

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MORDEN
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
December 13, 2022 9:00 A.M.**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City of Morden held in Council Chambers of the Civic Centre in Morden in the Province of Manitoba this 13th day of December, A.D. 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock (Chair), Councillors Nancy Penner, Doug Frost, Garry Hiebert, Sheldon Friesen, City Manager Nicole Reidle, Director of Operations Tim Reimer, Director of Finance & Administration Edwin Barnuevo, Fire Chief Andy Thiessen, Police Chief Brad Neduzak, Deputy City Manager-Operations Santokh Randhawa and Executive Assistant Michelle Braun. Mayor Brandon Burley and Councillor Florian Lassnig joined the meeting via ZOOM.

1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

2.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

None

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

4.0 FIRE & POLICE

4.1 Fire Chief Report

- Received as information

4.1.1 Truck Apparatus Replacement Schedule

- This is just an estimate, and there is the possibility of getting a used one and coming under budget
- Suggestion that we revisit fire agreement with Stanley to have them assist with this purchase

4.2 Police Chief Report

- Received as information
- Training for TAC team members-Morden hosted 22 people attended from all over Manitoba and 1 from New Brunswick. The 2 trainers were from Colorado.
- Nicole Fehr, Community Mobilization Coordinator – Police Chief is on steering/screening committee – police can recommend people for the program
- Busy ordering equipment for new officer
- Looking into possibility of expanding to school resource officer

4.2.1 By-law Enforcement Officer Report

- Received as information

5.0 OPERATIONS

5.1 Deputy City Manager-Operations Report

- Received as information
- Phase 3 study – March 2023 deadline

5.2 Director of Operations Report

- Al Spearman retiring in January, Mike Kehler taking over position
- Looking for operator to fill open position
- New truck – it will be ready mid to end of January
- Bill Klassen Auctions – doing online auction for equipment that has not been used in 5 years or more
- Airport lighting – end of runway lights were fixed – City should be in charge of getting pricing for airport repairs – this will be a part of the 2023 budget

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Director of Community Services Report

- Received as information
- Two Old Crows has opened up the concession at the Access Event Centre, and their business is doing great. They are getting customers coming in from outside that are not even at the AEC for an event, they are just coming for the food.
- July ball tournament
- There was a suggestion to have cameras on yurts to curb vandalism. Received a grant to furnish both yurts, would like to get pellet stoves so that they can be open in the winter months

7.0 PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY

7.1 Director of Parks & Urban Forestry Report

- Received as information
- Constructed detailed design proposal for wetland on 40-acre property
- Downtown trees – need to look at possibly replanting some? Do a report for citizens to inform them
- New shop is getting electrical today

7.1.1 Bench Dedication Request

- Bench request denied
- Recommend possibly combining memorial bench and memorial tree policy

7.1.2 Morden Park-Tree Removal Request

- Recommendation Option 3 to thin and prune the tree line – forward to December 28th Council meeting for approval

8.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Director of Finance & Administration Report

- Received as information

- Working on year-end and 2023 budget
- First draft of budget should be ready by the end of the week
- We have already received the gas tax grant for the year, in the amount of \$280,000

8.2 Director of IT Report

- N/A

8.3 City Manager Report

- Received as information
- Columbarium – Recommend moving policy to December 28th Council meeting for approval
- MOU for 500 Stephen Street
 - Look at again after meeting with Nicole Fehr in January
- Community Pathway
 - 2023 project – still working with Research Centre to finalize details
 - Path will be asphalt

8.4 Mayor Report

- Attended various meetings in official mayoral capacity, including FCM and school engagements

9.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

9.1 Royal Canadian Legion, Morden Branch – War Memorial Restoration

- City Manager will follow up and report back to Council

9.2 Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame & Museum – 2023 Induction Ceremony

- Received as information

9.3 Appointment of 2022 Auditor – Sensus Engagement Letter

- Recommend approval at December 28th Council meeting

9.4 By-law 16-2022 – Business & Commercial Tax Incentive

- Recommend 1st reading at December 28th Council meeting

9.5 SERC – 2022 Summary & 2023 Budget

9.5.1 SERC Municipal Emergency Plan 2023

- Recommend approval at December 28th Council meeting

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Manitoba Good Roads Association – 2022 Winners

- Received as information

10.2 Manitoba Métis Federation – Letter of Congratulations to Council

- Received as information

10.3 Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation – Thank-you Letter

- Received as information

10.4 Letter of Support for South Central Regional Library

- Received as information

11.0 EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 11.1 South Central Regional Library
- 11.2 SWAMP – meeting tomorrow
- 11.3 MSTW Planning District
- 11.4 Central Manitoba Tourism – Councillor Maddock currently Acting President
- 11.5 Menzies Medical Centre – losing 5 doctors, resigned with 2
- 11.6 Community Futures Heartland – 1st meeting attended last week along with Hank Hildebrand, who Community Futures has signed to stay on as part of internal review committee for the time being
- 11.7 Pembina Valley Child Care Centre
- 11.8 Tabor Home – CAO has resigned effective February 1st
- 11.9 Pembina Valley Local Immigration Partnership – had orientation
- 11.10 Explore Morden-Winkler – Peter Loewen has presented some good ideas
- 11.11 Morden Stanley Fire Service
- 11.12 Morden Veterinary District
- 11.13 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative
- 11.14 Pembina Valley Watershed District – Brian Minaker to be representative-forward to Council meeting for approval
- 11.15 Western School Division

Committee of the Whole recessed at this time, to convene for a special meeting of Council which was scheduled for 12:00PM. Following the special meeting, the committee reconvened and went into camera for the remainder of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

12.0 IN-CAMERA

- 12.1 **MOVED BY** Councillor Garry Hiebert
 - & 12.2 **SECONDED BY** Councillor Sheldon Friesen
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Committee moves in camera to discuss land matters.

(Carried)

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen
SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner
BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee moves out of camera to and back to the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

(Carried)

13.0 ADJOURN

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
 Resolved that the Committee-of-the-Whole does now adjourn.

(Carried)