

**CITY OF MORDEN**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 25, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Morden held in Council Chambers at Morden, Manitoba this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

**1.0 Present:** Mayor Brandon Burley, Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock, Councillors Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Garry Hiebert, Nancy Penner City Manager Nicole Reidle, Director of Finance and Administration Edwin Barnuevo, Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores.

**2.0** **ADDITIONS TO/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Agenda **MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the meeting of September 25, 2023 is hereby adopted with the following additions:  
- *Item 8.15 Funding of Strategic Plan - Added*

(Carried)

**3.0 PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning By-Law 08-2017 Amendment**

3.1  
Public Hearing  
Zoning By-law 08-  
2017 Amendment

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Gordon Maddock**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting of Council of the City of Morden be closed, and hereby convenes as a public hearing for City of Morden By-Law 12-2023 being an amendment to City of Morden Zoning By-Law 08-2017.

(Carried)

**The hearing this evening is to hear representation regarding By-Law 12-2023 as submitted by the City of Morden for the entire limits of the City of Morden.**

The proposal as outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing was posted at the City of Morden Civic Center on September 6, 2023 and advertise in the newspaper in the August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> editions of the Winkler Morden Voice as required by Section 169 of the Planning Act.

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

**3.2 MOVED BY Councillor Gordon Maddock**  
**SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the public hearing for the City of Morden Zoning By-Law 08-2017 amendment does now close to reconvene the regular meeting of Council.

(Carried)

4.0

**DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Barette Plett

- Gave out a comprehensive presentation to Council regarding EV (Electronic Vehicle) chargers and how strategic locations of said chargers could bring about positive impact to the Morden-Winkler-Stanley communities. Discussed how EV chargers could lead EV owners to having hours-long/days-long visits to the City and in return gain access to local restaurants, games/ tournaments, camping, and businesses. Questions from Council were addressed by Mr. Plett in detail. Council commended him for taking the time to create a presentation for such a great innovation. Mr. Plett was invited by the Mayor to partake as a stakeholder for upcoming strategic meetings.

Patricia Gibson

- Presented a handout to Council enumerating in detail her concerns and suggestions to Council following her meeting with them the past summer. She particularly discussed about: (1) sewage treatment plant, (2) sidewalk on 1<sup>st</sup> and Stephen Streets, (3) 1<sup>st</sup> Street & Thornhill – Mountain & Thornhill turning lanes, (4) putting back tree canopy along Stephen Street, (5) educational support to future healthcare workforce, (6) local TV Channel supporting seniors' health and giving opportunities to seniors to go online, (7) indoor pools, (8) for the City to work together with Research Station, (9) the addition of turning lane/lights at Thornhill & Coop before the new school becomes operational. Ms. Gibson further reiterated how crucial information sharing and communication is for the community. She pointed out recommendations on how to further improve Council's sharing of information to the public: (1) more information in the local newspaper rather than online, (2) the possibility of adding an "Ask Your Council" column, (3) more stories about Morden in the Voice, and (4) to hear the Mayor or an occasional Councillor on the radio giving updates regarding Morden current affairs. She reiterated the importance of Council being transparent about City projects and their progress. Council acknowledged all her observations and suggestions and was assured that they will find ways to get her message across.

5.0

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

5.1  
August 28/2023  
Regular Meeting

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on the 28th day of August 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.2  
September 12/2023  
COW

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on the 12th day of September 2023 be adopted as presented.

*To replace the term "Seasonal Parking" with "Campsite Parking or Seasonal RV Parking" under item number 6.1*

(Carried)

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

- Mayor Burley wishes to recognize Councillor Florian Lassnig for the outstanding services he put into the City and his valuable contributions in representing and acting in the community's best interest.
- Council also expresses recognition to Veronica Frost for her hard work, type of service, and her distinct role being a devoted and supportive spouse to a Council member.

