



## Council Committee as a Whole

# Minutes

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6.30 pm

**In attendance: Mayor Scott Crick, Trevor Thiessen, Tim Lewis, David Funk, Chris Hamblin**

**Excused: Mel Baxter, Taylor Braun**

**Delegations:**

1. Cheryl Thiessen
2. 2027 Reassessment Presentation

**Council Discussion:**

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

**Mayor Scott Crick**

This has been a busier than normal month from a correspondence perspective, as we have been attempting to address resident concerns over unsightly properties, including many rentals. I have also been continuing background correspondence with a builder for potentially becoming involved in single-family housing, the MH project, and potential tie-in to supportive housing.

I have also reached out to our lawyers regarding the goals of a rental property by-law and am still waiting for their feedback as to our jurisdictional authority. Plus, I have written a proposed new compensation by-law that we may wish to consider at council, or we may leave for incoming council in October.

**PTH 75 Corridor:**

- General concepts for the website were reviewed with feedback given, and a business plan for distribution to government and partners was distributed for further feedback. Both items are progressing.

**Golf Course AGM:**

- Attended the Golf Course AGM and was very pleased to see how they are performing. A small course will always have potential challenges, but the current Board looks to be active and doing a good job.

**Manitoba Housing:**

- As noted by Chris, we had further discussions with Manitoba Housing regarding the Parkside Villas replacement project. Feedback received was very encouraging, with specific items to highlight being:
  - MH plans to replace the Davidson Centre like-for-like.
  - If the Town wishes to contribute to the facility for potentially broader use (i.e.-kitchen that can support congregate meals and supportive housing) the opportunity would be there.
  - If there was room and the facility was designed in advance, MH would allow the attachment of a supportive housing facility.
  - MH Preferred the “centre-of-town” location, which does come with logistical challenges. They were not fond of the bare land and its location. An additional idea was introduced that may have appeal but may also

need us to rethink how the community utilizes facilities and green space in the South-East corner of Town. Regardless, Arien sent the needed information to MH, and we await their response as to what facility would look like on any of the proposed locations.

**LERCG Meeting:**

- Nothing of urgent or special to note.

**Rumble in the Valley:**

- Attended Rumble in the Valley and had a good time.

**Decoration Day:**

- Attended Decoration Day and placed a wreath on behalf of the Town.

**Morris Area Foundation AGM:**

- Attended the Morris and Area Foundation AGM. Nice to see the continued work they do in the community, and how they continue to build their funds that translate to gifting.

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**Noted and Discussed**

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**Councillor Chris Hamblin**

**Morris Area Foundation (MAF):**

- Board meeting Tuesday June 9. Also, AGM evening of June 9. MAF is creating policy for credit card use primarily so that it can be used for anti-virus software and other protection software. Reviewed agreement for the setting up of another community fund within the MAF group of funds. Final preparations for AGM at the Golf course at 7pm June 9.
- AGM – for approval of annual report and year end financials. 2 new board members are welcomed as - Larry Skoglund and Susan Hildebrand. Holly Rafferty provided an overview of the Red River Palliative Care Program.

**Chamber of Commerce:**

- Meeting on June 10. Reviewed scholarship applications and selected one to be this year's recipient. Several applications all with exemplary credentials. Each provided a short write up about the benefits the Chamber of Commerce provides to the community and the businesses within. Preparations are well underway for the Stampede Kick off.

**Economic Development:**

- Met with Manitoba Housing to further discuss Manitoba Housing options within the community. Discussions were positive. Further questions need to be answered prior to moving forward.

**Community Partners:**

- No meetings were held. I was requested to spend a couple of hours with two medical students to provide an overview of our community and all it has to offer its citizens and new doctors. Both students were very engaged.

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**Noted and discussed**

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**Councillor Taylor Braun**

**Valley Ag Society (VAS):**

- Another great Rumble in the Valley has come and gone. Estimating 150 more people than 2025. Overall, everything went well but we are waiting for final numbers. We are doing some exciting renovations to the Piersch patio and are excited to use it for Stampede this year! No normal board meeting was had this month. Everything is going smoothly.

#### **Valley Regional Library:**

- Looking at doing some renovations to ensure the building is more accessible on the inside. CVITP tax clinic was our best year so far. Sean is looking forward to training another tax preparer. VRL will once again be doing the Stampede gates. The insurance inspector came around and the only thing they had to point out was the signage for fire extinguishers; we have put more signs up and everything should be good to go.

