

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MORDEN
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
December 12, 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 12th day of December, A.D. 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock (Chair), Councillors Garry Hiebert, Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Fire Chief Andy Thiesen, Police Chief Brad Neduzak, Deputy City Manager for Operations Santokh Randhawa, 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, City Manager Nicole Reidle, and Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores.

1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

2.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.0 FIRE & POLICE

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

- Discussion regarding the requisition of Fire Truck (pumper truck) with engine emission control not fitting the Canadian standards. Discussed the possibility of placing an order ahead of time to lock-in the pricing. Delivery date is 34 months (2026). Moved to next Regular Council meeting for resolution.
- Discussed where to haul water for the outdoor rinks and agreed that it could be hauled somewhere else as long as we don't get it from the lake.

4.0.1 Call Hours

4.1 Police Chief Report – Received as information

- Discussed about a staff who underwent training at the Toba Centre for Children and Youth in Winnipeg (a facility that works with young people in relation to child abuse). Staff underwent training on testing drug impaired drivers, search warrant writing, and mentored at the facility for a few weeks.
- Discussed about the By-law in relation to a male who's been noticed sleeping in a makeshift tent (box with cord heater) along Mountain Street.
- Chief of Police vacancy in Winnipeg

- Declining calls in correlation between 500 Stephen Street Community Center and Jeff Forster (Community Resource Officer) and its positive influence to the community which allowed the Police Department to focus more on critical matters.

4.1.1 By-law Enforcement Officer Report – Received as information

5. OPERATIONS

5.1 Deputy City Manager of Operations Report – Received as information

- Discussed about the completion of Décor lift station
- Update on the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant preliminary design
- Discussion on Parkhill Street concrete pouring and how far west it would go

5.2 Director of Operations Report – Received as information

- Update on water plant cleaning in preparation for painting and media replacement
- Discussed about moderate drought conditions
- Snow clearing over the weekend (crews were lined-up and team was all set up and ready)

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Director of Community Services Report – Received as information

- Update on the Scotties preparation and Livebarn
- Positive feedback on hall, food, and staff. 2024 Christmas banquets and gala are already being booked.
- To coordinate with the Fire Chief regarding water hauling for the outdoor rinks
- Discussion on the trail thru the golf course being cleaned
- Ice fishing cost starting January 2024
- Discussion on snowshoeing. The possibility of placing the snowshoes in the lake, however, there is no staff present at the lake during weekends.

7.0 PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY

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

- Discussion on MB Hydro Forest Enhancement Program and funding for trees this Spring
- Update on new trail located at the Lakeside Property (still awaiting feedback from the Research Center)

- Discussion on 3-4 outdoor rinks not being started yet, to source water outside and water truck.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Director of Finance & Administration Report – Received as information

- 200 letters sent out for Tax arrears

9.2 Director of IT Report – Received as information/discussion

9.3 City Manager Report – Received as information/discussion

- 631 voters out for the Advanced Poll held last December 7th
- Quarter pathway (waiting for Research Center for the Agreement)
- Attended SERQ meeting, Management and Staff meetings
- Attended 2023 AMM Fall Convention in Brandon
- Next week, the City will be having a new mayor and two (2) new Councillors

9.4 Deputy Mayor Report – Received as information/discussion

- Attended the Speech from the Throne in Winnipeg
- Attended 2023 AMM Fall Convention in Brandon
- Present at the Winkler Chamber Gala
- Gave out several press releases to news stations regarding the City of Morden's moderate drought conditions

10.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

10.1 PUF 007 Public Reserve - Parks Policy

- Moved to next Regular Council meeting for approval

10.2 Subdivision 4433-23-8358

- Moved to next Regular Council meeting

10.3 Ice Sculpture Workshop (Letter of Support) Pembina Hills Arts Council

- Moved to next Regular Council meeting

10.4 By-Law 2023BL16 Issue East Commercial Pb Connection

- Moved to next Regular Council meeting for 1st Reading

10.5 Subdivision 4433-23-8313 (412, 426 & 432 Jefferson Street)

- Moved to next Regular Council meeting

10.6 Proposed Rezoning of 1200 Wardrop (for the Daycare)

- Moved to next Regular Council meeting for 1st Reading

10.7 Morden on Street Loading Zones Policy

- Moved to next Regular Council meeting for approval

10.8 Municipal Servicing Standards December 2023

- Moved to next Regular Council meeting for approval

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

12.0 EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

12.1 South Central Regional Library

- 2023 Grants and fund raised

12.2 SWAMP - Received as information

- Held their Christmas party a week ago. Good position financially

12.3 MSTW Planning District - Received as information

12.4 Central Manitoba Tourism

- Karina Bueckert – Social Media Management

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

- Organization has new Manager

12.14 Pembina Valley Watershed District

- Last meeting postponed

12.15 Western School Division – Received as information

- Discovery Trails School

12.16 Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation

13.0 MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

That the Committee now moves in camera.

13.1 Personnel

13.2 Personnel

13.3 Legal

MOVED BY Councillor Shelon Friesen
SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

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

ADJOURN BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

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

(Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.