

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MORDEN
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING
December 7, 2021 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 7th day of December, A.D. 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock (chair), Councillors Nancy Penner, Doug Frost, Garry Hiebert, Jim Hunt, City Manager Nicole Reidle, Deputy City Manager-Operations Santokh Randhawa, Director of Finance & Administration Edwin Barnuevo, Director of Community Services Clare Agnew, Fire Chief Andy Thiessen, Police Chief Brad Neduzak, and Executive Assistant Michelle Braun.

Absent with Regrets: Mayor Brandon Burley

1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

2.0 PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- Morden & District Chamber of Commerce – Candace Collins & Board
 - Attended the meeting to give Council their quarterly update.
- Krahn Friesen Neufeld – Tyler Sawatzky & Bob Neufeld
 - Attended the meeting to review the draft 2020 audited financial statements with Council.
 - Recommend Council approve statements at the regular Council meeting scheduled for December 20th.
 - Director of Finance & Administration thanked Krahn Friesen Neufeld for all the great work that they have done for the City over the many years of service they have given us as our municipal auditors.
- Pembina Valley Humane Society – Tania Sigurdson, Grant Chair
 - Ms. Sigurdson attended the meeting to give a brief presentation on the PVHS and request some grant funding for 2022.
 - Grant in the past was \$/capita
 - Council requested a financial statement prior to making a decision at their December 20th Council meeting.
- Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre – Adolfo Cuetara & Henry Penner
 - Mr. Cuetara and Mr. Penner attended the meeting to discuss the renewal of their lease agreement and funding for 2022
 - They stated they are working on getting a feasibility study for new museum
 - The suggestion was made that they should attend Council meetings on a quarterly basis from now on to keep Council up to date with what is happening at the museum
 - They stated they will require the land by lake to develop a new museum – they suggested that the city needs to lead this discussion with the necessary parties, as the land that belongs to the City is not a large enough space

- Councillor Frost and Councillor Hildebrand voiced concerns regarding cost of such a project and questioned how it would be funded – Council needs to see a plan prior to making a financial commitment.
- Mr. Penner stated that if the feasibility study does not make sense financially, they will carry on as best they can without a new building

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- *None*

4.0 FIRE & POLICE

4.1 Fire Chief Report

- Received as information
- Put the new tanker to use again at the SWAMP fire
- Still waiting to hear results of the cause of the golf course fire
- Suggested that perhaps we should have a hydrant installed on the golf course property when the new building is constructed.

4.2 Police Chief Report

- Received as information
- Citizens on Patrol is now active, as it was approved by the province
- The group will be trained by the provincial department

5.0 OPERATIONS

5.1 Deputy City Manager-Operations Report

- Received as information
- Lake has about 800,000 m³ of water available lower than the pump intake level
- Will require a new water license to accommodate the 40-acre sports field
- Completed traffic counts at Tim Horton's – province suggested "No Parking" on shoulder lane and having traffic line up there – DCM-Operations states that is not feasible and is now waiting for another response from the province.

5.2 Director of Operations Report

- Received as information
- Entered into agreement with acoustic engineer/research/consulting group to investigate noise issue at new ice plant at the Access Event Centre.

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Director of Community Services Report

- Received as information
- Request for another light at the dog park – Director of Community Services will assess the park in the evening and report back to administration with any suggestions.

7.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Director of Finance & Administration Report

- Received as information

- 7.1.1 Financial Statements to November 30, 2021
 - Received as information
- 7.2 City Manager's Report
 - Received as information
 - Handi-Van – need to see financial statements prior to determining financial commitment – City Manager will request the necessary documents and get back to Council.
 - Banners – put resolution on the December 20th agenda to install and remove every year and to add to budget as a grant
- 7.3 Mayor's Report
 - N/A

8.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

- 8.1 Low-flow Fixture Rebate Program
 - City Manager to consult with DCM-Operations to clarify who qualifies for the program
- 8.2 Letter of Concern re: culvert bridge near Gaslight Harley-Davidson
 - Has already been added to the 2022 budget
 - Admin to respond
- 8.3 Boundary Trails Health Centre – Donation Request
 - Usually give \$2500 annually for a table at their fall gala, which is cancelled due to health regulations
 - Bring to December 20th Council meeting to recommend giving the same donation as a grant for the year in lieu of gala.
- 8.4 500 Stephen Street – Funding Request
 - MCDC is an entity of City – Council feels that the City is already supporting the project through the Corporation.
 - Admin to respond
- 8.5 Senior Election Official Proposal
 - Bring resolution to Council to approve agreement with Ted Fransen

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 Senior Election Official Proposal
 - Ronald McDonald House Charities – Donation Request
 - Received as information only

10.0 IN-CAMERA

MOVED BY Councillor Hank Hildebrand

SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

Resolved that the Committee-of-the-Whole moves in-camera to discuss legal and personnel matters, as per *The Municipal Act*, Section 152(3).

(Carried)

MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

Resolved that the Committee move out of camera and back to the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

(Carried)

11.0 ADJOURN

MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

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

(Carried)