### **Noted and discussed**

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#### **Councillor Tim Lewis**

##### **Public Works:**

- **Main Street:**
  - Planters & hanging baskets are in place.
  - Benches & garbage/recycling in place.
  - Full sweep completed.
  - Banners to be replaced as needed starting in June.
- **Signage:**
  - West “Welcome to Morris” sign to be replaced this summer.
  - Industrial Park and Triple R sign to be installed in June.
  - Morris River and Walking Trail signs to be installed in June.
  - Street signs and new stop signs installed in May.
- **Current Projects:**
  - Town clean-up complete.
  - Mowing green spaces.
  - Large area mowing.
  - Community garden fencing.
  - Cemetery landscaping.
  - Sewer flushing completed in May.
- **Upcoming Projects:**
  - Storm sewer installs.
  - Storm sewer flushing.
  - Hydrant replacement (Stampede Grounds at parking lot).
  - Hydrant Repainting.
    - Contracted Service.
  - Gravel road levelling & dust control.
  - Preparation for Canada Day & Stampede.
- **Education/Administration:**
  - Multiple upcoming training sessions & conferences.
- **Recommendations/Discussions:**
  - Sweeper.
  - Garbage bins.
    - Switched to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

- Recycling reopened & monitored.
- Town clean-up recommendations.
  - Mattresses to be delivered to shop by residents
  - Consideration for cost to residents.
- Fall clean-up reduced to furniture and branches/compost only.

### **Noted and discussed**

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#### **Councillor Mel Baxter**

##### **Morris Wellness Centre:**

- Finances continue to do well with monthly revenue regularly exceeding expenses.
- The existing executive has been returned for another term.
- A junior director has been added to the board – This is a non-voting position.
- The wish list for new equipment is being evaluated.
- A motion was passed setting guidelines on personal trainers, their number of students and time mgmt. of the use of the gym and equipment.
- An open house is planned for September 17<sup>th</sup> with food and prizes.
- Descriptive forms are being written to aid the various board committees.

### **Noted and discussed**

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#### **Councillor David Funk**

##### **PTH 75 Caucus:**

- We have met and will continue to meet virtually for the next few weeks as the business plan for the caucus has been presented. We will be going through a few sections in detail each time. We are not sure when the next meeting involving all the stakeholders will be, but the goal now is to have the business plan fine tuned and ready to implement.

##### **Morris Early Learning Centre:**

- The Centre continues to thrive under its new leadership team. Board Involvement in day-to-day operations has decreased in a good way. Staffing levels remain good, and we are in a position where as soon as our next round of staff complete their ECE training, we will be fully staffed with ECE's and would not be eligible to send anymore staff for their schooling. The Centre has also been approved for an additional ten spaces for the school age program on Main Street. This will allow us to continue service to some families who may not have had a school age spot once their child aged out of the preschool program. Financially, the Centre is in really good shape and is projected to have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

##### **Morris Museum:**

- The Museum is now open for the season. We have hired a summer student for the Canada Summer Jobs Grant and she has now started. Summer activities including Canada Day Tea and the float for the Stampede Parade are now in the planning stages. We have engaged an individual who has shown interest in the job for the Museum Director, who would have an average of five hours per week. The hours would increase during the season where the Museum is open, and less in the winter. The objective for this position is to alleviate some of the bureaucratic responsibilities of the Board, such as grant applications, government reports, along with helping the summer student. This position was budgeted for.

### **Morris Curling Club:**

- The Curling Club has completed its year end financials, and the AGM is scheduled for Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The club is not doing well financially, suffering a loss this last financial year. The fixed costs such as wages, utilities and ice making are the biggest hits to the budget. At the current pace, the club would only have another two years of capitol left to operate. There is some growing optimism however considering the agreement that Asham has with the club regarding the development centre. Asham is using their branding to promote the club, and that has resulted already in some summer training sessions being hosted along with the regular development centre activities. We are hosting an additional two Curl MB events this upcoming year which will help increase profits. Operationally, the ice plant will be turned on this week, the ice maker contract for the next two years was finalized, and planning continues toward the SuperSpiel.

### **Morris Recreation:**

- **Current & Upcoming Programs.**
  - Day camp released online, all but 2 are filled.
  - Soccer Camp July 6-10 – approx. 20 registered.
  - Pickleball Camp July 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Biz Camp – Triple R – Full registration.
  - Puppy Yoga – Cancelled – Low registration.
- **Past programming:**
  - Gym Kids – total of 94 participants.
  - Babysitter course.
  - Firearms course.
  - First Aid-CPR C.
- **Past Events:**
  - Craft Sale May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Paint the Ice May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Canada Day: Schedule released to social media.
  - Line Dancing – great turn out so far, anticipating more participants as we get closer to Stampede.
  - Stampede Kick-Off – Pool with booth.
- **Grants & Partnerships:**
  - **MAF**
    - Accessibility door was installed at the pool.
- **Pool:**
  - Pool season is underway.
  - Lessons registration went well with July nearly sold out.
  - June weekend rentals fully booked.
  - Opening Day roughly 200 patrons.

**Noted and Discussed**

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### **Councillor Trevor Thiessen**

- **Verbal Report Given**

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**New Business/Discussion:**

- Town of Morris Community Camera Registry Form Review.

**Noted and Discussed**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.