

**CITY OF MORDEN**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 30, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Morden held in Council Chambers at Morden, Manitoba this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

**1.0 Present:** Mayor Brandon Burley (chair), Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock, Councillors Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Nancy Penner, Florian Lassnig, City Manager Nicole Reidle, Executive Assistant Michelle Braun, Youth Council Member Maja Piekarska. Councillor Garry Hiebert joined the meeting via ZOOM.

**2.0** **ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Agenda **MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the meeting of January 30, 2023 is hereby adopted with the following addition:  
*8.19 Boundary Trails Health Centre – Expansion Funding*  
(Carried)

**3.0** **PUBLIC HEARING**  
*None*

**4.0** **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**  
*None*

**5.0** **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
5.1 **MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost**  
Dec. 28/2022 **SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**  
Regular Meeting **BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 be adopted as presented.  
(Carried)

5.2 **MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
Jan. 10/2023 **SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**  
Committee of the **BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 be adopted as presented.  
Whole Meeting  
(Carried)

5.3 **MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**  
Jan. 12/2023 **SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
Special Meeting **BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 be adopted as presented.  
(Carried)

- 6.0**            **Recognition of Individuals and/or Organizations Accomplishments in the Community**
- Councillor Nancy Penner offered congratulations on behalf of Council to the local receivers of Queen's Jubilee Platinum Medal. There were four Morden residents who received this prestigious recognition, being Bonnie Gerbrandt, Sharron Wiens, Joe Wiwchar and Shelly Voth.

- 7.0**            **Youth Member Report**
- Ms. Maja Piekarska reported that she has been coordinating a series of guest speakers each month and has so far arranged to have Robyn Wiebe and Danny Rocha each speak at a session at the Access Event Centre. She hopes that they will be able to offer advice to the youth in attendance regarding their respective professions. She has been working with Lili Krushel to learn how to set up these events, as well as working with the school division to promote them.

- 8.0**            **General Business**
- 8.1  
Accounts
- MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts payable to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 be confirmed in the amount of \$1,828,315.35 which includes the following:
- \$ 1,422,278.95 – cheque numbers 19808 to 20225
  - \$ 12,821.47 – credit card payments
  - \$ 383,745.88 – payroll
  - \$ 9,469.05 – Pembina Valley Water Co-op

(Carried)

- 8.2.1  
By-law  
16-2022
- MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to By-law 16-2022 being a by-law to implement a Commercial and Industrial Financial Assistance Program for eligible properties in the City of Morden.

(Carried)

- 8.2.1  
By-law  
16-2022
- MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to and pass By-law 16-2022 being a by-law to implement a Commercial and Industrial Financial Assistance Program for eligible properties in the City of Morden.

*For: Mayor Burley and Councillors Frost, Maddock, Penner, Friesen, Lassnig and Hiebert*  
*Against: None*

(Carried)

8.3  
By-law  
02-2023

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 1<sup>st</sup> reading to By-law 02-2023, being a by-law for numbering houses and buildings along streets, roads or other public thoroughfares.

(Carried)

8.4  
Menzies  
Medical Board  
appointment

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden appoint Jaymie Hamilton to the Menzies Medical Centre Board, effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

(Carried)

8.5  
2023 Tax Sale

**MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**WHEREAS** Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2022 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2021 or prior); and

**THAT** all properties with arrears of taxes outstanding at December 31, 2021 shall be sold therefore; and

**THAT** in accordance with Sec. 363(1) of the Municipal Act, "costs" shall be the actual costs payable by the municipality for each parcel listed for the 2023 tax sale plus administration fees of \$50.00 as set forth in Regulation 50/97; and

**THAT** the 2023 Tax Sale be held September 28, 2023 at 10:00AM at the City of Morden Council Chambers; and

**THAT** pursuant to By-law 25-2008 of the City of Morden, TAXervice be appointed to conduct Tax Sales for the City of Morden; and

**THAT** pursuant to By-law 25-2008 of the City of Morden, Donna Zinkiew, Manager of TAXervice Inc., be appointed Tax Sale Manager for the City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.6  
2023 Fiscal  
Borrowing

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

**WHEREAS** the City of Morden levied taxes in the amount of \$9,541,119.45 net of school taxes, for the year 2022;

**AND WHEREAS** *The Municipal Act*, Section 173(1) states that “a council may by resolution borrow money for operating expenses during the fiscal year, but the amount borrowed must not exceed the amount collected in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes in the previous fiscal year”;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approve borrowing in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for operating expenses during the current fiscal year, as per *The Municipal Act*, Section 173(1);

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that taxes levied shall be the source of repayment for said borrowing.

