

**CITY OF MORDEN**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 27, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Morden held in Council Chambers at Morden, Manitoba this 27<sup>th</sup> of December, A.D. 2023 at 7:00 PM.

**1.0 Present:** Mayor Nancy Penner, Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock, Councillors Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Garry Hiebert, Brenda Klassen, Tracey Krause, Youth Councillor Jaxon Forster, Finance Director Edwin Barnuevo, City Manager Nicole Reidle, and Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores.

**2.0** *Agenda* **ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
**MOVED BY Councillor Frost**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Maddock**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the meeting of December 27, 2023 is hereby adopted as distributed.

(Carried)

**3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
*None*

**4.0 DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 7:00 PM - Earl Dyck, Sandy Plett & Ken Froese (Climate Subgroup)**

- Sandy Plett, Ken Froese, and Earl Dyck - attended the meeting to seek supportive partnership with Council to prioritize the preservation of the forested area at the west end of Parkhill Drive by discouraging development plans of cutting a road through it. They emphasized the ecological importance of the forest and presented arguments for its conservation. Council thanked the group for their presentation and explained that the City has limited authority over the property as it is developer owned. Council assured that development will happen step by step and that concerns of both parties will be considered. Council acknowledged the group's request to liaise between them and the developer. As Council also recognizes the importance of addressing environmental concerns, the group was invited to be stakeholders to a strategic planning as their expertise and insights will significantly contribute to the committee's shared objectives.

**4.2 7:30 PM - Brandon Burley**

- Brandon Burley – attended the meeting to discuss his new role being part of Manitoba Government's new Southern Manitoba Regional Cabinet. His role is to ensure that government is best able to make decisions as someone who is on the ground with eyes and ears for Southern Manitoba. In this role he will be liaising between South Manitoba, Cabinet, and the Premier's Office, elevating the challenges, promoting the opportunities, and listening to the

many voices of Southern Manitoba on behalf of families, businesses and community organizations. The office is at the Executive Council level which means that it has the ability to elevate concerns rapidly. He further explained how the office could be accessed and emphasized that how the office was reached out to is how it will respond.

## 5.0

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

5.1  
November 27, 2023  
- Regular Council  
Meeting

**MOVED BY Councillor Friesen**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Hiebert**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on the 27th of November 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.2  
December 6, 2023 -  
Special Meeting

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 6th of December 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.3  
December 12, 2023  
- Special Meeting

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 12th of December 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.4  
December 12, 2023  
- Committee of the  
Whole Meeting

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on the 12th of December 2023 be adopted as presented.

- *Item 4.1 To replace "exchange rate" with "pricing" for pumper truck purchase - Amended*

(Carried)

5.5  
December 22,  
2023 - Inaugural/  
Organizational  
Meeting

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Inaugural/ Organizational Meeting held on the 22nd of December 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

## 6.0

### **RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR ORGANIZATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY**

- Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock spoke about the Thomas Sill Foundation for gifting Morden Area Foundation with \$1.1 million which will provide opportunity to grant out another \$50,000.00 per year.

## 7.0 YOUTH MEMBER REPORT

- Mr. Jaxon Forster attended the Council meeting for the first time, he indicated his passion with sports, specifically baseball. He also mentioned about the possibility of paving the outdoor rink at the Court House that could be used for hockey, and that he is looking forward to make positive impact on the lives of our youth through sports initiatives.

## 8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1  
Accounts

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts payable to November 30, 2023 be confirmed in the amount of \$ 2, 493, 283.68 which includes the following:

- \$ 1, 864, 906.49 - Cheque numbers (23098-23450)
- \$ 14, 402.69- Credit Card Payments
- \$ 593, 681.61 - Payroll
- \$ 12, 151.58- Pembina Valley Water Cooperative
- \$ 6, 151.58 - Enterprise Fleet Management (Automobile Lease)
- \$ 1, 635.21 – Manitoba Liquor & Lottery (Access Event Center Bar Use)

(Carried)

8.2  
Vehicle for Hire  
By-law 15-2023  
2nd Reading

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 2nd reading to By-Law 15-2023 being a by-law to provide for the regulation of vehicles for hire in the City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.3  
Vehicle for Hire  
By-law 15-2023  
3rd Reading

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to By-Law 15-2023 being a by-law to provide for the regulation of vehicles for hire in the City of Morden.

**Recorded Vote:**  
Doug Frost  
Sheldon Friesen

Garry Hiebert  
Nancy Penner  
Gord Maddock  
Brenda Klassen  
Tracey Krause

(Carried)

8.4  
Fire Truck  
Requisition

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost  
SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause**

**WHEREAS** it is imperative to enhance the emergency response capabilities of our Fire Department, it has been determined that the acquisition of a new pumper truck is essential for the effective and efficient provision of fire-fighting services.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden hereby approves to initiate the procurement process for the new pumper truck to be allocated to the Morden Fire Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the acquisition of the new pumper truck from E-ONE Keewatin Truck Service Winnipeg will be made ahead of time to lock-in the purchase price. Estimated delivery is in 2026 or approximately 34 months upon ordering.

(Carried)

8.5

PUF 007 Public Reserve (Parks Policy) -Tabled for further discussion

8.6  
Subdivision  
4433-23-8358

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost  
SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approves Subdivision 4433-23-8358 to subdivide a 5-acre parcel from the present ±39.97 acres, in order to establish a parcel for future multi-family development.

(Carried)

8.7  
Ice Sculpture  
Workshop  
(Letter of  
Support)  
Pembina Hills  
Arts Council

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert  
SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause**

**WHEREAS** the City of Morden recognizes the value of cultural enrichment and community engagement.

**AND WHEREAS** the Pembina Hills Arts Council requested financial support to ensure that the fourth annual Ice Sculpture Workshop would be accessible to all residents.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden hereby approves financial support in the amount of \$1,200 to be allocated towards the free ice sculpture

workshop registration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The City Council expresses its appreciation for the initiative to enhance cultural experiences within the community and looks forward to the success of the annual ice sculpture workshop.

