



**TOWN OF MORRIS  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

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

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

**01/02/26**  
Agenda

**Moved by Councillor David Funk**  
**Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda for February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Council meeting be approved as presented  
**(Carried)**

**02/02/26**  
Council  
Minutes

**Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
**Seconded by Councillor David Funk**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes for the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.  
**(Carried)**

**03/02/26**  
CAAW  
Minutes

**Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes for the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Committee as a Whole Meeting be adopted as presented  
**(Carried)**

**04/02/26**  
Council  
Members

**Moved by Councillor David Funk**  
**Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept the following Members from Council for the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as:

In Attendance: Councillors David Funk, Mel Baxter, Tim Lewis, Taylor Braun, Trevor Thiessen (Virtual), Chris Hamblin (Virtual) and Mayor Scott Crick  
Excused: None  
Unexcused: None  
**(Carried)**

**DELEGATIONS: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**SEMINARS & EDUCATION:**

**05/02/26**  
AMM Spring  
Convention

**Moved by Councillor David Funk**  
**Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that one (1) Council and two (2) Staff be authorized to attend the Annual AMM Spring Convention held April 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**AND FURTHER** that expenses be reimbursed as per By-Law 02/19  
**(Carried)**

**06/02/26**  
AMM

**Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**  
**Seconded by Councillor David Funk**

Meeting **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that one (1) Council and one (1) Staff be authorized to attend the Mayors, Reeves and CAO's meeting held April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 in Brandon, MB

**AND FURTHER** that expenses be reimbursed as per By-Law 02/19

**(Carried)**

#### **TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL**

- 1) Town of Morris List of Accounts #07/02/26
- 2) Manitoba Hydro Agreement #08/02/26

**07/02/26** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
Town List Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis  
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts for February 2026, being Cheque # 19923 to Cheque # 19943 in the amount of \$105,417.34, Cancelled Electronic Payments of \$650.00, Electronic Payments of \$210,993.60 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$68,681.60 be approved as presented.

**(Carried)**

**08/02/26** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
MB Hydro Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun  
Agreement **WHEREAS** Manitoba Hydro has provided a Natural Gas Service Agreement (MER-2026-00816) for the extension of natural gas services to the Town of Morris Industrial Park;

**AND WHEREAS** Manitoba Hydro has provided a quoted developer contribution for the installation of the natural gas main extension

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves proceeding with the natural gas main extension for the Industrial Park;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to execute the Natural Gas Service Agreement and remit payment in the quoted amount, plus taxes, on behalf of the Town of Morris

**(Carried)**

**09/02/26** Moved by Councillor David Funk  
MEC Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis  
Agreement **WHEREAS** the Town of Morris is required under the Emergency Measures Act to appoint a Municipal Emergency Coordinator;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town currently contracts services through Commissionaires Manitoba;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the renewal of the Municipal Emergency Coordinator Agreement with Commissionaires Manitoba for the term of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to execute the agreement and remit payment as outlined in the annual service fee schedule

**(Carried)**

#### **MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL**

- 1. MultiPlex List of Accounts #10/02/26

**10/02/26** Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter  
MultiPlex List Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis  
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the February 2026 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque # 11795 to Cheque # 11812 for a total amount of \$21,179.40, Electronic Payments of \$13,070.18 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$689.30 be approved as presented.

**(Carried)**

**TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:**

**11/02/26**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
Taxervice      **Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
Agreement      **WHEREAS** The Municipal Act requires the Town of Morris to conduct tax recovery proceedings every year;

**AND WHEREAS** Council for The Town of Morris deems it to be in the Towns best interest to hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on its behalf;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town of Morris hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on the Towns behalf for a term of 3 (three) years.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Administrative Officer be and is hereby authorized to sign the Taxervice Inc. engagement letter on behalf of the municipality.

**(Carried)**

**12/02/26**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Emergency**      **Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**  
**Plan**            **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the Town of Morris Emergency Plan as presented.

**(Carried)**

**13/02/26**      **Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis**  
**RRSH Inc**      **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**Signing**        **WHEREAS** the Town of Morris is now the sole member of the Red River Supportive Housing Inc;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. All Previous signing authorities representing the RM's of Montcalm and Morris are hereby removed from all Red River Supportive Housing Inc. accounts.
2. The following individuals are authorized as signing officers for the Red River Supportive Housing inc.:
  - Mayor – Scott Crick
  - Deputy Mayor – Chris Hamblin
  - Chief Administrative Officer – Arien Peterson
3. Any of the two above shall be required to authorize transactions
4. The signing officers are authorized to have electronic banking access on behalf of the Red River Supportive Housing Inc.

**(Carried)**

**MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS: None**

**BY-LAWS & POLICIES:**

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. By-Law 04.25 – Water and Wastewater Utility  | <b>On hold for PUB</b> |
| 2. By-Law 06.25 – Vacant and Derelict Buildings | <b>On hold</b>         |
| 3. By-Law 01- Red River Housing Inc             | <b>Amendment</b>       |

**14/02/26**      **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**  
**RRSH**            **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**  
**Amendment**      **WHEREAS** Red River Supportive Housing Inc. (the “Corporation”) is incorporated under The Corporations Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the RM's of Montcalm and Morris are no longer participating member of the Corporation;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Morris is now the sole member of the Corporation and Council will act as the Board of Directors;

**AND WHEREAS** By-Law No. 1 of the Corporation requires amendment to reflect the updated governance structure;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Morris, being the sole member of the Red River Supportive Housing Inc., hereby approves the amendments as presented

**(Carried)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NOTICE OF MOTION: NONE**

**IN CAMERA ITEMS: NONE**

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**TOWN OF MORRIS**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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