(Carried)

8.7  
Pembina  
Valley Local  
Immigration  
Partnership  
funding

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden authorize a donation to Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership for their annual *Connecting Cultures & Communities Celebration* in the amount of \$250.00.

(Carried)

8.8  
Curbside  
Services –  
Schedule B  
Amendment

**MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**WHEREAS** each year the number of household units considered rateable under By-law 14-2020 changes due to new construction and/or demolitions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approves the amendments to Schedule B for By-law 14-2020, being a schedule that lists all properties considered rateable for the collection of solid waste, compost and recycling services within the City, as presented.

(Carried)

8.9  
Annual Grants  
Policy F/A 020

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden amend the Annual Grants Policy F/A 020 as follows:

- Amend the amount for Morden Festival of the Arts from \$200.00 to \$250.00; and
- Remove Manitoba Crime Stoppers as an annual grant recipient

(Carried)

8.10  
By-law  
03-2023

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 1<sup>st</sup> reading to By-law 03-2023, being a by-law to update fees payable to the City of Morden for Lake Minnewasta Campground for the years 2023 to 2027, both inclusive, and to authorize the creation of a Lake Minnewasta Campground Reserve Fund.

(Carried)

8.11  
Building  
Sustainable  
Communities  
Conference  
2023

**MOVED BY Mayor Brandon Burley**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden authorize virtual attendance at the Building Sustainable Communities Conference from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at a cost of \$840.00 plus taxes.

(Carried)

8.12  
Extension of  
Variance  
Order 06-2021

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden authorize the extension of Variance Order 06-2021 for a period of 12 months, with said extension to expire January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

(Carried)

8.13  
Donation to  
Pembina Hills  
Arts Council

**MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden authorize a donation to the Pembina Hills Arts Council for their second annual Ice Sculpture Workshop in the amount of \$1,000.00.

(Carried)

8.14  
Social Media  
Policy

Tabled for further discussion

8.15  
Marketing  
Billboard

**MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**WHEREAS** the City of Morden marketing billboard near Horndean has outdated signage and is in disrepair;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost to repair and redo the signage would exceed the value it brings to the City of Morden;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden authorize the discontinuation of the marketing billboard near Horndean.

(Carried)

8.16 Traffic Impact Study **MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden award the work for the traffic impact study for Morden NE to MORR Engineering Consultants at a cost of \$24,800.00 plus GST.

(Carried)

8.17 War Memorial Refurbishment **MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**WHEREAS** the War Memorial in Confederation Park in Morden is in need of refurbishment;

**AND WHEREAS** the Royal Canadian Legion-Morden Branch will fundraise to cover 1/3 of the final cost of the project, with any residual expenses to be funded by the City of Morden and the Rural Municipality of Stanley;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden grant the Royal Canadian Legion-Morden Branch up to \$2,150.00 to assist in funding the refurbishment of the War Memorial in Confederation Park, contingent on equal contribution by the Rural Municipality of Stanley;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this grant be funded by the General Operating Fund through "Grants to External Organizations".

(Carried)

8.18 By-law 05-2023 **MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 1<sup>st</sup> reading to By-law 05-2023, being a by-law to prescribe levies to be paid as compensation for capital costs incurred as a result of approval of all new lots created by a subdivision, and for all new developments established as a result of a zoning amendment, conditional use, variance, or development permit;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this by-law shall repeal and replace By-law 06-2021.

(Carried)

8.19 Boundary Trails Health Centre – Expansion Funding **MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the City of Morden supports the funding request from the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation to be levied in the years 2024 – 2027.

(Carried)

**9.0**            **NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

**10.0**           **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1 South Central Regional Libraries – Letter to Municipalities
  - received as information only
- 10.2 Resident Letter re: Thank-you for Supporting South Central Regional Library
  - received as information only

**11.0**            **IN-CAMERA**

- 11.1-11.4 **MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council moves from the Regular Meeting to In-Camera to discuss legal matters and MCDC, as per *The Municipal Act*, Section 152(3).

(Carried)

**MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council move out of camera and resume the Regular Meeting of Council.

(Carried)

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden confirms their support for the PrairiesCan Grant funding proposal as presented;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Morden shall commit to contribute no less than \$50,000.00 to the project over three years, at approximately \$16,666.66 per year, as budgeted for in the Community Services budget in 2022 and 2023.

(Carried)

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approve the recommendations of the in-camera discussion.

(Carried)

12.0

Adjourn

**ADJOURN**

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**

**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 February 27, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**CITY OF MORDEN**

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**Mayor**

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**City Manager**