



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

October 8th, 2026

7:08 pm

In attendance: Mayor Scott Crick, Chris Hamblin, Trevor Thiessen, Mel Baxter, Taylor Braun, David Funk

Excused: Tim Lewis,

Delegations: None

Council Round Table (Committee, Board, and Personal Reports):

Mayor Scott Crick

Activities:

- Sept 24/26: Visit local manufacturer (Wood Bay) to discuss their work and impact of tariffs on business (unpaid).
- Sept 24/26: Community Partners Meeting, Morris General Hospital.
- Oct 5/26: PTH 75 Corridor Meeting.
- Oct 6/26: Multiplex Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Oct 7/26: Triple R Community Futures Board Meeting.

Commentary:

After a slower August and early September, activity did pick up at the end of the month with a number of meetings that had been rescheduled.

Community Partners:

This was the first full meeting of Community Partners for the RHA in a year, and I attended in place of Deputy Mayor Chris Hamblin.

- The RHA gave an update on doctor hiring, as well as changes made to the Hospital, including the install of a full sprinkler system. In positive news, the new doctor hires have staffing near the point where the Emergency room can be reopened, and it is hoped this will happen in the next few months.
- It was also good to hear about the services that MASS is providing in the community. Their supports are very helpful in supporting independent living in the community while we continue to try and make supportive housing a reality.
- I also had an opportunity to speak to Seniors' housing, and the work we are doing with Manitoba Housing to try and piggyback Supportive Housing on to their build. Feedback from the attendees was very positive, as they also wish to see Morris able to offer residents the ability to age in place.
- It was made clear that the Hospital and RHA view the Town as a positive partner and look forward to working with on assisted living if this ends up being to model for supportive housing.

PTH 75 Corridor meeting:

- This meeting was an opportunity to update our Industry Expert Sponsors (Manitoba Heavy Construction, Manitoba Trucking Association, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, Centreport, PrairiesCan) on progress we made, including branding, incorporation, and business plan.
- Feedback was generally positive, with good ideas received on the pending ask to the Provincial Government and ensuring we have a solid financial plan for financial self-sustainment. There was also discussion of having a “One stop shop” for prospective business, and this will require funding from the province, and voluntary alignment between Municipal partners on development planning.
- At this point, we are expecting to be incorporated within two weeks, with the launch of the website scheduled for early November.

Multiplex Meeting:

- With eight months of financials in the book, it was encouraging to see the Multiplex is currently spending below budget (mostly) with a number of revenues above what is expected at the of August.
- It was also encouraging to hear that a sponsorship opportunity with Access Credit Union may happen for a new ice resurfer. Although Council budgeted funds for a replacement of the Olympia, having this subsidized and potentially looking at a lease agreement may be beneficial for finances.
- Overall, the facility looks to be well-managed, and short of needing part-time attendants, things are working well.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin – None

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis - Excused

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

Riverview Golf:

- The golf course will be closed on October 2, 2026, with walk on usage available.
- A new Dash-3 software package being considered to replace the Easy-Tee booking system. The Dash-3 is cheaper and has more options for data, bookings and time management. It integrates with Golf Canada and can maintain statistics for leagues, tournaments and individual members.
- The golf course has shown a good financial surplus with a few outstanding invoices to be paid. Final figures will be available at the next regular meeting. As previously mentioned, the restaurant was marginally successful thanks to bar sales.
- A FORE THE FUTURE strategic meeting is being planned for the new year to review all aspects of the course-restaurant, upkeep and equipment, membership and event planning.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- Verbal report given

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- Verbal report given

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Verbal report given

Noted and Discussed

New Business/Discussion:

- CAO Employment Agreement

Noted and Discussed

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.