



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

August 27th, 2026

6:00 pm

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

Delegations: None

Council Discussion: None

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

Mayor Scott Crick

- Verbal Report Given

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

Morris and District Chamber of Commerce:

- Chuck Davidson, CEO of the Manitoba Chambers, is stepping down from his position. He has been a positive advocate for Morris and District Chamber of Commerce and will be missed.
- Cheryl Demarcke, President of Morris and District Chamber of Commerce will be stepping down at the AGM and she has asked everyone to think about who will replace her.
- Comment about the desire to see more signage for our walking trails. Also, thanks to Public Works for their work on the trails.
- Interest in continuing the welcome basket for newcomers to town but also recognize the difficulty regarding privacy of information.
- Reports were shared on happenings at the golf Course, Curling Club, Museum, Town recreation, Stampede kick Off and the VIP reception. Lots of positive things happening in Town and area.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Public Works

- **Main Street**
 - Spraying weeds being completed this week.
 - Flowers growing nicely – recommend more greenery next year.

- Curb painting completed.
- **Current Projects**
 - Bayview Construction Project.
 - Mulvey Street being completed this week.
 - 2-Mile Rd complete.
 - Accessibility passes.
 - Speed Bump.
 - Tree branch trimming.
 - Walking trail touch-ups.
 - Boat launch repairs.
 - Hwy 23 project MTI.
- **Upcoming Projects:**
 - Storm sewer on Boyne W from Maple to Lucina (South side).
 - Sewer flushing.
 - Hydrant flushing.
 - Tree planting.
 - Town clean up.
 - Changes to mattress collection.
 - Open house & BBQ.
 - Hydrant painting.
- **Education/Administration**
 - Jason to attend WCW conference.
 - Brian away in September.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

Morris District HandiVan Report:

- Financials are under increasing cost constraints, such that a review of rates is being considered.
- Succession planning is taking place to ensure that the board has administrative and book-keeping replacements in place.
- Regulations for new driver information have been upgraded.
- Review of the bylaws regarding the function of the board is ongoing.

Morris Wellness Centre Report:

- Planning for a fall open house has been set for September 16th with prizes and demos
- Review of old equipment is being conducted.
- Financials continue to do well.

Riverview Golf Report:

- Finances overall are on par with previous years even though green fees were down for July/26. This was offset by increases in June/26.
- Restaurant revenue is up but so is food expenses. Restaurant expenses now exceed income requiring review of pricing. There are still tournaments to be run which should help the bottom line.
- The kitchen is scheduled to be closed Sept 20th.
- The junior kids training camp was considered a success with the hope for more participant's next time.

- The external stairs to the club house are nearing completion and should provide additional safety as well as appearance.
- The very hot summer has presented challenges for the greenskeeper. Water supply is running low such that only the greens and tee boxes can be treated.
- A few carts need maintenance reducing their availability.
- A new TV was purchased for the clubhouse when the existing unit quit.
- Flying insects have been a daily problem this year affecting the external appearance of the clubhouse, requiring continuous cleaning.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- Nothing to report

Noted and Discussed

Councillor David Funk

Morris Museum:

- Summer operations are well underway. We had to let go our original summer student as there were commitment issues, but it didn't take long to find a replacement.
- Financials seem to be in line with the budget, but with one small surprise. The Museum received an operating grant from the Province.
- Siobhan Maas has been a great addition as a part-time manager.
- We have an increased social media presence and increased community engagement regarding our Morris Heritage Walking Trails. The plan in the fall is to look into providing a "guided tour" of the MHWT, to capture the excitement generated on social media.
- Fall and offseason projects include updating the bylaws and policies.

Curl Morris:

- The club is seeing an increase for summer rentals, as August is almost completely full. The Asham presence has directly helped in this.
- We have hosted a few youth camps over the summer, attendance was low, but feedback was positive. We will look at hosting more camps over the winter.
- Financials are positive this month, but summer hydro bills have not come in yet.
- League pricing and membership fees are set to stay the same and we have established formal pricing for school activities.
- The SuperSpiel is still waiting for a title sponsor, but hope is fading to find one in time.
- Registration for the SuperSpiel is positive, with 12 men's teams and 20 women's teams registered.
- We had one board member resign due to job commitments.

Frog Follies:

- I was able to attend the Frog Follies in St. Pierre-Jolys on August 8th.
- There was a VIP tent with other dignitaries including the local MLA Konrad Narth, Leader of the Opposition Obby Khan, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations Glen Simard and several other representatives from other municipalities.

- The weather was nice and good conversations were had.
- I also had the opportunity to be one of the “frog jumpers”, and while I was far from first, I wasn’t last.
- It was a fun event, and the networking opportunity was a good learning experience for me.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Verbal report given

Noted and Discussed

New Business/Discussion: None

Noted and Discussed

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.