

CITY OF MORDEN
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Morden held in Council Chambers at Morden, Manitoba this 22nd of January, A.D. 2024 at 7:00 PM.

1.0 Present: Mayor Nancy Penner, Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock, Councillors Doug Frost, Brenda Klassen, Tracey Krause, (Via Zoom – Councillors Sheldon Friesen and Garry Hiebert), Youth Councillor Jaxon Forster, City Manager Nicole Reidle, Director of Finance Edwin Barnuevo, and Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores.

2.0 Agenda **ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
MOVED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen
SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost
BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the meeting of January 22, 2024 is hereby adopted as distributed.

(Carried)

3.0 **PUBLIC HEARINGS 7:00 PM**
MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock
SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen
BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meeting of Council of the City of Morden be closed, and hereby convenes as a Public Hearing for By-Law 17-2023 being a by-law to rezone 1200 Wardrop Street to facilitate the construction of the provincially funded childcare facility.

3.1
Rezoning By-Law
17-2023 (1200
Wardrop Street)

From "CR" – Community Reserve
To "I" – Institutional

(Carried)

The hearing this evening is to hear representation regarding By-law 17-2023 as submitted by The City of Morden for part SE 07-3-5 in the City of Morden. The proposal as outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to the surrounding property owners of the affected property by regular mail on December 20th, 2023, and posted in the City of Morden Civic Center on December 19th, 2023.

The administration has not received any representation either for or against the By Law.

Noted concerns in the Planning and Engineering report shared on behalf of Boundary Trails Railway Company, as follows:

Drainage planning – will the proposed future development be planned to ensure that drainage structures (ditches, culverts, etc.) on BTR's right of way are not affected in any way?

“Security and Safety – our company has very serious safety concerns regarding placing a daycare facility immediately adjacent to an active railway line”.

The potential for trespassing incidents on railway property is a significant concern, given the increased number of children near the railway right of way regularly, if the daycare development goes ahead.

The fact that a residential subdivision already exists on the opposite side of the track from the proposed new development could also lead to increased trespassing, as residents from the west side may choose to take a shortcut to the daycare by going across the tracks rather than taking an extended walk or car ride to the nearest grade-level crossing.

To mitigate the above concerns, the developer engineer will be required to provide a drainage plan to ensure that there will be no impact on drainage structures in the railway right of way from the proposed lot and development. To mitigate the safety concerns due to potential trespassing, the developer must construct a 1.83 m high chain link fence or any other type along the railway property line and around the property's rear yard as part of the development permit process.

3.1.2
Rezoning By-Law
17-2023 (1200
Wardrop Street)

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost

SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock

BE IT RESOLVED that Public Hearing for By-Law 17-2023 being a by-law to rezone 1200 Wardrop Street does now close to resume the Regular meeting of Council.

(Carried)

4.0

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Courtney Yeo and Dianne Hildebrand from TAWG (Truth and Action Working Group) attended the meeting along with their group requesting for Council to regain ownership of planning and hosting two significant public events: Orange Shirt Day and Indigenous People's Day and allow TAWG to help in a more supportive role. These events hold immense cultural importance, and the group believes that Council and City staff involvement will amplify their impact within the community. The group recommended that these events be considered also during financial discussions. They have encouraged Council to review the 94 Calls to Action particularly those that relate to municipal government. They have also briefly discussed about some challenges faced when communicating with Council and City staff. Lastly, they have reiterated that the City take full responsibility and initiative in organizing the two public events and gain the opportunity to establish connections to Indigenous people and organizations in the community.

5.0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 **MOVED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen**

SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause

December 27, 2023
- Regular Council
Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on the 27th of December 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.2
December 29, 2023
- Special Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 29th of December 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.3
January 9, 2024 -
CoW Meeting

MOVED BY Councillor Tracey Krause
SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on the 9th of January 2024 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

6.0

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR ORGANIZATION
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

None

(Carried)

7.0

YOUTH MEMBER REPORT

- Mr. Jaxon Forster reported that he is planning to create a poll/ survey to know what issues people would want him to address. He has two (2) upcoming meetings, one with the Chair of the Police Committee and another one with Parent Advisory Council at school.

8.0

8.1
Accounts

GENERAL BUSINESS
MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock

BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts payable to December 31, 2023 be confirmed in the amount of \$ 4, 116, 970.69 which includes the following:

- \$ 3, 338, 452.73 - Cheque numbers (#23451-#23794)
- \$ 16, 209.10 - Credit Card Payments
- \$ 415, 856.22 - Payroll
- \$ 23, 715.16 - Pembina Valley Water Cooperative
- \$ 6, 151.58 - Enterprise Fleet Management (Automobile Lease)
- \$ 688.30 – Manitoba Liquor & Lottery (Access Event Center Bar Use)

(Carried)

8.2
Rezoning By-
Law 17-2023
(1200 Wardrop
Street) - 2nd
Reading

MOVED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen

SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden give 2nd reading to By-Law 17-2023 being a by-law to rezone 1200 Wardrop Street to facilitate the construction of the provincially funded childcare facility.

