are well under way for the DEKALB which is being held from November 27-30. The club is also hosting another major bonspiel this year, with the Manitoba U21 Provincials. Preparations are well underway for that event as well. These are two large events which give us the opportunity to really showcase our facility and market the Cargill (soon to be ASHAM) Curling Training Centre.

- **Morris Museum**
  - The bench arbor unveiling went very well. We had 37 people show for it, and included live music, dainties and refreshments. The weather was beautiful to boot. The Museum is now closed for the season, and we are now shifting the focus to the monthly Bingo nights. We will be starting the paperwork for the Canada Summer Jobs application for 2026.
- **Morris Early Learning Centre**
  - The MELC AGM was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We had two board members resign, but have had four individuals step up for a chance to sit on the board. Operations continue in both locations, with a new room in the RTM that opened in September. We still have a few rooms to open in that location and hope to hire more staff as the time goes on.

#### **Noted and Discussed**

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#### **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

- No report

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#### **Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin**

- No report

#### **Noted and Discussed**

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#### **New Business:**

- Morris Legion Remembrance Day Service.
- Town of Morris Storey Stroll.

#### **In Camera:**

- **Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**
- **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**
- **Be it resolved that** Council go in camera to discuss a potential development and personnel issue.
  
- **Moved by Councillor David Funk**
- **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**
- **Be it resolved that** Council resume their Committee as a Whole Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm