

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MORDEN
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
February 13, 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 13th day of February, 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 (joined via MS Teams and Zoom), Deputy City Manager for Operations Santokh Randhawa, Director of Community Service Chris Moffatt, Economic Development Officer Jason Dyck, Director of Finance Edwin Barnuevo, and Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores.

Absent with regrets: Councillors Garry Hiebert, Brenda Klassen, Director of Operations Tim Reimer, and Director of Parks & Urban Forestry Shawn Dias

1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

11.6 Invitation from Western School Division

13.6 In Camera - Legal

2.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Jacob Hanlon (Municipal Food Waste Diversion Program) via MS Teams

Jacob Hanlon attended the meeting to present his company's Food Waste Diversion Program to Council. His company is currently working with 105 Canadian municipalities to help increase participation in existing organics collection programs or to provide organics diversion in places where households do not receive the service. He discussed the benefits of the FoodCycler, its features and specifications, the unit's cost, the 12-Week Pilot Program timeline, and the communities that are currently participating in the program. The system has helped many small, remote communities keep food waste out of landfills. There are 11 municipal partnerships in Manitoba, with the municipal program starting in 2020. Approximately 11,000 units are in use, capable of completing 215 cycles per year with an average life expectancy of 7 years. The cost to residents is either an additional \$150 or \$300, depending on the size of the machine. Municipalities will subsidize \$100 per household. Council asked questions about the life expectancy of the units, shipping and handling fees, etc. Council thanked Mr. Hanlon for his green tech innovative presentation and noted that they would consider this program as another source of green compost, mentioning that it's valuable to have this additional information.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4. FIRE & POLICE

4.0 Fire Chief Report - Received as information

4.0.1 Call Hours

- Fee for the services of the fire inspection position is something to look into for the next couple of years.
- Looking into changes in breathing apparatus in the coming years, possible cost estimated at \$300,000.

4.1 Police Chief Report – Received as information

4.1.1 By-law Enforcement Officer Report – Received as information

- A very promising and positive meeting with Premier Wab Kinew attended by Police Chief pointing out addiction and mental health issues being main challenges and concerns
- Volunteer Criminal Record Check – Any issues related to volunteers vary depending on the organizations they are associated with. Fees are being implemented by the organization itself. The validity period of the criminal record check would be determined by each organization, ranging from 3 months to 5 years.
- Police Constable Recruitment Process 2024 – Due to the lengthy nature of the process, it is advisable to commence hiring early. The results of the previous recruitment cannot be reconsidered for new hires. Council requested further discussion on this item.

5. OPERATIONS

5.1 Deputy City Manager of Operations Report – Received as information

- Discussion on 1st Street intersection the possibility of adding lanes on both sides
- Discussed about how water consumption is being monitored. Finance and Public Works work on the monthly reports sent by the WTP. Utilizing Neptune and Muniware

5.2 Director of Operations Report – Received as information

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Director of Community Services Report – Received as information

- Council congratulated Chris Moffat for a successful Scotties event; it was very well organized and required a lot of effort throughout the month of January.
- The recreational program is operating at full capacity.
- The AEC food received many compliments. A lot of positive comments about good food prepared by the City of Morden Catering Department.

- Discussion on yurts availability during the winter season.
- Discussion on seasonal campsites and related fees. Council has requested further discussion.

7.0 PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY

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

- City Manager to Discuss with PUF Director - Funding allocation for the installation of basketball nets in the park, with possibility of grant initiatives related to children's activities and programs.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Received In Camera

9.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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)

- Finalized the financial records.
- Addressed insurance claims.
- Managed utility expenses.
- Regarding property taxes, there's been an increase in the number of people paying their tax arrears as we near the tax sale.
- ICIP funding: Money will be transferred to the designated account, and there's a recommendation to lock it in for 18 months. Discussion with Deputy City Manager of Operations regarding the timeline and securing funds at a rate of 5.4 percent.
- Airport fees: An analysis indicates an increase, with a proposed raise of \$900 from the current \$300. The city is subsidizing airport operations due to consistent requests. Hangars located outside city limits pay a recreation fee to the City. The Flying Club is agreeable to an additional fee but not to cover the entire amount.
- Currently, there are no user fees for those landing at the airport. (Mayor Penner suggested a separate meeting to address airport concerns).

9.2 Director of IT Report – N/A

- Deputy Mayor Maddock inquired about the status of the newsletter. City Manager indicated that the copy will be ready by the beginning of next week and hopefully will be available by the end of the month, accessible at locations such as the AEC, Tabor Homes, etc.

9.3 City Manager Report – In Camera

9.4 Mayor Report - Received as information

- Meeting with Immigration Minister, Malaya Marcelino, and Filipino Community
- Participated in "I Love to Read" month activities with local schools.
- Had lunch with the MLA MLA Carry Hiebert, who will be occupied with Cabinet duties from March until June
- Brought greetings at the opening of Skate Manitoba and the 2024 Morden Winterfest

10.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

10.1 Morden Festival of the Arts 2024 (Request for Donation)

- To grant funding for \$250.00

10.2 By-Law 04-2024 to Rezone Corner Willcocks Rd and Rd 28 W

- Recommend 1st Reading at February 26th Council meeting

10.3 Boundary Trail Heritage Region Information and Request

- Council declined request

10.4 Amend By-Law 05-2024 Fees and Charges

- To be tabled for further discussion

10.5 By-Law 06-2024 to Rezone Corner of 1st Street and Cheval Drive

- Recommend 1st Reading at February 26th Council meeting

10.6 Subdivision 4433-23-8360

- Recommend approval at February 26th Council meeting

10.7 Parkland Dedication Policy

- Recommended to Council

10.8 BTHC Foundation Board Representatives

- Mayor Nancy Penner declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion (11:29 AM)
- Council decision to advertise for the 2 representative positions to ensure a fair process to all residents seeking a volunteer position on the BTHCF Board.

10.9 Penalty Notice #0513

- City Manager for discussion with the By-law Officer
- To apply \$75 penalty

10.10 Morden Minor Hockey - Donation Request

- Recommended to Council to approve a \$250.00 donation

10.11 Morden Activity Center - Building Murals

- Tabled for another meeting date

- City Manager to meet with Cheryl Link. Council is welcome to join the meeting.

10.12 Subdivision 4433-23-8313 (412, 426 & 432 Jefferson Street)

- Recommend approval at February 26th Council meeting

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Dutch Elm Disease Funding

11.2 AMM Letter Regarding Resolution #28-2015

11.3 MGRA Newsletter

11.4 Manitoba Communities in Bloom – Registration

- Resolution to be brought to the next Council Meeting – February 26th
- Mayor to speak with Morden Horticulture

11.5 RRBC Manitoba Chapter Meeting

11.6 Invitation from Western School Division – Council to confirm attendance with WSD

12.0 EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

12.1 South Central Regional Library

12.2 SWAMP

- Held Executive meeting last week

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

- PVWD AGM to be attended by Mayor Penner and Councillor Friesen on February 23rd

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 Gord Maddock

SECONDED BY Councillor Tracey Krause

That the Committee now moves in camera.

(Carried)

13.1 Economic Development

13.2 Legal

13.3 Land

13.4 Land

13.5 Land
13.6 Legal

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen
SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

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 Sheldon Friesen

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

(Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 13:20