

CITY OF MORDEN
Regular Meeting
May 29, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Morden held in Council Chambers at Morden, Manitoba this 29th day of May, A.D. 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

- 1.0 Present:** Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock (Chair), Councillors Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Florian Lassnig, Garry Hiebert, Nancy Penner City Manager Nicole Reidle, Director of Finance and Administration Edwin Barnuevo, Youth Council Member Maja Piekarska.

Absent with regrets: Mayor Brandon Burley

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the meeting of May 29, 2023 is hereby adopted as distributed.

(Carried)

3.0 Public Hearing – N/A

4.0 Delegations/Presentations –

Earl Dyck and Sandy Plett attended the meeting to present to Council on initiatives they are working on regarding climate change and looking for ways they can assist in the community as well as the region. Through their Pembina Fellowship a climate group began gathering about 2 years ago and are looking for ways to be part of the broader conversation around climate adaptation. Areas of discussion, what are the needs/barriers that Council sees when considering adaptation and mitigation strategies? Who on Council or on staff could they connect with on an ongoing basis? What can Council share about climate related action and initiatives in the City of Morden.

Director of Parks and Urban Forestry Shawn Dias attended for the delegation portion of the meeting.

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost

SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on the 24th day of April 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.1
Apr 24/2023
Regular Meeting

5.2
Apr 28/2023

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

Special Meeting **SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig**
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special meeting held on the 28th day of April 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.3
May 9/2023
COW
MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig
SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on the 28th day of April 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.4
May 12/2023
Special Meeting
MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig
SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special meeting held on the 12th day of May 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

6.0 **RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR ORGANIZATION
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – N/A**

7.0 **Youth Member Report**

- Ms. Maja Piekarska reported that her third Do What You Are event was a success with Chuck Fefchak as the guest speaker, she indicated that she has received positive feedback with lots of questions from participants and looking forward to holding a fourth session before the school year is over and is working to secure Cameron Friesen as her next featured speaker.

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 April 30, 2023, be confirmed in the amount of \$1,133,999.23 which includes the following:

- \$ 705,502.99 – cheque numbers 21253 to 21468
- \$ 11,018.52 – credit card payments
- \$ 403,127.35 – payroll
- \$ 15,751.98 – Pembina Valley Water Co-op
- \$ 6,158.41 - Enterprise Fleet Mgmt (Automobile Lease)

(Carried)

8.2
Sponsor
MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert
SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Morden approve the Silver Hole Sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 for the Morden Activity Centre Golf tournament being held on June 12, 2023.

(Carried)

8.3
Sponsor

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost

SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden approve Gold Sponsorship in the amount of \$750.00 for Team Reimer who is participating in the 2023 World Police & Fire Games representing the City of Morden in the sport of Curling.

(Carried)

8.4
Sub-division

MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED Council for the City of Morden approve Sub-division application 4433-23-8297 as proposed to divide 9.06 acres from the present holding of 28.36 acres in the SE ¼ 18-3-5 WPM with the following conditions.

1. That property taxes owing on the land to be subdivided be paid.
2. That the City Planning and Engineering Department required 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)

8.5
By-Law
05-2023
2nd reading

MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig

SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden give 2nd reading to By-Law 05-2023 being a by-law for fees payable to the City of Morden for municipal services rendered under the authority of The Municipal Act, The Planning Act and the by-law of the City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.6
By-Law
05-2023
3rd reading

MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden give 3rd reading to By-Law 05-2023 being a by-law for fees payable to the City of Morden for municipal services rendered under the authority of The Municipal Act, The Planning Act and the by-law of the City of Morden.

(Carried)

For: Deputy Mayor Maddock, Councillors Frost, Friesen, Hiebert, Lassnig, Penner
Against:

8.7
By-Law
06-2023
1st reading

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Morden give 1st reading to By-law 06-2023 being a by-law to amend the Morden Zoning By-law 08-2017 to rezone the NE 7-3-5 WPM as follows;

From: "CR" Community Reserve

TO: "RS-L" Residential Single Family Large

"RM-M" Residential Multiple Family and

"RT" Residential Two Family

(Carried)

8.8
351 Stephen
St

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED Council for the City of Morden approve Mayor and City Manager to sign an agreement with the Province of Manitoba for the purchase of the land and premises commonly referred to as 351 Stephen Street, being Lots 20 and 21, Block 27, Plan 863 MLTO in S ½ 8-3-5 WPM, (the "property") excepting mines and minerals as set forth in the Crown Lands Act for the purchase price of \$165,000 exclusive of GST to be borne by the General Operating fund, with the intent to preserve and enhance the historical and heritage features of said property.

(Carried)

8.9
Police Board

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

BE IT RESOLVED Council for the City of Morden appoint Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock as Vice Chair to the Morden Police Board.

(Carried)

8.10
Taxi

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

BE IT RESOLVED Council for the City of Morden approve the application for 3 Taxicab licenses to applicant Joe Janzen as recommended.

AND THAT this approval be contingent on Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check being provided to the City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.11
BSC Program

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

BE IT RESOLVED The Building Sustainable Communities Program was developed to foster thriving and sustainable communities, help provide a high quality of life for Manitobans by responding to neighbourhood, municipal and regional priorities and strengthen the non-profit sector and promotes capacity, sustainability, and resilience in our communities;

AND WHEREAS The Building Sustainable Communities Program currently requires applicants to match eligible BSC project funding on a 50% basis including 10% from non-government funding sources for all projects except planning projects. (Provincial funding includes support provided by any provincial department or agency including Manitoba Hydro, organizations funded by the Province such as School Divisions, as well as the Trails Manitoba Grant Programs);

AND WHEREAS Municipal governments have limited revenue sources outside of government funds. The 10% non-governmental funding requirement of this program creates barriers to municipalities seeking funds to improve the quality of life for Manitobans and discourages municipalities from submitting applications;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to eliminate the 10% non-government funding criteria from the 2023 Building Sustainable Communities Program.

(Carried)

8.12
Lift Assist

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig

WHEREAS Manitoba Municipalities have identified an increasing amount of “lift-assist” calls coming to municipal fire departments; and

WHEREAS a “lift-assist” call requires municipally funded fire response personnel and equipment to attend and provide services when emergency medical service (EMS) responders lack the available resources to lift a patient for transport; and

WHEREAS lifting and mobilizing a patient for transport is a core function and responsibility of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS emergency medical services are a responsibility of the Province of Manitoba via Shared Health; and

WHEREAS municipalities are not responsible for the delivery of health care services, including EMS response; and

WHEREAS attendance at “lift-assist” calls is increasingly becoming a financial and human resource burden on municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to end the practice of “lift-assist” calls, which is downloading EMS responsibilities on to municipal fire departments and transferring the costs of this health care service onto municipalities.

(Carried)

8.13
Policing Costs

MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig

SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

WHEREAS the cost of all policing in Manitoba is taking up greater and greater amounts of municipal budgets, particularly in urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS the root causes of crime, and therefore the need for policing, are issues arising from failures in systems beyond the scope of municipal governments such as mental health, addiction (health), and socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS municipalities that serve as hubs for health and social services attract people in need of those services and then must address the negative outcomes when services fail to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS municipal boundaries have absolutely no effect on the incidence of crime; and

WHEREAS the current funding model for policing in Manitoba has not been materially changed in decades, no longer meets the needs of the realities of today, and inappropriately puts the burden of policing on the taxation of real property; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has undertaken an independent review of the legislative requirements to provide for policing as well as the administration and distribution of provincial funding support for municipal policing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend the Police Services Act to ensure that the model for funding policing in Manitoba is equitable, transparent, and aligns the allocation of costs with the capacity to pay and the jurisdictional responsibility over the root causes of crime.

(Carried)

8.14
Wastewater

MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig

SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

WHEREAS Council for the City of Morden approved signing of agreements for land purchase to move forward with the Lagoon Wetland Option located in the RM of Roland;

AND THAT based on further investigation this option is no longer a viable option;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Deputy City Manager to

work with MWSB for EAP and detail design for a Lagoon based MBBR wastewater treatment system at the existing lagoon site.

(Carried)

8.15
By-law
07-2023
2nd reading

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

WHEREAS Council for the City of Morden has given 1st 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 sub-division and for all new developments established as a result of Zoning amendment, Conditional Use, Variance or Development permit.

AND WHEREAS By-law 05-2023 is considered a duplicate number.

AND THAT Council for the City of Morden amend said by-law number from 05-2023 to 07-2023.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the City of Morden give 2nd reading to By-Law 07-2023 as amended.

(Carried)

8.16
By-Law
07-2023
3rd reading

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the City of Morden give 3rd reading to By-law 07-2023 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 sub-division and for all new developments established as a result of Zoning amendment, Conditional Use, Variance or Development permit.

(Carried)

For: Deputy Mayor Maddock, Councillors Frost, Friesen, Hiebert, Lassnig, Penner
Against:

9.0 **NEW BUSINESS**
None

10.0 **OTHER BUSINESS**
10.1 Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet Invitation – Deputy Mayor Maddock will attend to bring greeting on behalf of the City.

11.0 **IN-CAMERA**
11.1 **MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**
SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

BE IT RESOLVED that Council moves from the Regular Meeting to In-Camera to discuss legal matters, as per *The Municipal Act*, Section 152(3).

(Carried)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of camera and resume the Regular Meeting of Council.

(Carried)

12.0 **ADJOURN**

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

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 June 26th, 2023, at 7:00pm.

CITY OF MORDEN

Mayor

City Manager