From "CR" – Community Reserve

To "I" – Institutional

(Carried)

8.3
Rezoning By-
Law 17-2023
(1200 Wardrop
Street) - 3rd
Reading

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost

SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden give 3rd reading to By-Law 17-2023 being a by-law to rezone 1200 Wardrop Street to facilitate the construction of the provincially funded childcare facility.

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Recorded Vote:

For: Penner, Maddock, Frost, Friesen, Hiebert, Krause, Klassen

Against: None

(Carried)

8.4
By-Law 02-2024
(Special
Services
Proposal -
Healthcare) -
1st Reading

MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock

SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden give 1st reading to By-Law 02-2024 being a by-law to authorize a Special Services Proposal to establish a rate to promote and improve health care for the City of Morden and the surrounding region. This improvement is a joint effort with the RM of Stanley and the City of Winkler. The Special Services is proposed to be levied for the years 2024 – 2027 inclusive.

(Carried)

8.5
By-Law 03-2024
(Special
Services
Proposal -
Recreation
Support
Services) - 1st
Reading

MOVED BY Councillor Tracey Krause

SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden give 1st reading to By-Law 03-2024 being a by-law to authorize a Special Services Proposal to establish a rate to provide a high quality and well-maintained rubberized community track and field space for both the Discovery Trails School grounds and the community members of the City of Morden. This improvement is a joint effort between the City of Morden and Western School Division. The Special Services is proposed to be levied for the years 2024 – 2028 inclusive.

(Carried)

8.6
Additional Step
to Add on the
2024 Hourly
Pay Grid

MOVED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen
SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock
WHEREAS the increased minimum wage rate in Manitoba over the past two years is pushing up overall rates of pay for hourly paid workers
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden approves the addition of an incremental Step in pay for each Grade on the 2024 Hourly Pay Grid.

(Carried)

8.7
G/A-006 Past
Due Water Bills
Policy
Amendment

MOVED BY Councillor Tracey Krause
SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost
BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden amend Past Due Water Bill Policy G/A-006 as presented.

(Carried)

8.8
Golf Course
Donation

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock
WHEREAS donors have generously offered contributions to financially support the City of Morden.
AND WHEREAS based on the total general donations received from various donors to the City.
BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Morden authorizes the amount of \$ 1,000.00 to be paid to Minnewasta Golf Course & Country Club.

(Carried)

8.9
2024 Tax Sale
Date

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause
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 2022 or prior); and
THAT all properties with arrears of taxes outstanding at December 31, 2023 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 2024 Tax Sale be held 26 September 2024 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 of TAXervice Inc., be appointed Tax Sale Manager for the City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.10
2024 Fiscal
Borrowing

MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock

SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause

WHEREAS the City of Morden levied taxes in the amount of \$10,248,983.08 net of school taxes, for the year 2023;

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)

8.11
Review of
Parking Ticket
0519

MOVED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen

SECONDED BY Councillor Gord Maddock

WHEREAS, a resident of 375 Thornhill is experiencing limited parking space on their apartment's designated parking spot.

WHEREAS recent heavy snowstorm has worsened the scarcity of parking spaces, making it challenging for residents to comply with winter parking regulations.

WHEREAS, the resident parked on a residential street not on a busy avenue or highway where snowplow could easily go around his vehicle with no issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Morden hereby authorizes the waiver of parking tickets issued on January 11, 2024 to Zak Mcinnis during the period of limited parking space and excessive snowfall;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this waiver is a one-time exception, and regular parking regulations are still in effect.

(Defeated)

9.0

NEW BUSINESS

None

10.0

OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Fall Incident (Reimbursement Request) – Council believes that it was such an unfortunate event, however, they cannot assume liability for this type of incident/accident and do not approve of reimbursement of expenses.

10.2 Morden Chamber of Commerce - Business Awards Banquet 2023 – Received as Information

11.0 **IN-CAMERA**
None

12.0 **ADJOURN**

MOVED BY Councillor Tracey Krause

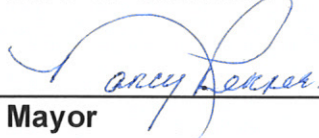
SECONDED BY Councillor Brenda Klassen

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 26th, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

CITY OF MORDEN



Mayor



City Manager