



Council Committee as a Whole

MINUTES

April 11th, 2019

6:30 pm in the Council Chambers

In attendance: Mel Baxter, Margaret Johnston, Tim Lewis, Chris Hamblin, Ruth Murray, Trevor Thiessen

Also in attendance: CAO Brigitte Doerksen, CFO Chris Janke

Not in attendance: None

Delegations:

6:30- Stars Ambulance presentation

7:00- EMS- Scott Noble Regional Director

7:30 – Matt Schulz and Corey Dyck

Approval of Council members in attendance/absent/excused for Committee as a Whole:

Moved by Margaret Johnston

Seconded by Chris Hamblin

Be it resolved that Council accept the following:

Council members who are in attendance: everyone

Absent: no one

Excused: no one

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

- **Mayor Scott Crick**

Mayor's Report

For Committee as a Whole – April 11, 2019

Events attended or Mayoral activities (paid):

Mar 13-19: Golf Course Board Meeting (1.5 hours)
Mar 14-19: Meeting with PW Foreman (1 hour)
Mar 18-19: AMM Reeves and CAO Meeting (4.5 hours)
Mar 25-19: HR/Public Works Interview (2 hours)
Mar 29-19: Flood meeting with premier and area Reeves and Mayors (1.5 hours)
Apr 3-19: Town Office Staffing Meeting (1 hour)
Apr 4-19: RM of Morris/Town of Morris joint Breakfast Meeting (1.5 hours)
Apr 4-19: Chamber of Commerce Meeting with Council (2.0 hours)
Apr 9-19: Town meeting with AMM Executive (1.5 hours)
Apr 10-19: Meeting with Minister Schuler – MB Infrastructure (2.0 hours)
Apr 10-19: Golf Course Board Meeting (1.5 hours)

Events attended or Mayoral activities (unpaid):

Apr 5-19: In the Mayor's Chair Interview (.5 Hours)
Mar-April: Interviews, Flood Research, etc. (20-30 Hours)
Mar-April: Meeting and Interview Preparations (10-15 Hours)

Items of Interest to Report on:

1. Town communication: It came up last month with the boil water advisory, as well as with the Chamber of Commerce regarding flood information. Can we leverage e-mail and text to provide better communication to those who do not use social media.
2. The Dog Park Committee has been working hard to try and secure a space in Morris, with not much luck as of yet. I have written a letter to Esso, as I believe that any organization that gives up property for this will want some form of indemnification from the Town. Hopefully we will hear back late this week or next if there is a move forward direction for them.
3. Flooding continues to be the hot topic, and much of my activity the last month has centered around this. Hopefully we will be past the worst of this in the next few weeks, and if any closures happen, I hope they will be short.
4. Lobbying for 75 to be raised has suddenly become a very current topic, despite the response from the Province regarding 246. I did pass over the information to Ruth Eden regarding the federal money available for critical trade infrastructure – possibly this may be able to help close the funding gap. I will also be sending a letter to Ms. Bergen's office as this is a federal program.
5. With the near miss at the cross walk a few weeks ago, I have sent a letter to the School, RCMP, and Infrastructure to discuss what can be done immediately, and also moving forward to help improve long-term safety. So far, infrastructure has taken the issue under consideration, and the RCMP have stepped up their presence at the crosswalk. I have yet to hear back from the

School. Regardless, I am planning to follow up on this issue next week, and try and facilitate a meeting.

Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin

-Webinar -Code of Conduct

-Budget-

-Assisted Living-

-5 Year Capital Plan

- **Councillor Mel Baxter**

The new Toyota Sienna van was received on March-25th and is now in service. A few minor problems occurred (i.e. battery and locking wheel nuts). These are being resolved. Everyone seems to like the new Crestline bus. Carmen Ford has provided any service required. No word on whether Rosenort Motors has sold the old bus yet. Drivers are being advised of routes to follow in the event of flooding. A small mishap on the bus occurred and preventative measures have been discussed for future avoidance. The audited financial statements were presented at the AGM.

- **Councillor Margaret Johnston**

Red River Valley Interagency

April 2, 2019

This was my first introduction to this committee. The committee is loosely structured and is meant for sharing information about resources available in the area. Anne Vermette, from Industry Training and Employment Services, Randi Bourke, Healthy Living Facilitator, and Melonie Aldred, Community Mental Health were present. It has been quite some time since a member from town council has attended. And they were pleased that I was there.

A couple of programs that are offered in the region are SEGUE Career Options (an employment branch of Eden Health Care Services) and Regional Connections (providing, Settlement, Employment and Language Services for newcomers in South Central Manitoba). Also CVITP a Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and A Get Better Together Program were discussed.

The Blue W initiative was shared as well. It is a tap water refilling network within communities across the world. It is a community based program dedicated to promoting municipal tap water as a healthy, easily accessible alternative to purchasing bottled drinks. There is a website, once the program is initiated that will have our town information and businesses that offer this service. I will bring this info to the Chamber for them to address.

Melonie gave a brief review of what happened during the 2009 flood. She indicated that care providers were impacted while attempting to travel to their clients. There is a registration form drafted by the

town and the interagency, for identifying the vulnerable. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23rd at the Morris Hospital.

