TOWN OF MORRIS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
September 24th, 2026
7:00
pm

Councillors Present:	Mel Baxter
	Taylor Braun
	David Funk - Virtual
	Trevor Thiessen - Virtual
Also Present:	Arien Peterson, CAO
Excused:	Chris Hamblin
	Tim Lewis
Presiding:	Mayor Scott Crick

01/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Council **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Members **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept the following Members from Council for September 24th,2026 Regular Council Meeting as:

In Attendance: Councillors David Funk (Virtual), Mel Baxter, Trevor Thiessen (Virtual), Taylor Braun, and Mayor Scott Crick
Excused: Tim Lewis, Chris Hamblin
Unexcused: None

(Carried)

02/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Adoption **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Of Agenda **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the Agenda for the September 24th ,2026, Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

(Carried)

03/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Council **Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**
Minutes **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes for the August 27th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as Presented

(Carried)

04/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
CAAW **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Minutes **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes for the august 27th,2026 Committee As A Whole be adopted as Presented

(Carried)

05/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**
CAAW **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Minutes **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes for the September 10th,2026 Committee As A Whole be adopted as Presented

(Carried)

DELEGATIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Letter to Council – Agassiz Trail**
2. **Request to Purchase Green Space Veterans Way**

06/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Parking **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**
Restrictions **WHEREAS** Council has reviewed the parking and traffic concerns along Agassiz Trail;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section XV Of the Town of Morris Traffic and Parking By-law 03.07, parking be prohibited at all times on the South side of Agassiz Trail, thereby restricting on-street parking to the North side of Agassiz Trail;

AND FURTHER THAT Public Works be authorized to install the appropriate traffic control signage to give effect to this resolution.

(Carried)

07/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Veterans Way **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**

Sale

WHEREAS the Town of Morris is the registered owner of a parcel of municipal green space located adjacent to Roll 92850 (10 Veterans Way)

AND WHEREAS the owner of the adjacent property has requested to purchase an approximately 2,003 square foot portion of the municipal land for the purpose of addressing an existing structural/property encroachment;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that the approximately 2,003 square foot portion is surplus to the present and future municipal requirements of the Town, subject to the protection of any existing or future municipal infrastructure, drainage requirements, easements, or other municipal interests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Morris approves, in principle, the proposed sale of the approximately 2,003 square foot portion of municipal land to the registered owner of the adjacent property, subject to the following conditions:

1. **Survey and Assessment:** The final area and boundaries of the lands proposed to be sold shall be established by a Manitoba Land Surveyor. The value of the lands shall be determined or informed by an appropriate assessment or valuation prior to the establishment of a final purchase price.
2. **Purchase Price:** The purchase price shall be negotiated between the Town and the purchaser following completion of the survey and consideration of the assessment or valuation, with the final purchase price subject to approval by Council prior to completion of the sale.
3. **Purchaser Responsible for Costs:** The purchaser shall be responsible for 100% of all costs associated with the proposed transaction, including, but not limited to, Manitoba Land Surveyor fees, assessment or valuation costs, planning or subdivision fees, consolidation fees, Land Titles registration fees, the Town's legal costs, and any other costs necessary to complete the transaction.
4. **Consolidation with Adjacent Property:** The sale shall be conditional upon the lands being legally severed from the Town-owned parcel and consolidated with the purchaser's existing property, in a manner acceptable to the applicable planning and Land Titles authorities, such that the lands shall not remain as a separate parcel or title.
5. **Municipal Infrastructure and Drainage:** Prior to completion of the sale, the Town shall be satisfied that the transfer will not adversely affect municipal infrastructure, utility access, drainage, or other municipal requirements.
6. **Protection of Municipal Interests:** Where required by the Town, the purchaser shall grant or maintain, at the purchaser's expense, any easement, right-of-way, drainage agreement, or other interest considered necessary by the Town to protect municipal infrastructure, access, drainage, or other municipal interests affecting the lands.
7. **Failure to Complete:** Should the necessary approvals or consolidation not be obtained, or should the Town determine that its municipal interests cannot be adequately protected, the proposed sale shall not proceed and the Town shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser.
8. **Authority to Negotiate:** The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to negotiate the terms and proposed purchase price with the purchaser and bring the final terms and purchase price back to Council for approval.

