



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
HELD MAY 30th, 2017 @ 5:00 pm**

Councillors Present: Ruth Murray
Bruce Third
Bill Ginter
Kevin Clace (via phone)
Tim Lewis

Presiding: Mayor Gavin van der Linde

Absent: Councillor Trevor Thiessen

All Councillors were notified in accordance with the Municipal Act.

The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

26/05/17
Agenda

Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter
Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda for the Special Meeting be approved as presented.

(Carried)

27/05/17
Council Code
Of Conduct

Moved by Councillor Bill Ginter
Seconded by Councillor Ruth Murray
WHEREAS municipal councils should be forums of respect where diverse personalities and individuals can express diverse opinions to better serve the community.
AND WHEREAS healthy debate should lead to stronger decision making process.
AND WHEREAS rude and belligerent behaviour must not be allowed to be used for dominating or silencing other opinions.
AND WHEREAS Section 131 of the Municipal Act requires Council establish an Employee Code of Conduct and Section 84.1(1-2) requires that Council members establish a Council Code of Conduct that defines values and standards Council members are expected to meet.
AND WHEREAS councils currently have limited powers to enforce these rules beyond censuring.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to strengthen to powers of censuring when a member is clearly in contravention of the Municipalities Code of Conduct.
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to allow Code of Conduct complaints to be heard by the Ombudsman who can make further recommendations that can be implemented by a council resolution.
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to include elected officials in the protections afforded by the Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act to ensure the same right to a safe work environment, free of harassment, bullying and intimidation.

(Carried)

There being no further business the hearing was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

TOWN OF MORRIS

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER