

MINUTES
CITY OF MORDEN
COMMITTEE -OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
February 11, 2019 – 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brandon Burley, Councillors Nancy Penner, Doug Frost, Garry Hiebert, Jim Hunt, Gordon Maddock, and Hank Hildebrand via Skype.

City Manager Faisal Anwar, Deputy City Manager Corporate Patrick Dueck, Fire Chief Andy Thiessen, Police Chief Brad Neduzak, Community and Events Manager Clare Agnew and Executive Assistant Kelsey Wood.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1.1 Approval of absence for Councillor Jim Hunt

- Council voted in favor to carry the motion at a Special Meeting held on Wednesday February 13, 2019.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 -Monica Dueck and Derek Pachal, The Jubilee Fund Inc.

- Poverty reduction throughout Manitoba.
- Loan Guarantees from investments to aid in building credit for individuals.
- Helped to create 359 jobs.
- Community projects, Social Business projects and low income housing are the primary areas where financial aid is supported.

3.2 -Reg Braun

- Explore Morden Winkler 2019 Action Plan
- Target areas visitors spend money on include Accommodation, Food & Beverage, Transportation.
- Circulated through Manitoba Food and Travel Guide, Social Media, Facebook Ads, Billboard.

Councillor Nancy Penner chaired the Corporate section in Councillor Hildebrand's absence.

4.0 CORPORATE (*finance, city planning, community services*)

4.1 Financial Statements to January 31, 2019

-Accepted for information

4.2 Community and Events Report

-Accepted as information

-Highlighted on “Suncatch Park”

- Proposed to open on the last weekend of every month.
- Councillor Maddock suggested the area be available during the week for residence and visitors to utilize the downtown at any time.

4.3 Deputy City Manager Corporate Report – Verbal

- Focusing on 2017 Audit with good progress. The goal is to have it complete by end of this week or early next week.
- Finance Officer hire in progress.

5.0 Councillor Doug Frost chaired the Operations section

OPERATIONS (*maintenance-facilities, parks, pw catchall, utilities, engineering*)

5.1 Snow Removal Update

-Stephen Street sidewalk clearing

- The City is thankful and feel fortunate to have our staff and contractors as they have been working endlessly to maintain the streets and sidewalks as timely as they can.
- Stephen Street sidewalk concerns are still ongoing but crews are working to maintain what they can.

5.2 Facilities Report

Accepted as information

5.3 Parks and Urban Forestry Report

Accepted as information

5.4 Water Treatment Plant Report

Accepted as information

5.5 Utilities Report

Accepted as information

~~5.6 Deputy City Manager Operations Report – N/A~~

6.0 Councillor Nancy Penner chaired the Committee of the Whole section in Councillor Hildebrand’s absence.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

6.1 Fire Chief Report

Accepted as information

6.1.A Fire Year End Report 2018

-Requesting for budget the purchase of an “extractor” which is a heavy duty washing machine that properly cleans uniforms and contaminated clothing.

- The unit will cost roughly \$16,000.
- If approved, the preliminary work can take place while the Fire Hall waits for its arrival. The discussion is ongoing.

6.1.B Elected Municipals Seminar

- Full day towards emergency response items
- Council is expected to attend a mini seminar in March to gain a better understanding of the aspect of what is involved with the Fire Department and will help as a lead in to the Emergency Response seminar in the fall.

6.2 Road 27W to 12N Industrial Parkway

- Exploration of deferring heavy truck traffic off highway 3 through town and provide a more efficient route to the industrial parks.
- Signage would be mandatory.
- Try to eliminate congestion at 1st Street and Thornhill.
- Possibility of the RM to partner in a small portion.
- This topic will commence at the Council meeting.
- Meeting between Council and Manitoba Infrastructure is scheduled to discuss further.

6.3 Police Chief Report

Accepted as information

- A lot of hit and runs have taken place this last month. The public is reminded to call and get help if they find themselves in an incident like this.
- The opening of the Cannabis retail location in town has not been an issue since the legalization of Cannabis. Members of the Police Force are acquiring specialized training of instruments used in detecting Cannabis impaired drivers.
- Chief Neduzak commends the help of the public for calling in when they have concerns regarding suspicious persons or vehicles.

6.4 AMM Events Workshops & Webinars

Accepted as information

6.5 FCM Conference

- Councillors are permitted via policy to attend twice every four years.
- Very informative and beneficial to attend.
- Mayor Burley, City Manager Faisal Anwar, and Councillor Hank Hildebrand will attend to represent the City of Morden for 2019.

6.6 City of Morden booth at Corn and Apple Festival

- To obtain a small budget for a tent or borrow a tent from the Farmer's Market for the community to directly access to Councillors for information and general visits.

- Representation from various City departments may be present as well.

6.7 Community Spaces Grant Report

6.7.A Community Spaces Grant Letter to Council

-From National Horizons for Seniors for Intergenerational Storytelling project, Intergenerational Fitness project and Cycle Without Age project.

- Request that the Committee approve the application for grants.
- Grants funded will contribute to the purchase of 2 bicycles for the Cycle Without Age program.
- Council agreed as a whole that the purchase is a wonderful opportunity for the program.
- The request is approved and the motion will be moved at the Council meeting.

6.8 Development of Plug and Pay lot

-For highway trucks in response to appeals of By-law 08-2017 Section 5.25 3.d.

- Discussion of a possible development in an industrial park, strictly for semi tractors and not trailers.
- Park and pay a fee for use.
- Lot can be repurposed if the project were unsuccessful.
- A possible opportunity for a private enterprise to undertake the project.
- Administration to look in to costs regards lots, hydro, snow removal etc.

6.9 Downtown Localization Initiative

- To allow natural redevelopment in the down town core (100 block).
- Promote and grow industry and business.
- Administration to explore costs involved.
- Refer to City Planner, Martin Sandhurst for direction.

6.10 Discretionary Budget for Mayor

- Council chose to move the item InCamera and to be discussed at the Wednesday February 13, 2019 Special Meeting during the InCamera portion.

6.11 Formation of Cemetery Development Committee

- Proposed that the item be moved in the upcoming Special Meeting.
- Mayor Burley and Councillor Jim Hunt are proposed to be on the committee, as well as Joey Grenier.

6.12 Speed limits at Westerly and Easterly approaches

- Recommendation of a reduction in speed at these areas.
- Apply for a reduction to 70km.

~~**6.13 Tax Incentives and approval for private garbage collections for condo**~~

6.14 Pembina Valley Conservation District Proposal

- Proposal from the district to expand its boundaries to include five subdistricts.
- To change the name of the district to Pembina Valley Watershed District.

6.14 A

6.14 B -Map 1

-Proposed District Map

Council approves the proposal to expand boundaries and change the name of the district.

6.15 Voters List Final Report

Accepted as information as the report was missed for an agenda item in the fall.

6.16 City Manager Report (*CM report, HR, Communications*)

- Budget 2019 is a priority.
- Financial plan – goal to have it be approved by end of March.
- Deputy City Manager of Operations hiring in process.
- Next week review applications for Communications Coordinator position and hope to have a hire in 4 weeks' time.

6.17 Mayor Report

- Has been visiting schools.
- Attended a number of business meetings.
- Two meetings regarding the waste water plant.

6.18 External Organizations (*if decisions of Council committee are needed*)

- STARS Request Letter
- Will be treated and reviewed as part of the budget
- Baseball Hall of Fame
- Usually two members attend because of conflicts with other events.
- A local family is being awarded this year.

7.0 ~~Organizational Strategies (*corp plan, asset mgmt., future projects*)~~

8.0 **IN-CAMERA**

9.0 **ADJOURN**