Municipal Officials Seminar and Trade Show

March 19-20th, 2019

After opening remarks, the keynote speaker, Randy Grieser, spoke about leadership and workplace performance. He advises to take time to develop as a leader and in order to develop as a leader one must first have a desire to lead.

The first breakout session that I attended was The Basics of Understanding Financial Statements and Financial Plans. It was a basic look at some of the critical points of Municipal Financial Statements, internally generated financial statements and the annual budget. Explanation of audited financial statements, Manitoba schedules, surpluses, general operating fund, asset management plans was presented.

I attended the Session called Defamation and Defense of Qualified Privilege. As counsellors, comments made during meetings, through media, or on social media may cause someone to believe that their reputation has been tarnished. A lawsuit may ensue. As council Qualified privilege may be used as a defense unless malice was intended. The Municipal Act provides protection from liability as well as our Municipal Insurance Coverage.

Ernie Epp gave a presentation on the Art of Council Leadership using 7 habits of a defective council and 7 habits for an effective council.

On the 2nd day, a presentation was given by the minister of health, Cameron Friesen, a vision of Better Health Care Sooner, Better Care closer to Home. The team shared that this is a coordinated plan by a team of experts. They didn't expand on this, so I wonder who the experts all are? I believe that they are going on a "road show" in June to further explain. Our District meeting is June 19th in the RM of Tache, so it was mentioned that this may be a venue for sharing more information.

The last breakout session that I attended was on Economic Development in Your Community. It discussed the elected official's role in developing and supporting that development. Goals of creating and increasing employment, increasing locally owned business, increasing investment into the community and generating wealth and reducing poverty.

The last presentation of the seminar was on Municipal operating basket, which received an increase of 10.6 million over the 2018 level. Increased operating funding includes recreation opportunities, infrastructure needs, mobility transportation disadvantaged program funding, urban policing services, and water and wastewater need.

March 25th, 2019

Emergency Social Services Workshop

A presentation was given on defining emergency services, roles and responsibilities, activation levels, types of evacuations and activation of the provincial ESS. These services are provided on a short term basis to preserve the emotional and physical wellbeing of people affected by an emergency or disaster. We as local authorities are responsible for ESS within our jurisdictions. The decision to evacuate is done in consultation with EMO. Coordinating the evacuation is done in collaboration with our municipal emergency coordinator. Communicating the information to the residents and giving priority to the most vulnerable are important factors to consider.

It was a great opportunity to meet with some members of the Southern Emergency Response Committee, a representative from the Dept. of Families, as well as the coordinator for the provincial ESS.

Was asked if the Walking Track/trail could be maintained and improved

- **Councillor Tim Lewis**
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- **Councillor Ruth Murray**
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Report for CAW meeting for April 4, 2019

AMM Official Seminar- @RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Mb. March 18-20 By Ruth Murray March 18,2019- I attended the Manitoba Good Roads Association Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation on Scott Crick's behalf. The dinner was excellent and the company enjoyable. I accepted the Western Financial Group Shield for Urban Beautification for town population of 1001-2000, for the Town of Morris. I do not know who does the judging or who submitted the photos but I was disappointed I really couldn't see any photos of Morris. I know Morris CIB could easily have submitted photos if required. March 19- After the official remarks, a presentation on Leadership Insights was given by Randy Grieser, CEO of Achieve Centre for Leadership & Workplace Performance. This was followed by a coffee break & visit through the Trade Show Area, with a Session on Making Better Decisions presented by Wendy Loewe from Achieve Centre. She spoke of poor discussions and ways to view problems & figure out ideas, bringing in consultants as needed. Be honest, keep focused, look for info to validate your idea build a counter argument, choose your people wisely, & let people voice their concern. Planning- understand time, money, benefits to complete. We also learn from failures...no one is perfect. In the second Session, Assertive Communication was again given by Wendy Kroeker also from ACHIEVE Centre from Winkler. First you analyze, Interact, harmonize, & actualize. You need to express your needs & this is done through body language, ownership & clarity of idea, & don't apologize or intimidate. Describe the situation, express your emotions & how you are impacted, specify the facts, and give outcomes. Let's all pitch in.

This was followed by The Art of Council Leadership by Ernie Epp who has lots of years of experience in the municipal field.

We joined the Municipality of Emerson Franklin for supper. It was great to network with a fellow municipality.

March 20-presentation about Manitoba's Health System by MLA Cameron Friesen, Dr. Wright, Lanette Siracusa & Ian Shaw.

I missed the session on municipal roads funding due to time change in my dental appointment. Am very glad the event was changed from 3 to 2days. I felt it was a worthwhile seminar

Report for CAW on April 4,2019

March 25-2019- Attended the ESS seminar in Morden with Margaret Johnson. A guide was provided in setting up a reception center, rules for registration, ESS kit, etc. The purpose of ESS is to work with EMO to provide some of these services to the people.

Chamber meeting

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Animal Control

Project Board Reports:

Morris Manor Project – Trevor Thiessen

Manor Board had a meeting last week.

Assisted Living Project – Chris Hamblin

- any additional specific Board reports that need in-depth discussion outside of Mayor's/Councillors' Reports
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New Business:

- Budget Planning- financial presentation is complete and ready to go
- Town Website – working on it. Facebook videos need to be removed
- Industrial Land Purchase
 - Everyone is in favor to purchasing the land. Let's make a negotiation.

Old Business:

- Multiplex Governance Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.