7.0 **YOUTH MEMBER REPORT**  
N/A

8.0 **General Business**

8.1  
Accounts  
Payable to  
August 31, 2023

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts payable to August 31, 2023 be confirmed in the amount of \$ 1, 493, 255.60 which includes the following:

- \$ 1,018, 932.31 - Cheque numbers (22364 – 22640)
- \$ 5,685.47 - Credit Card Payments
- \$ 446, 758.24 - Payroll
- \$ 15, 728.00 - Pembina Valley Water Cooperative
- \$ 6, 151.58 - Enterprise Fleet Management (Automobile Lease)

(Carried)

8.2  
Parks and  
Urban Forestry  
Policies

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert  
SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**WHEREAS** Parks and Urban Forestry is now a stand-alone department which was previously under the direction of Community Services.

**AND WHEREAS** upon re-visiting the policies to ensure that proper guidelines are in place and up to date, it was identified that six (6) policies for Parks and Urban Forestry are still within Community Services.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approve that policies be officially contained within the Parks and Urban Forestry's Policies & Procedures section.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all existing, amended and succeeding policies for Parks and Urban Forestry shall be provided with new reference number beginning with "PUF" followed by a three-digit code beginning with "001".

(Carried)

8.3  
Lease  
Agreement for  
2 Old Crows

**MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Gordon Maddock**

**WHEREAS** the 5 (Five) month Lease Agreement term for Two Old Crows expired last April 23, 2023.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council authorizes and approves to execute a 1 (One) year term agreement, with a possibility of extending to a 2 (Two) year term, for Two Old Crows at the Morden Access Event Center concession.

(Carried)

8.4  
Policy and  
Procedures -  
Lakeside  
Cemetery

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**WHEREAS** Parks and Urban Forestry Department created a policy entitled Lakeside Cemetery to ensure that service level standard, rules and regulations, and operational and administrative structure are in accordance with The Cemeteries Act, RM 1987 and The Public Health Act, Dead Bodies Regulation.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approve the implementation of the Lakeside Cemetery Policy and Procedures and its official inclusion under the Park and Urban Forestry Policies and Procedures.

(Carried)

8.5  
2022 Conner  
Hill Flooding  
(Reimbursemen  
t Request)

**MOVED BY Councillor Gord Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**

**WHEREAS** 2022 Spring storm caused drainage system issues at the Conner Hill Drive resulting to sudden overland flooding and unexpected damage to some private properties.

**AND WHEREAS** residents of the affected properties are requesting reimbursement for the losses they have incurred and are requesting the City for further improvements with the drainage system.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approves providing financial assistance to the concerned residents for restoring essential property as a result of substantial damages caused by Spring flooding in 2022.

(Defeated)

8.6  
Senior Election  
Official 2023  
By-Election

**MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden appoint Ted Fransen as the Senior Election Official for the City of Morden for the 2023 By-Election.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Assistant for the City of Morden, Ruziel Relatores, be appointed as Assistant Senior Election Official for the City of Morden for the 2023 By-Election.

8.7  
Board of  
Revision 2024 -  
Member  
Appointment

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

**WHEREAS** the hearing for the Board of Revision – 2024 Assessment Appeals has been set for October 16, 2023;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoint the Board of Revision Members as follows:

Chair: Garry Hiebert  
Secretary: Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores  
Alt. Secretary: City Manager Nicole Reidle  
Committee: All members of Council

(Carried)

8.8  
TAWG - Truth  
and  
Reconciliation  
Event

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

**WHEREAS** the Truth and Action Working Group (TAWG) will be hosting a public event and a commemorative walk at the City of Morden on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 in relation to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

**AND WHEREAS** TAWG is requesting support and assistance from the City to use Morden Access Event Center's indoor and outdoor spaces, a few equipment, as well as an event liability insurance coverage through the City.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the request of TAWG to conduct the Truth and Reconciliation event on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 at the Access Event Center, City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.9  
Industrial Park  
Servicing  
Design

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

**WHEREAS** the City of Morden requested for proposals for the servicing design of the new Industrial Park off Wilcocks Road.

