



## Council Committee as a Whole

# Minutes

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

7:28 pm

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

**Delegations: None**

**Council Discussion:**

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

**Mayor Scott Crick**

- **Verbal Report Given**

**Noted and Discussed**

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**Councillor Chris Hamblin**

- **Morris Area Foundation:**
  - Working on the Annual Report for the AGM. Next board meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Chamber of Commerce:**
  - Held a strategic Planning Session March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Discussed activities the Chamber has been involved in and upcoming events.
  - The Chamber acts as an advocate /voice for local businesses to government, provides businesses with a health plan, promotes businesses on-line when provided with information and continues to provide networking opportunities with peers and with the community through monthly meetings and community engagement through various projects and activities.
  - The board discussed the board values and areas that they would like to improve.
  - It will continue to highlight members via social media and with invites to share at the monthly meetings. Information will continue to be shared via social media and quarterly newsletters.
- **Economic Development Committee:**
  - Met with Michelle Pereira from JohnQ. She is relatively new to the company and reached out to us and the RM of Morris to meet and discuss community needs particularly as it relates to housing.
  - The meeting discussed housing and in particular seniors housing and starter homes. She indicated that JohnQ has connections with government grant programs and felt they could help municipalities benefit from some of these programs. She felt that applying for several municipalities may be more successful than each municipality applying on their own. She mentioned some of the Efficiency Manitoba grants as an example. We have already made use of this grant on some of our lighting upgrades.

- Both municipalities shared some of the concerns on overruns and faulty workmanship with the work on the new Early Child Care Centre. Michelle indicated we were welcome to follow up with her following the meeting.
- Met with an individual as a potential part time EDO for the Community. The individual has declined the position so we will be looking to advertise to see if we can generate some interest in the position.

- **Community Partners:**
  - Nothing to report

**Noted and discussed**

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### **Councillor Taylor Braun**

- **Verbal Report Given**

**Noted and discussed**

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### **Councillor Tim Lewis**

#### **Public Works:**

- **Main Street:**
  - Storm sewer steaming and inspections.
  - Assessing sidewalks & landscape bricks for 2026
- **Signage:**
  - Sign replacements 90% complete.
    - 28 new/updated street sign names.
    - 20 updated STOP signs.
    - 21 updated ¾-way signs.
    - 2 new directional signs.
    - 2 new 50km/hr signs (2 Mile Road).
  - Sign repairs to begin after thaw.
- **Current Projects:**
  - Steaming drains.
  - 2026 project assessments and quoting.
  - Hwy 23 Project.
    - Estimated start date (within Town limits) of 2027.
    - LDS (Land Drain System) materials will be at our expense.
- **Upcoming Projects:**
  - Street sweeping.
  - Community Garden development.
  - River Trail packing & wood chip overlay.

**Noted and discussed**

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### **Councillor Mel Baxter**

- **Riverview Golf Committee:**

- Planning for the 2026 golf season is well underway with Ron returning as restaurant cook and the hope of hiring a part-time cook to allow for 7-day coverage.
- There is money in the bank and finances look good.
- The AGM is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>, and we hope to have present a rep. from Golf Manitoba to promote Golf Canada membership and its advantages.
- Tournament dates are being planned-sponsorship packages are still available.
- **Morris Wellness Committee Report:**
  - Financials continue to be positive with a sizeable cash flow.
  - New equipment has arrived with the centre piece (CABLE MACHINE) in place and the need to revise the gym floor plan to accommodate all items.
  - Some maintenance work needed to be handled as the treadmills were having power problems.
  - AGM planning is ongoing.

### **Noted and discussed**

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#### **Councillor David Funk**

- **Morris Early Learning Centre:**
  - We have officially hired a new director. She has over 10 years experience in childcare. While she does not have any direct experience as a director, she brings a lot of experience as an educator and will need to be trained on the administrative side of things.
  - Our budget was submitted, with the biggest difference is a projected surplus. However, now that the building is off warranty, the centre will likely need to use some of that surplus for maintenance/repairs. There may also be future renovations at the Main Street location to accommodate special needs.
  - The waitlist currently has a total of 53 on it. School age has 13 (with an additional 7 spots required for our existing kindergarten children to move to this fall), Kindergarten (entering SA this fall) has 1, preschool has 8, infants has 9, and future infants (maternity leave spots) has 22. We have several staff in training, who are already designated to rooms when they graduate.
- **Morris Curling Club:**
  - The club made a profit from hosting the Provincial Junior Championships in February. The event also netted an additional ice booking prior to the event. It was a big success overall, with Curl Manitoba being impressed with our hosting capabilities and with the facility as a whole.
  - We are looking into what type of Curl Manitoba event we want to host next.
  - The search is still on for a title sponsor for the SuperSpiel, but other sponsors for the event are looking good.
  - The Anniversary Bonspiel has also sold out for both stick and regular curling teams. Financially, the club is in a decent position, however a recent dive into the financials indicates approximate costs per year to run the curling club. A profitable SuperSpiel is essential to this club staying open.
- **PTH 75 Caucus:**
  - The next step with the Caucus is to finalize a logo. We have recently conducted a few virtual meetings that highlighted some options. We have narrowed down the designers and are asking them to fine tune the logo to incorporate what we want.
- **Morris Museum:**
  - Not much to report. The Museum is hosting its AGM on April 28<sup>th</sup>, so preparations for that are well underway.
  - A draft update to the bylaws will be presented, along with the budget for this upcoming year.
  - The Bingo nights made a big difference to the Museum last year, so it will be an adjustment to go without that revenue again this year.
- **Morris Multiplex:**
  - Hiring & Recruitment
    - The Facilities Support Administrative position has been adjusted to a part-time role with seasonal full-time hours (October-December). This position is currently in the hiring process.

- A part-time arena attendant has been hired and is actively in training on the Olympia, they will move to a part time green team member for summer months.
- Education/Training
  - Megan Thiessen and Meagan D. attended the Rec Connect Summit, gaining valuable insight into recreation trends and facility management.
  - Kyra is currently enrolled in both an Ice Facility Operator Course and a Building Operator Course to further develop operational expertise.
  - Dave Jagusic is currently completing a Playground Inspector Course to support safety and compliance for outdoor amenities.
- Arena Operations
  - Spring ice season has begun with strong demand. The arena is fully booked on weekday evenings.
  - Arena and Curling Club shutdown is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Halls
  - Scattered bookings happened throughout Spring and Summer.
  - Full me kitchen rental in process.

**Noted and Discussed**

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**Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

- **Verbal Report Given**

**Noted and Discussed**

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

- Nothing to Report

**Noted and Discussed**

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**New Business:**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.