(Carried)

SEMINARS & EDUCATION

1. Invite to YMTD Morris
2. Invite to Remembrance Day – Will Attend

08/09/26
VAS YMTD
Event

Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun
Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that up to five (5) councillors be authorized to attend the Valley Ag Society's event You Make The Difference October 27th, 2026 at the Morris Multiplex.

AND FURTHER that expenses be reimbursed as per Bylaw 02/19

(Carried)

TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL

1) Town of Morris List of Accounts **#09/09/26**
2) Town of Morris Financials **#10/09/26**

09/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Town List **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts for September 2026, being Cheque # 20089 to Cheque # 20107 in the amount of $329,080.80, Electronic Payments of $198,460.35 and Payroll Direct Deposits of $78,958.47 be approved as presented**.**

(Carried)

10/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Town **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of August 2026 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL

1. MultiPlex List of Accounts 11**/09/26**
2. Multiplex Financials **12/09/26**

11/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
MultiPlex List **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the September 2026 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque # 11843 to Cheque # 11852 for a total amount of $7,120.21, Electronic Payments of $7,328.10 and Payroll Direct Deposits of $3,778.72 be approved as presented.

(Carried)

12/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
MultiPlex **Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the months of July 2026 for the Morris MultiPlex be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:

14/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen**
Tax Sale **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Reserve Bid **WHEREAS** pursuant to s 372 of the Municipal Act a municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of the tax arrears and costs in respect of the property.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Morris place a reserve bid on all properties in the amount of all arrears and costs in respect of each property

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS: None

BY-LAWS & POLICIES:

1. **By-Law 04.25 – Water and Wastewater Utility** **On hold for PUB**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13/09/26 **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Land **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Sale **WHEREAS** the Town of Morris is the registered owner of the property identified as Assessment Roll No. 98600;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that a strip of land approximately 15 feet in width, forming part of Assessment Roll No. 98600, is surplus to the present and future municipal requirements of the Town;

AND WHEREAS the owner of the adjacent property identified as Assessment Roll No. 98603 (Civic Address 169 Willow Dr) has requested to purchase the said 15-foot strip for the purpose of adding and consolidating it with their existing property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Morris hereby authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into negotiations with the registered owner of Assessment Roll No. 98603 for the sale of the approximately 15-foot-wide strip of land forming part of Assessment Roll No. 98600, subject to the following conditions:

1. **Purchase Price:** The purchase price shall be negotiated between the Town and the purchaser, with the final purchase price and terms of sale subject to approval by Council prior to completion of the transaction.
2. **Purchaser Responsible for Costs:** The purchaser shall be responsible for 100% of all costs associated with the transaction, including, but not limited to, surveying, legal fees incurred by the Town, planning and subdivision fees, Land Titles registration fees, and any other costs necessary to complete the transfer and consolidation of the lands.
3. **Consolidation with Adjacent Property:** The sale shall be conditional upon the 15-foot strip being legally severed from Assessment Roll No. 98600 and consolidated with Assessment Roll No. 98603, in a manner acceptable to the applicable planning and Land Titles authorities, such that the strip shall not remain as a separate parcel or title.
4. **Approvals:** The sale shall be subject to all necessary planning, subdivision, surveying, Land Titles, and other regulatory approvals required to complete the transaction.
5. **Failure to Complete:** Should the necessary approvals or consolidation of the lands not be obtained, the proposed sale shall not proceed, and the Town shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with the proposed transaction.

(Carried)

NOTICE OF MOTION: **None**

IN CAMERA ITEMS: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

TOWN OF MORRIS

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Next Regular Committee as a Whole Meeting: October 8th, 2026 6:30pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: October 22nd, 2026 7:00pm