**AND WHEREAS** three (3) proposals were received specifying the required budget, scope of work, and estimated timeline from each proponent.

**AND WHEREAS** Morden Planning and Engineering has recommended the proposal from JDB Engineering for approval being most suitable to the city for the proposed work.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the City of Morden hereby authorizes JDB Engineering to execute the project design for the new Industrial Park off Wilcocks Road at cost of \$71,500 for Phase-I and an approve an additional \$30,000 to complete the detailed design for the full site.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the cost will be funded from the economic development reserve.

(Carried)

8.10  
By-law 14-2023  
to Close a  
Public Reserve  
1st Reading

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 1st reading to By-Law 14-2023 being a by-law to close a Public Reserve in the City of Morden being Parcel A, Plan \_\_ MLTO (Deposit 1131/2020) in SE ¼ 7-3-5 WPM and shall be sold to Valley Fiber Limited.

(Carried)

8.11  
Rezoning By-  
law 13-2023  
Mountain 1st  
Reading

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden give 1st reading to By-Law 13-2023 being a by-law to re-zone the subject property located at 339 Mountain Street North:

From: 'RS-L Residential Single Family Large'

To: "RM-M Residential – Multi Family Medium"

(Carried)

8.12  
Winkler  
Chambers Gala  
Invitation

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Morden approves the attendance of Mayor Brandon Burley and Guest to the Winkler Chambers Gala to be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Meridian Exhibition Centre in Winkler.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council authorizes the purchase and reimbursement of the Gala tickets at the cost of \$150 per ticket.

(Carried)

8.13  
4433-23-8349  
(Minor  
Subdivision)  
Daycare Site

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** Council of the City of Morden approves Minor Subdivision 4433-23-8349 to create a Lot of 3.32 ac (144,1462 sq ft) from a total area of 69.1 acres CT 2677235/4 and subdividing a 3.32-acre lot for developing a child care facility near a growing residential neighbourhood, with the following conditions:

1. Taxes on the land to be subdivided for the current year and any arrears have been paid.
2. The City Planning and Engineering requires 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)

8.14  
Municipal  
Economic  
Development  
Infrastructure  
Program  
(MEDIP)

**MOVED BY Councillor Gordon Maddock**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba has developed an application-based program being the Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program (MEDIP) designed to foster economic growth and opportunities for Manitoba Municipalities through shared priority projects that address gaps in current and emerging infrastructure needs.

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Morden has identified 2 high priority projects that fit within the scope of MEDIP.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the City of Morden supports the application for funding under this program for the reconstruction of the Thornhill Service Road as well as 1st St. North from Victoria to the future site of the 40acre sports complex.

(Carried)

8.15  
Funding of  
Strategic Plan

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost**

**WHEREAS** the City of Morden issued an RFP to assist in the development of a Strategic Plan as well as long-term vision that addresses strategic considerations for the City of Morden and stakeholders over the next 20 years.

**AND WHEREAS** Council for the City of Morden approved engagement with KPMG for facilitation and negotiation of the City of Morden Strategic Plan.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve KPMG as the successful firm to facilitate the City of Morden Strategic Plan in the amount of \$47,925.00 plus PST.

(Carried)

9.0

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

10.0

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1 2023 Fall Convention – Councillor Nancy Penner to register under AMM. The rest of Council Members to decide on or before November 7, 2023 (Deadline of Online Registration is November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM)
- 10.2 Remembrance Day Ceremony – Council representative to participate on November 11, 2023 at the Access Event Center to lay wreath during the commemoration.
- 10.3 Boundary Trails Letter of Appreciation – Council discussion on medical students accommodations and locations of the apartment units

11.0

**IN-CAMERA**

*None*

12.0

**ADJOURN**

**MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**

**SECONDED BY Councillor Gordon Maddock**

**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 October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

**CITY OF MORDEN**

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**Mayor**

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**City Manager**