



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

November 06th, 2025

6:30 pm

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

Excused:

Delegations: None

Council Discussion – PTH 75 Climate Profile

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

Mayor Scott Crick

- Nothing new to report from last meeting

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **MAF**

Working on grant applications. Next meeting is November 12 where the board will be reviewing the applications and making decisions. Have requests for just over \$114,000 and approximately \$45,000 available. Awards evening will be at the Multiplex on December 9. The Giving Challenge is the week of November 10-16. The board will have a presence at Bigway and a promo campaign is taking place as well to encourage people to use this time to have their donations matched by Endow Manitoba and local business donors. (up to a maximum)

- **Chamber of Commerce**

Next meeting will be November 12th. Preparations are underway for the Rings of Influence to be held on Friday, November 28 in conjunction with the DEKALB SuperSpiel. Discussions are also taking place on further promotion of the Chamber Bucks as we head into the Christmas season.

- **Red River Supportive Housing**

The board of RRSH has met to discuss its direction. The cost of the facility as planned is believed to be beyond the budget of the majority of our residents. With this in mind, the board is looking to bring together groups working with seniors to discuss gaps in services, current needs, etc. Further direction for RRSH will be taken following this meeting.

- **Economic Development**

Committee has met to discuss the community needs and whether we should look at hiring a part time Economic Development Officer and what this might look like. Further discussion will take place at CAAW. The committee also had discussion on the Derelict Buildings' bylaw. This will also be discussed further at CAAW. Copies of sample by-laws have been circulated for review at Thursday's meeting.

- **Community Partners**

Nothing to report as this group has not met in several months.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Valley Regional Library**

Nothing major to report on. Ordered a new banner for different events that VRL attends. Diane and Claudia went to a good conference in October. Budget team has been put together and has already set a date to meet and start on budget.

- **Valley Agricultural Society**

Office staff have been hard at working putting together a new partnership booklet. Winterizing of the grounds is on the go. November 5th, we had our budget meeting and that is well underway. AGM will be held at the Multiplex on December 4th, 2025.

- **Morris Fire Department**

No meeting to attend.

Noted and Discussed

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 November 4, 2025.

- **Items of Interest to Report on:**

- **Main Street**

- Benches will be removed after the first snow fall.
- Christmas lights are ready to go up and will hung after Remembrance Day.

- **Road Infrastructure:**

- Asset management is on-going.
- Items for 2026 road infrastructure budget include: 2-mile road, six patches, \$80000 and Mulvey West 1st block resurfacing and parking lanes \$227000. Getting more quotes.
- Fall street sweeping has begun.
- Daycare ditches work to begin in November.
- One final grass cutting is being done.

- **Upcoming Projects**

- Winter preparation.
- Seasonal water lines to be blown out.
- Construction has begun on the Trails Grant project.
- Community garden showing interest for next year. Large totes for watering have been ordered.

- **Education/Administration**

- Joel is currently taking the waste water collection Class 1 course.
- Budget preparation has begun.
- AMM convention later this month.
- Annual reviews will begin this month.
- A work placement student is currently helping at the shop.

- **Recommendations/Discussions**

- Garbage bin discussion for Council.
- Future roadwork schedule.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Wellness Center Report**

The gym and workout area continue to do well with over 300 members and students using the facility. Net income for Jan through sept 2025 sits at \$36,359.00 allowing for research on acquiring new upgrade equipment and some cosmetic work to improve the appearance of the area. One new member has been appointed to the board bring it up to full compliment.

- **Riverview Golf Committee Report**

At the last meeting financials for the 2025 season were presented. The course had one of its best years on record recording a profit of \$41,463.11 bolstered by bar sales. Restaurant revenue was basically breakeven but completes the facility and may have brought in new golfers. Scott Crick was approved as handicapping facilitator for those interested. The next scheduled winter meeting will deal with purchasing upgrades to the course as well as setting fees for 2026, and planning course activities.

- **Morris Area Senior Services (M.A.S.S.)**

Nothing new to report on the maintenance and renovations for the Davidson Ctr. The board did however send another specific letter (Oct-30) addressed to the minister, Hon.Bernadette Smith again expressing our concerns. We will see if there is any follow up. The meal program continues to do well with numbers up slightly. Some entertainment has been planned in Nov following a couple of Friday night suppers.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor David Funk

- **Morris Early Learning Centre**

There are four staff members who are in ECE training. Two will be done in 2026 (April and June), and the others in 2027. We are waiting on the Provincial Coordinator to open another two rooms, which should happen in November. This would mean that there are only two more rooms to open in the RTM, which we hope to accomplish in 2026. This will depend on staffing and staff exemptions. There have been some issues identified with the fire and life safety systems in the RTM and the build team has been contacted. We are unfortunately experiencing many deficiencies with this new building. The child waitlist is currently ~88 children. The MELC board will be exploring options for board training in 2026.

- **Curl Morris**

There are two major events on the horizon for the curling club. The DEKALB is set for November 27-30. The DEKALB committee was hoping to provide live streaming for the event this year after a hiatus last year, but was unfortunately unable to find a sponsor for it. With no major sponsor for livestreaming, it didn't make financial sense to invest the \$13,000 required. The next event will be the Provincial U21 Junior Championships, which will be held February 18-22, 2026. We have found committee leads for the various committees involved and will be hosting a representative from Curl Manitoba at the next board meeting to discuss various logistics around this event. The AGM dinner was a success and yielded a \$2100 profit to the club.

- **Museum**

Nothing new to report.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Nothing new to report from last meeting

Noted and Discussed

Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin

- Nothing new to report from last meeting

Noted and Discussed

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

In camera: none