(Carried)

8.8  
By-Law 16-2023  
(Pembina  
Connection) 1st  
Reading

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 1st reading to By-Law 16-2023 being a by-law to provide cost recovery to the City of Morden General Operating Fund for the infrastructure costs associated with the development of the Pembina Connection as per Municipal Board Order No. E-05-100 & E-06-017.

(Carried)

8.9  
Subdivision  
4433-23-8313  
(412, 426 & 432  
Jefferson  
Street)

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approves Subdivision 4433-23-8313 to create a 30-unit bare land condominium across two titles 320880/4 and 320882/4, then consolidate the residual parcel of CT 320880/4 with CT 320881/4. Piped water and municipal sewer will service the proposed lots. Access will be gained via Jefferson Street, with the following conditions be placed:

1. Taxes on the land to be subdivided for the current year and any arrears have been paid.
2. Developer to enter into a development agreement with City of Morden concerning capital levies, phasing of the development due to limited wastewater capacity, drainage, use of occupancy of the individual bare land condo units.
3. Applicant shall obtain required variances on lot 1 to 30.
4. The City Planning and Engineering requires that the surveyor's drawing includes lot area and site width calculations, and that the applicant provides a georeferenced (UTM 14 NAD 83), digital subdivision plan.

(Carried)

8.10  
Rezoning By-  
Law  
Amendment 17-  
2023 (1200  
Wardrop) 1st  
Reading

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 1st reading to By-Law 17-2023 being a by-Law to amend the City of Morden zoning by-law 08-2017, to create a daycare site near new residential neighborhoods in the NW section of the urban community.

From "CR" Community Reserve

To "I" Institutional

(Carried)

8.11  
WO 027 Morden  
on Street  
Loading Zones  
Policy

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen**

**WHEREAS** Council of the City of Morden recognizes the need for a safe and efficient system for street loading zones within the municipality.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approves Morden on Street Loading Zones Policy as proposed by the Planning and Engineering Department.

(Carried)

8.12  
Municipal  
Servicing  
Standards  
December 2023

**MOVED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approve to utilize a Standard for Design and Construction for use by staff, engineering consultants and contractors when designing and constructing City of Morden's public and private infrastructure projects.

(Carried)

8.13  
Administrative  
Assistant PDO  
Job Description

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause**

**WHEREAS** the Planning and Development Office and MCDII are requiring a front office receptionist and administrative support role.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approve the hiring of a full-time Administrative Assistant role which would provide support for Immigration Services and assist with responsibilities as assigned for other departments within the PDO office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the recommended salary range for the Administrative Assistant is set at a Grade H3 on the Hourly Employee Pay Grid and that the Immigration Clerk position be removed from Morden's Hourly Employee Pay Grid.

(Carried)

8.14  
COLA Increase  
2024

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Morden recognizes the importance of ensuring fair compensation for its employees;

**AND WHEREAS** the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is a vital component in maintaining the purchasing power of employees in light of economic changes;

**AND WHEREAS** the City has thoroughly reviewed economic indicators, inflation rates, and budgetary considerations for the upcoming fiscal year;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden hereby approves the implementation of a 3% COLA increase to be applied to both the Salaried Employee Pay Grid and the Hourly Employee Pay Grid for 2024 and for all other eligible employees who work outside of a union environment. The

approved COLA percentage shall be 3%, reflecting a balanced consideration of economic factors and maintaining the fiscal responsibility of the City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.15 Golf  
Course  
Donation

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen**

**WHEREAS** donors have generously offered contributions to financially support the City of Morden.

**AND WHEREAS** based on the total general donations received from various donors to the City.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden authorizes the amount of \$78,000.00 to be paid to Minnewasta Golf Course & Country Club.

(Carried)

8.16  
2024  
Provisional  
Estimates

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approve the 2024 Provisional Estimates as follows:

City of Morden

Provisional Estimates for 2024

Expenditure - General Government		
General Government Services	\$	1,827,000
Protective Services		3,718,000
Transportation Services		1,886,000
Environment Health Services		837,000
Public Health & Welfare Services		152,000
Environmental Development Services		1,300
Economic Development Services		598,000
Community Services and Park & Urban Forestry		3,526,000
Fiscal Services		1,859,000
Transfers to Reserves		1,034,000
Subtotal		<u>15,438,300</u>
Expenditure - Utilities		
Administration		265,000
Water Supply		1,583,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal		280,000
Transfers to Reserves		378,000
Debenture		251,000
Subtotal		<u>2,757,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	<u>18,195,300</u>

(Carried)

8.17  
Speed  
Reduction on  
PR 432

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause**

**WHEREAS** the Western School Division has requested a reduction in speed limits on PR 432 to enhance safety for students and the community.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council hereby approves the following measures:

1. Move 60 Km/hr speed limit to North of Sunset Drive
2. Move 80 Km/hr speed limit to North of Rd 14N
3. Reduce current speed limit of 60 Km/hr to 50 Km/hr

(Carried)

**9.0**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

**10.0**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

10.1 Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre (Status Report and Recommended Implementation)

10.2 Lack of Enforcement of By-Law 13-2022

**11.0**

**IN-CAMERA**

*None*

**12.0**

**ADJOURN**

**MOVED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Gourd Maddock**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the regular meeting of Council of the City of Morden does now adjourn.

(Carried)

Next regular meeting of Council scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

**CITY OF MORDEN**

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**Mayor**

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**City Manager**