TOWN OF MORRIS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
March 26th,2026 @ 7:01 pm

Councillors Present:	Mel Baxter Chris Hamblin Taylor Braun Trevor Thiessen (Virtual) David Funk Tim Lewis
Also Present:	Arien Peterson, CAO
Absent:	None
Presiding:	Mayor Scott Crick

03/03/26
Agenda

Moved by Councillor David Funk
Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin
BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda for March 26th, 2026, Regular Council meeting be approved as presented

(Carried)

04/03/26
Council
Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun
Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes for the February 26th , 2026, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

05/03/26
CAAW
Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun
Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes for the March 12th, 2026, Committee as a Whole Meeting be adopted as presented

(Carried)

06/03/26
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 26th,2026 Regular Council Meeting as:

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

(Carried)

DELEGATIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

SEMINARS & EDUCATION: None

TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL

1) Town of Morris List of Accounts **#07/03/26**
2) Town of Morris Financials **#08/03/26**

07/03/26
Town List
Of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis
BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts for March 2026, being Cheque # 19944 to Cheque # 19959 in the amount of $149,993.94, Electronic Payments of $191,321.50 and Payroll Direct Deposits of $55,041.06 be approved as presented.

(Carried)

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08/03/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Town **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of December 2025 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL

1. MultiPlex List of Accounts **#09/03/26**
2. Multiplex Financials December 2025 **#10/03/26**

09/03/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
MultiPlex List **Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the March 2026 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque # 11813 to Cheque # 11818 for a total amount of $5,190.04 Electronic Payments of $9,462.69 and Payroll Direct Deposits of $2,234.73 be approved as presented.

(Carried)

10/03/26 **Moved By Councillor Mel Baxter**
Multiplex **Seconded By Councillor David Funk**
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of December 2025 for the Morris Multiplex be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2026 Election Officials Remuneration
2. Sponsorship Request

11/03/26 **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Election **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**
Officials **WHEREAS** the Municipal Councils and School Board Elections Act C.C.S.M c.
Remuneration M257 provides in part as follows:

10 (1) Each elected authority must appoint a senior election official (SEO) and may provide for his or her remuneration;

AND WHEREAS the SEO is responsible for the overall municipal election process;

AND WHEREAS the position will start immediately;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and necessary to appoint a Senior Election Officer and other election officials as required and to fix and provide for remuneration of those duties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Morris approve the following:

1. That Arien Peterson, CAO be appointed as the Senior Election Officer at a remuneration of $1,300.00 for the 2026 Election
2. That the Senior Election Officer appoint two Assistant Senior Election officers at a remuneration of $600.00 for the 2026 Election
3. That the Senior Election Officer appoint the Enumerator at a remuneration of $350.00 for the 2026 Election
4. That the Senior Election Officer appoint Poll Clerks and Voting officers at a remuneration of $300.00 for the 2026 Election

(Carried)

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12/03/26 Sponsorship Request

Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter
Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen
BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Sponsorship of Bryce Harje for the Circle H Ranch Chuckwagon for the 2026 Manitoba Stampede & Exhibition in the amount of $750.00

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS: None

BY-LAWS & POLICIES:

1. By-Law 04.25 – Water and Wastewater Utility	**On hold for PUB**
2. By-Law 02.26 – Vacant and Derelict Buildings	**First Reading**
3. By-Law 01.26 – Garbage - Special Service	**Second Reading**
4. By-Law 01.26 – Garbage - Special Service	**Third Reading**

13/03/26 Vacant Building

Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis
Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter
WHEREAS Council for the Town of Morris is empowered under Part 7, Division 2, Sections 231, 232 and 233 of The Municipal Act, to pass a By-Law with respect to the condition 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 Section 247.2(1) of The Municipal Act; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Morris gives First Reading to By-Law No. 02-26– Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-Law.

(Carried)

14/03/26 Garbage Rates

Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun
Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-26 being a By-law of the Town of Morris to establish a rate for the collection of garbage, compost and recyclables and operation of a joint landfill site as a special service, within the limits of the Town of Morris, for the years 2026 to 2027 be given second reading.

(Carried)

15/03/26 Garbage Rates

Moved by Councillor Tim Lewis
Seconded by Councillor David Funk
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 01-26 being a By-law of the Town of Morris to establish a rate for the collection of garbage, compost and recyclables and operation of a joint landfill site as a special service, within the limits of the Town of Morris, for the years 2026 to 2027 be given third and final reading.

(Carried)

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Library Trust Funds**

16/03/26 Library Funds	**Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin** **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Morris Council authorize the transfer of $18,048.44 plus any accrued interest to March 31st,2026 from the Library Trust Fund to the Valley Library Foundation to be used as they see fit.

(Carried)

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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