

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MORDEN
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
October 10, 2023 9:00 A.M.**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City of Morden held at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center in Morden in the Province of Manitoba this 10th day of October, A.D. 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock (Chair), Councillors Nancy Penner, Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Garry Hiebert, City Manager Nicole Reidle, Deputy City Manager Santokh Randhawa, Police Chief Brad Neduzak, Director of Operations Tim Reimer, Director of Community Service Chris Moffatt, Director of Parks & Urban Forestry Shawn Dias, Economic Development Officer Jason Dyck, Director of Finance Edwin Barnuevo, Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores.

Absent with Regrets: Fire Chief Andy Thiessen

1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

2.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2.1 9:00 AM - Pembina Hills Arts Council - Lorne Stelmach

- Lorne Stelmach attended as a delegation on behalf of the Pembina Hills Arts Council to discuss about the City increasing the annual funding provided to the Arts Council. He presented recent financial statements and budget, discussed about the organization's changes in programming/ activities, fundraising, staffing, and the pandemic's financial and operational impact. Due to operating deficits in the past several years, Art Council is requesting to have a monthly increase from \$3,000 to \$4,250 to cover for the escalating operating costs and wages.

2.2 9:15 AM - 2024 Scotties Host Committee - Ernie Epp / Myrna Wiebe

- Ernie Epp attended the meeting to discuss about the Scotties Host Committee's preparations for the 2024 event. A significant number of volunteers have already signed up which is a positive indication affirming that such an event is a great opportunity to unite the City, instill love for the game for the generations to come, while at the same time raise funds. The committee is requesting Council for funding for a minimum amount of \$6,000. Printing to happen early January 2024 (end of first week).

2.3 11:30 AM - 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statement - Brett Fordyce (Online via MS Teams)

- Brett Fordyce attended the meeting to provide further explanation on the 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statement for the City of Morden. He summarized the audit report and highlighted

several recommendations such as the importance of recording specific financial transactions and to start including them in the City's official meeting minutes with Council's approval.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

4.1 FIRE & POLICE

4.1 Fire Chief Report - Received as information (N/A)

4.2 Police Chief Report – Received as information

- Report on a recent successful Police operation in Westwood Drive
- Discussed about the significance of having presentations to keep officers up to date with trainings and familiarization on handling various emergency scenarios.
- Sharing of guards for Morden, Winkler, and Altona

4.2.1 By-law Enforcement Officer Report – Received as information

5. OPERATIONS

5.1 Deputy City Manager of Operations Report – Received as information

- An update on the status of bridge construction. Recommendation for Parkhill bridge to have a spillway at the southside area.
- Discussion on waste treatment, as well as some information about the new industrial park servicing design and when it will likely be completed
- Lift station progress update

5.2 Director of Operations Report – Received as information

- Discussed update with algae and leaks
- Increased water consumption and the possible steps the City could take in order to encourage the community to start water conservation
- Runway light inspection

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Director of Community Services Report – Received as information

- Update on building construction, campgrounds (information) insulation, coffee machine acquisition for the cafeteria, positive feedback with the catering services, and the possibility of having LiveBarn in the rinks were discussed

7.0 PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY

7.1 Director of Parks & Urban Forestry Report – Received as information

- Review of Lease Agreement for 40 Acres Community Garden on pause
- Discussed update on Lakeside Cemetery. Once systems are up and running, live map and sold plots will show-up
- Replant trees along Stephen Street and along 5th-6th block to be discussed with Engineering plus cost

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8.1 Economic Development Officer report – Received as information

- Discussed update on Community Driven Immigration Initiative, MPNP engagement, and Immigration Advisory Council
- Assiniboine Community College for new training opportunities for Early Childhood Educators and Childcare Assistant training
- Small Wonders Community Nursery School – an integral part of daycare ecosystem in the City and EDO Office would be willing to get in touch if daycare would be interested to reach out
- Package of two (2) different lots (condos) owner could exercise option for the second parcel of land. Would like to discuss with Council regarding the procedure, price negotiations, etc. Was suggested for Council to see the agreement first prior to approval.

9.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Director of Finance & Administration Report – Received as information

- Was a busy month for the department due to the new system
- Concerned about the timeline of the 2022 financial report due to slow pacing
- Discussed what financial agenda items will be added to the next Council Meeting

9.2 Director of IT Report – Received as information/discussion

9.3 City Manager Report – Received as information/discussion

9.4 Mayor Report – N/A

10.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

10.1 Small Wonders Community Nursery School

10.2 Douglas Kuhl School of Music

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 Child & Family Services - Central Manitoba Annual Report
 - To request for financial statements
- 11.2 Speed Bumps
- 11.3 MGRA (Honorary and Life Membership Nomination)
- 11.4 Head of Council Resignation
- 11.5 2023 Morden Fire & Rescue Annual Appreciation Dinner

12.0 EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 12.1 South Central Regional Library - Received as information
- 12.2 SWAMP - Received as information
- 12.3 MSTW Planning District
- 12.4 Central Manitoba Tourism
- 12.5 Menzies Medical Centre
- 12.6 Community Futures Heartland
- 12.7 Pembina Valley Child Care Centre
- 12.8 Tabor Home
- 12.9 Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership
- 12.10 Explore Morden-Winkler
- 12.11 Morden Stanley Fire Service
- 12.12 Morden Veterinary District
- 12.13 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative
- 12.14 Pembina Valley Watershed District
- 12.15 Western School Division – Received as information
- 12.16 Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation

13.0 MOVED BY Councillor (N/A)

SECONDED BY Councillor

That the Committee now moves in camera.

- 13.1 Personnel

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

That Council now moves out of in camera and back to Committee of the Whole.

ADJOURN BY Deputy Mayor Gordon Maddock

Resolved that the Committee-of-the-Whole does now adjourn.

(Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 P.M.