

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MORDEN  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING  
March 11, 2019- 6:00 P.M.**

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

City Manager Faisal Anwar, Deputy City Manager Corporate Patrick Dueck, Fire Chief Andy Thiessen, Police Chief Brad Neduzak, Parks and Urban Forestry Manager Shawn Dias.

**1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**2.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

None

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1** Irene Letkeman, Chair of Morden Community Justice

- Presented a detailed summary of information and duties performed within their committee.

The Corporate section was chaired by Councillor Hildebrand.

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

**4.1** Financial Statements to February 28, 2019.

- No budget numbers for 2019 but will be populated when budget is approved.
- Representing two months of revenue expenses.
- For information.

**4.2** Community and Events Report

- For information

**4.3** Deputy City Manager Corporate Report

- Referred to the Financial Statements to review confirmation of expenses.

The Operations section was chaired by Councillor Frost.

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

**5.1** Facilities Report

- For information.

**5.2** Parks and Urban Forestry Report

- Creek cleanup was completed March 11, 2019.
- Working with the Conservation District for clearance of rocks from the creek which will be a priority 2019/2020.
- Jammed culverts in spring, Shawn indicated that he and Public Works will keep a close eye on the culverts this spring for clogged debris.
- For information.

### 5.3 Water Treatment Plant Report

- For information

### 5.4 Utilities Report

- For information.

### 5.5 Community Gardens Report

- Presented by Shawn Dias
- Council's approval is required for the City to take responsibility of the maintenance of the plots as there are no volunteers to do so at this time and the gardens are in high demand.
- Water has been an issue in the past for the number of plots within the City, it is still the greatest barrier.
- Council decided to defer the decision on increasing plot fees to the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting until a concrete number of plots can be confirmed.
- A motion will also be needed to carry the decision to move forward with the City taking over the maintenance of the plots.

### 5.6 ~~Deputy City Manager Operations Report~~

## 6.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

### 6.1 Fire Chief Report

- For information.
- Have received half the calls from this time last year.

### 6.2 Police Chief Report

- For information.
- The number of calls thus far are on par with calls this time las year.
- A request for setting speed limits within the city by the City is in process.
- A recommendation from both the Police Department and Council must be provided and submitted to the Province.
- The City is going to request flags from CP Rail at new stop signs installed at tracks.

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

- Discussion of the Regional Waste Water Treatment System (RWWTS) Business Case.
- Council approval from all three parties is required to move forward on the Business Case.

Moved by Councillor Hildebrand and Second by Councillor Hiebert  
That Council approve the proposal as submitted, and that the cost be shared equally between the Cities of Morden, Winkler, and the RM of Stanley.

(Carried)

**6.4 April 22 Council Meeting conflict with Easter Monday**

- Proposed date change for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Moved by Councillor Hildebrand and Second by Councillor Frost  
That the Committee change the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on April 22, 2019 to Tuesday April 23, 2019 at 7:00pm.

(Carried)

**6.5 Designated Crossing Area for Pedestrians at Gilmour & 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

- Request from Residence Rick and Trisha Warkentine for the City to have a sidewalk installed as many children and families utilize the area.
- Pedestrians (children) must walk out in to the road to see both ways past the parked cars that block their view.
- An increasingly busy area as the City grows.
- Police Chief, Brad Neduzak indicates that parking in the area is currently and has been an issue.
- No landing area for kids on the other side of the street to utilize as a crossing point.
- Council requests a report from the Police Department outlining a "No Parking Zone" in this area in front of the school.

**6.6 Vote for Councillor Hildebrand to be nominated as representative on Tabor Home Board of Directors.**

Moved by Councillor Penner and Second by Councillor Maddock  
That Councillor Hildebrand be nominated for a spot on the Tabor Home Board of Directors.

(Carried)

**6.7 Annual Weed Inspector Appointment**

Moved by Councillor Hildebrand and Second by Councillor Frost  
That Council appoint the Parks and Urban Forestry Manager as the Weed Inspector for the City of Morden for 2019.

(Carried)

**6.8** Mayor's Report

- Cemetery development site negotiation is in progress.
- Participated in I Love to Read Month.

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

-Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre Gala RSVP April 20, 2019

- RSVP was sent in December for one table.
- Councillor Maddock and Councillor Penner will attend as guests.
- Staff will be invited to attend also.

-Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce P.W. Enns Business Awards Gala April 4, 2019.

- Council will decide on one representative to attend.

-Baseball Hall of Fame

- Councillor Maddock and Councillor Penner will attend as guests.

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

None

**7.0** **IN-CAMERA**

None

**8.0** **ADJOURN**

Moved by Councillor Doug Frost Seconded by Councillor Jim Hunt  
That we do now Adjourn.

(Carried)