

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MORDEN
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
January 9, 2024 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 9th day of January, A.D. 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Nancy Penner (Chair), Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock, Councillors Garry Hiebert, Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Brenda Klassen, Tracey Krause, 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

None

2.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2.1 Brian Nedohin, Gerry Deroche, and Kim Loewen (Community Handi-Van) joined the meeting and started their delegation by reminding Council about their previous discussion to appoint a member to represent Council on the Handi-Van board. They have discussed about an increase in user fees brought by fuel cost rise, \$ 2.00/ hr. staff wage increase, limited availability of drivers, the overall condition of the Handi-Van fleet with one van nearing the end of its operational life. To cover the cost of acquiring a new van, the organization will be applying for funding from various charities. They have also highlighted the benefits of their services for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges. Lastly, the group reminded Council about their previous discussion on a suitable parking space/ garage project for the vans.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.0 FIRE & POLICE

4.0 Fire Chief Report - Received as information

4.0.1 Call Hours

4.1 Police Chief Report – Received as information

4.1.1 By-law Enforcement Officer Report – Received as information

5. OPERATIONS

5.1 Deputy City Manager of Operations Report – Received as information

5.2 Director of Operations Report – Received as information

- Discussed the report about threshold lights not functioning at the Airport
- Recognized the benefits of dropping temperatures for the water treatment plant, making it easier to treat water
- Discussion on the possibility of acquiring a second train for the water treatment plant and the need to increase licensing and add filters
- Collaborated with the utility clerk to identify and address meters that are not reading properly. Meter replacements and upgrades done.

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Director of Community Services Report – Received as information

- A lot of recreational programs happening. 12 ice shacks are already on the lake.
- Sent out contracts to 2024 Seasonal campers
- Snowshoes are loaned at the campground office full time during weekdays
- Preparation for the Scotties event

7.0 PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY

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

- Reported on various topics, including attending the Corridor Trail meeting
- Concerns with (MTI) Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure relating to STA Pathway
- Downtown reconstruction initiatives - how to deal with replacing trees downtown, installing trees in tree pits
- In-ground garbage to be installed in spring, servicing will be done by MWM.
- Trails Manitoba Grant for a new trail. Trail would encourage people to be more active.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Director of Finance & Administration Report

- Is streamlining processes by utilizing the new system. Sent out notification letters to those behind in payments. The goal is to close the book period earlier and to provide current financial statements.

9.1.2 December 31, 2023 - GOF - Balance Sheet & Statement of Operations (N/A)

9.1.3 December 31, 2023 - Utility - Balance Sheet & Statement of Operations (N/A)

9.2 Director of IT Report – Received as information/discussion

9.3 City Manager Report – Received as information

- Advertising for seasonal staff job opportunity to be accessible online by creating a portal that will allow online submission of application
- Had a meeting with MTI (Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure) relating to STA Pathway
- To revisit the drought-related contract with Santokh
- City Manager will be away for a week (the week of January 14th).

9.4 Mayor Report - Received as information

- Attended several media interviews.
- Chosen as part of the Chamber Business Awards Selection Committee
- Was invited by Scotties to bring welcome speech at the tournament's opening
- To attend the first Regional Meeting with Stanley Winkler on the 29th

10.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

10.1 Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame Media Release

- Council declined the request for financial contributions

10.2 By-Law 02-2024 (Special Services - Healthcare)

- Recommended that this be moved to the Council Agenda for January 22, 2024
- Public Hearing to be held at February 26th Council Meeting

10.3 House Buyout (225 14th Street)

- Council declined to purchase the property

10.4 Request to Amend By-Law No. 10-2013 (Off-Road Vehicle)

- Council declined to amend the by-law due to safety reasons

10.5 By-Law 03-2024 (Special Services - Recreation Support Services)

- Recommended that this be moved to the Council Agenda for January 22, 2024
- Public Hearing to be held at February 26th Council Meeting

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 2023 By-Election Report to Council (SEO)

11.2 AMM February 2024 Visit to Morden

- Council approved invitation for an In-Person meeting with AMM on February 21st 2024 (9:00 AM at the Council Chambers)

12.0 EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

12.1 South Central Regional Library

12.2 SWAMP

12.3 MSTW Planning District

- 12.4 Central Manitoba Tourism - Received as information
- 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 - To inquire whether the committee has a term limit for chairs and to recommend setting one if there is no timeline in place yet.

13.0 **MOVED BY** Councillor Sheldon Friesen
SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert
That the Committee now moves in camera.

(Carried)

13.1 Personnel

- Recommended that this be moved to the Council Agenda for January 22, 2024 to pass a resolution

13.2 Economic Development

13.3 Land

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen
That Council now moves out of in camera and back to Committee of the Whole.

(Carried)

ADJOURN

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause
Resolved that the Committee-of-the-Whole does now adjourn.

(Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM