

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MORDEN  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING  
April 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

**Present:** Mayor Nancy Penner (Chair), Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock, Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Tracey Krause, City Manager Nicole Reidle, Deputy City Manager for Operations Santokh Randhawa, Director of Operations Tim Reimer, Director of Community Service Chris Moffatt, Economic Development Officer Jason Dyck, Director of Finance Edwin Barnuevo, and Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores.

**1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

*Item 2.1 Added - June Letkeman (Central Manitoba Tourism)*  
*Item 11.7 Added – City of Morden Official Newsletter*

**2.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

**2.1 9:00 AM – June Letkeman**

The General Manager of Central Manitoba Tourism presented recent activities and initiatives during the meeting. She acknowledged the challenges faced and expressed a commitment to improving member satisfaction and organizational effectiveness. Highlights include distributing 450 visitor's guides at the Home and Leisure Show, operational improvements, strategic planning efforts, and promoting local attractions. Efforts have been made to enhance operational efficiency and financial stability within the organization. This included switching to a local printer to support the community and reduce costs associated with printing and freight. Membership fees for the current year have been waived to address concerns about value for money, and plans are in place to engage with municipalities and towns. Plans for website updates, audience engagement, and community outreach were also emphasized. The delegation concluded with a reaffirmation of commitment to revitalizing tourism in Central Manitoba.

**3.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4. FIRE & POLICE**

4.0 Fire Chief Report

4.0.1 Call Hours

- Discussion on minor incidents and alarms
- Inspection of a ladder truck - emphasized the importance of regular maintenance for operational reliability.
- Transitioning to a smaller, more versatile pump rescue unit was discussed
- Anticipation for acquiring a new truck early next year with budget discussions focusing on cost

#### 4.1 Police Chief Report

- Discussion on potential roles of CSOs (Community Service Officers) in traffic enforcement, highlighting concerns about training and equipment adequacy
- Discussions on procurement decisions, particularly regarding the purchase of new vehicles for law enforcement purposes

##### 4.1.1 By-law Enforcement Officer Report – Received as information

## 5. OPERATIONS

### 5.1 Deputy City Manager of Operations Report

- Residents' concerns regarding sidewalk installation in Fairway Drive was discussed
- Updates were provided on MWSB and efforts to comply with regulatory requirements for water treatment upgrades
- Conversation on wastewater treatment particularly regarding potential integration with neighboring municipalities and compliance with provincial regulations

### 5.2 Director of Operations Report

- Attention was drawn to the water plant crew's efforts to address water loss issues by replacing faulty water meters (approximately 40 meters replaced)
- Public Works staff are actively engaged in post-winter cleanup tasks, including snow fence removal, street sweeping, and compost site maintenance
- Discussion on road maintenance and traffic control measures, particularly focusing on pavement conditions and traffic flow management

## 6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 6.1 Director of Community Services Report

- Request for proposals (RFPs) to be prepared for AEC's concession
- Discussions regarding the logistics of programming events and managing bookings for the Suncatch plaza's upcoming season

## **7.0 PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY**

### 7.1 Director of Parks & Urban Forestry Report

- To check the pricing of the posts that could be used as barricades at the Suncatch Plaza
- Discussion on Many Hands increase in their percentage for administering community gardens. Plans include hosting information sessions for plot registration to educate participants on water usage and other relevant guidelines. Additionally, there is a suggestion to revise the policy to optimize the utilization of available garden space while promoting fair access and responsible plot management by participants.
- Discussion on the splash park infrastructure particularly regarding the feasibility of installing a padded flooring system
- The possibility of preserving the tree on the verge of decline and potential removal due to disease concerns was discussed

## **8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## **9.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### 9.1 Director of Finance Report

~~9.1.2 March 31, 2024 - GOF - Balance Sheet & Statement of Operations~~

~~9.1.3 March 31, 2024 - Utility - Balance Sheet & Statement of Operations~~

- Discussion on budget of a new infrastructure project involving the construction of a gravel pathway

### 9.2 Director of IT Report – N/A

### 9.3 City Manager Report – Verbal Report

- New Airport fees sent out with new lease agreements and invoices, increased 25% for the next 3 years
- Discussion with stakeholders such as SERC, Water Co - Op and Triple E
- Collaboration with the Manitoba Metis Federation to finalize a new municipal seal

### 9.4 Mayor Report.

## 10.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

### 10.1 Amendment to Traffic Control By-Law 13-2022

- Moved to next Council meeting for approval

### 10.2 Letter to Morden City Council

- Request for Free Space not Approved

### 10.3 Transfer of Ownership (Airport Hangar 4)

- Moved to next Council meeting for approval

### 10.4 Stanley Morden Boundary Road Maintenance Agreement

- Moved to next Council meeting for approval

## 11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

### 11.1 Western School Division Tax Levy Increase

### 11.2 Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Program

### 11.3 Airport Grant

- To prepare a Thank-You-Letter

### 11.4 2024 Manitoba Scotties Community Contribution

### 11.5 Letter to Municipalities - Budget 2024

### 11.6 Banquet Invitation - Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

- 2 Tickets – To confirm Mayor Penner's attendance and one (1) guest

### 11.7 City of Morden Official Newsletter

## 12.0 EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

### 12.1 South Central Regional Library

### 12.2 SWAMP

### 12.3 MSTW Planning District

### 12.4 Central Manitoba Tourism

### 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

### 12.16 Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation

## 13.0 IN-CAMERA

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause**

That the Committee now moves in camera.

(Carried)

13.1 Land – Moved to next Council Meeting  
13.2 EDO

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**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 Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen**

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

(Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM