



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

May 14, 2026

6.35 pm

In attendance: Mayor Scott Crick, Chris Hamblin, Trever Thiessen (Virtual), Tim Lewis, Mel Baxter, Taylor Braun, David Funk

Delegations: None

Council Discussion:

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

Mayor Scott Crick

- **Verbal Report Given**

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **Morris Area Foundation (MAF):**
 - Continuing to work on website updates and news.
 - Endow Conference held April 24th-26th with a few directors attending. One of the conference sessions was on cybersecurity. The board will be discussing further at the next board meeting (May 12th).
 - Annual meeting preparations continue. The annual report is being prepared and printed in preparation for the AGM. AGM will be held at the Morris Golf Course on June 12th.
- **Chamber of Commerce:**
 - Continuing to work on budget, by-laws and defining roles of directors.
 - AI session provided working with Carman C of C. Interest was good and so a second day was added. Reports were positive on these sessions.
- **Red River Supportive Housing (RRSH):**
 - No official meetings held but continue to look for solutions. Many of the housing discussions have also included aspects of Assisted Living and/or Supportive Housing.
- **Community Partners:**
 - No meetings. I reached out to Matt Norris for updates on projects. I have also been asked to tour some of the Medical Rural Week students on May 28th.
- **AMM Conference:**
 - Attended the RMED session. Interesting presentation about using LoCal Intel for pulling data together. My summary would be they are using AI to generate reports using the data from RMED. It was an interesting presentation but not sure we are needing this at the moment.
 - Mayors and Reeves Meeting:

- Minister of Finance is responsible for Manitoba Hydro who spoke and took questions. Questions revolved around wait times and difficulty getting projects off the ground.
- Glen Simard also spoke and took questions. Green teams have been announced. All that applied got some (but not necessarily all that was requested).
- Denys Volkov talked about AMM Toolkit for protecting elected officials.
- Much focus in the conference was on dealing with difficult people and situations. Several municipalities have been targeted with disruptive and dangerous situations, so sessions were to help address these situations.
- There were also several sessions on encouraging people to get involved in municipal politics.
- Keynote –
 - Micheal Landsberg spoke on dealing with depression. Good presentation.
 - Dr. Shawna Pandya – physician, neuroscientist, aquanaut and astronaut. Very interesting presentation with a message about leadership.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Valley Ag Society (VAS):**
 - We received approval from Canada Summer Jobs for 35 hours/week for 15 weeks throughout the summer.
 - Rumble is less than a month away, so we are working hard to ensure everything is ready. Lack of warmer weather so far is impacting work parties on the grounds so far.
 - Quite a bit of unauthorized access to VAS property that is causing damage. GM to be reaching out to local authorities and others to chat about ground usage. We want this to be a place people can walk through for easier access, but people need to be mindful of our property as well.
- **Valley Regional Library:**
 - Canada Summer Jobs grant was approved for 30 hours/week for July and August.
 - Looking at potentially doing some maintenance to the inside of the building.
 - Hosted author on May 1st that some grade 3 and 4's attended. Everyone enjoyed it.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Public Works:

- **Streets:**
 - Street sweeping continues.
 - Approximately 60% complete.
 - Pothole patching mostly complete for Spring.
 - Asphalt patching to begin in June.
 - Will be contacting Bayview Construction to confirm a start date for Mulvey West & 2-Mile Rd once budget is approved.
- **Main Street:**
 - Sweeping to happen within 2 weeks.
 - Benches to go out after sweeping.
 - Flowers to be planted early June.

- **Cemetery:**
 - Cleanup to begin this week.
 - Trees, garbage, debris.
 - New headstone pads (2) scheduled to be constructed in June.
- **Eco-Centre:**
 - This year's funds will go towards offering gift cards for residents that utilize the used oil drop-off.
 - Santa Lucia, Golf Course, Build-All, Bigway Bucks, etc.
- **Shop Equipment:**
 - Trails to be prepped & officially opened once ground has dried up.
- **Staffing:**
 - Monday garbage data is showing continued decrease in usage.
 - *Recommend reducing to first Monday of each month.*

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- **Riverview Golf report:**
 - All relevant info on this season is available on the golf club's website. Rates are posted as well as a new Ladies night league and Mixed league.
 - The annual AGM is set for May 26th with Mr. Brian Munz as guest speaker – prizes to be drawn for and the promotion of Golf Canada, memberships will be available.
 - The club is working on a new logo as well as upgrading the hwy entrance signage and the social media website.
- **M.A.S.S Report:**
 - As per previous motions the board has consolidated a few small accts into a general fund.
 - Financials are positive even though food costs continue upward. So far, no need to increase the meal program.
 - A new temporary chef (EMMA) has been hired to help with days off for our regular chef.
- **Morris District Handi Van Report:**
 - The purchase of new vehicles has been tabled pending further research.
 - Increasing costs have seen the need to raise the travel rate to .50 per km.
 - The Government Grant is late in arriving as well as the service having a reduced profit in March due to audit payment.
 - Tires have been changed for the summer season.
 - A touching service was held on May 2nd for Al Recksiedler, a founding member of the Handi Van service.
 - The AGM has been set for June 2nd at 10:30 at the Davidson Centre.
- **Morris Wellness Centre Report:**
 - Nothing to report as the last meeting could not achieve a quorum.
 - AGM date to be established at the next meeting.

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- **Verbal Report Given**

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- **PVWC:**
 - Nothing new to report on, business as usual.
- **Valley Weed:**
 - Planning for the season spraying happened at our last meeting.
 - Warren provided his updates on potential problem areas.
 - We have received our audited financial statement, will review early next week.
- **Morris Manor:**
 - Plan to continue with some renovation work around the exterior of the manor.
 - We issued warning letters to three tenants for various infractions. We consulted with the Tenancies Branch prior to issuing anything so as not to step wrong.
 - We are looking at hiring a building manager to assist with rent collection, tenant relations, identifying maintenance concerns, etc.

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**Red River Supportive Housing Project:
New Business/Discussion:**

1. **Housing, Supportive Housing, and Manitoba Housing – How to proceed, planning for 2027 – 2030, long-term land decision.**
2. **Climate Adaptation Plan - Discussed**

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Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.