

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

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

Present: Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock (Chair), Councillors Nancy Penner, Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Florian Lassnig, City Manager Nicole Reidle, Director of Operations Tim Reimer, Director of Finance & Administration Edwin Barnuevo, Fire Chief Andy Thiessen, Police Chief Brad Neduzak, Deputy City Manager-Operations Santokh Randhawa, Director of Parks & Urban Forestry Shawn Dias, Director of IT Mike Breiter and Executive Assistant Michelle Braun. Mayor Brandon Burley was delayed due to a previous engagement and arrived at the meeting at 11:00AM.

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Garry Hiebert

1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Add: 11.1 In camera – LAND

9.5 Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership – Sponsorship request

2.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2.1 Morden Chamber of Commerce – Chair Scott Hoepfner, Executive Director Clare Agnew and other board members were present to provide Council with a quarterly update. One of the topics discussed was snow clearing on Stephen Street sidewalks. It was suggested by a member of Council that perhaps there could be a special snow clearing levy charged to all the Stephen Street businesses that could cover the cost of purchasing specialized equipment and additional labour to take care of this task, which would take the responsibility away from the business owners.

2.2 Morden Community Handivan – Brian Nedohin, Kim Loewen and Gerry Deroche attended the meeting to discuss their program and request ongoing financial support, both through cash funding and the provision of storage for their fleet. A suggestion was made that perhaps the Morden Community Handivan could benefit from receiving annual funding from surrounding communities in addition to the City of Morden's annual contribution, as the services of the fleet are not limited to Morden residents.

2.3 Jason Dyck, Economic Development Officer & Nicole Fehr, Community Mobilization Coordinator – Jason presented his report and stated that the MCDC Board was changing as some of the members were resigning. A notice requesting submissions of interest for an MCDC Director has now gone out. His report was followed by a presentation by Nicole Fehr, who introduced herself and informed the Committee what the Community Mobilization Program was about and submitted her budget request for 2023.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

4.0 FIRE & POLICE

4.1 Fire Chief Report

- Received as information
- Completed Fire Prevention Week at Maple Leaf School
- Flooded all city outdoor rinks
- Brief discussion regarding Fire Department budget for 2023 – replacement for ladder truck is needed this year to maintain Class A Fire Department status; thermal imaging camera is 25 years old and replacement batteries are no longer available for the equipment

4.2 Police Chief Report

- Received as information
- New officer has started
- Brief discussion regarding Police Department budget for 2023 – Renovations for Police Chief office has potential to be moved to 2024 budget

4.2.1 By-law Enforcement Officer Report

- Received as information

5.0 OPERATIONS

5.1 Deputy City Manager-Operations Report

- Received as information
- Development Plan review in process
- Planning continues regarding the new school on Parkhill – it should be opened in Fall 2024

5.1.1 Capital Levy Report & By-law

- Will plan a date for an open house to present this information to developers prior to passing the by-law at Council

5.2 Director of Operations Report

- Received as information
- Al Spearman – has retired, with his last day of work being this Thursday, then Mike Kehler is taking over

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Director of Community Services Report

- Received as information

7.0 PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY

7.1 Director of Parks & Urban Forestry Report

- Received as information
- Potential to do an RFP for the ball diamond concession this year and post it on social media

8.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 8.1 Director of Finance & Administration Report
- N/A
- 8.2 Director of IT Report
- Received as information
 - Recommend approval of Social Media Policy G/A 032 at the January 30th Council meeting
- 8.3 City Manager Report
- Received as information
 - CFDC Funding – move to January 30th Council meeting agenda for further discussion
 - Lake Minnewasta Campground fee structure – Recommend to Council to approve fee structure and new by-law at the January 30th Council meeting
- 8.4 Mayor Report
- Attended various meetings in official mayoral capacity, including FCM Directors meeting, 7 constituent meetings and 3 holiday events.

9.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

- 9.1 Airport Hangar Fees
- Previous fee structure has expired – Administration will do a cost/revenue analysis to assist in determining fee increase
- 9.2 By-law 02-2023 – House Numbering
- Recommend 1st reading at January 30th Council meeting
- 9.3 Request for Extension on Variation Order 06-2021
- Recommend approval at January 30th Council meeting
- 9.4 Pembina Hills Arts Council
- Recommend approval at January 30th Council meeting

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Letter in Support of South Central Regional Library
- Received as information
- 10.2 Morden Festival of the Arts – Donation Request
- Issue grant as per Annual Grant Policy F/A 020

11.0 EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 11.1 South Central Regional Library
- 11.2 SWAMP
- 11.3 MSTW Planning District
- 11.4 Central Manitoba Tourism – Executive Director Shane Neufeld resigned
- 11.5 Menzies Medical Centre
- 11.6 Community Futures Heartland
- 11.7 Pembina Valley Child Care Centre
- 11.8 Tabor Home
- 11.9 Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership

- 11.10 Explore Morden-Winkler
- 11.11 Morden Stanley Fire Service
- 11.12 Morden Veterinary District
- 11.13 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative
- 11.14 Pembina Valley Watershed District
- 11.15 Western School Division

12.0 IN-CAMERA

12.1 & 12.2 Discussion on item 12.1 has been postponed, to be discussed at a future meeting. Item 12.2 will be discussed at a special meeting to be scheduled as soon as possible.

13.0 ADJOURN

MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

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

(Carried)