



**TOWN OF MORRIS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
August 27th, 2026 @ 7:08 pm**

Councillors Present: Mel Baxter
Chris Hamblin
Taylor Braun
David Funk
Tim Lewis
Trevor Thiessen

Also Present: Arien Peterson, CAO
Barry Krueger
Sam Macgregor
Megan Leppky
Barb Hache
Joe Hache
Tiffany Blanchard
Sayla Cook
Victoria Dearborn
Brandy Delorme
T. Paschky

Absent:
Presiding: Mayor Scott Crick

01/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**
Council **Seconded by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Members **BE IT RESOLVED** that Council accept the following Members from Council for August
27th,2026 Regular Council Meeting as:

In Attendance: Councillors David Funk, Mel Baxter, Trevor Thiessen, Tim Lewis, Taylor Braun, Chris Hamblin and Mayor Scott Crick

Excused: None

Unexcused: None

(Carried)

02/08/26 **Moved by Councillor David Funk**
Adoption **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Of Agenda **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the Agenda for the August 27th,2026, Regular Council
meeting be approved as presented.

(Carried)

03/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Council **Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**
Minutes **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes for the July 23rd,2026 Regular Council Meeting be
adopted as Presented

(Carried)

04/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
CAAW **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**
Minutes **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes for the July 23rd, 2026 Committee As A Whole be
adopted as Presented

(Carried)

DELEGATIONS:

- 1) Sam Godard – Follow Up on Dog Attack
- 2) Barry Krueger – Discussion on Animals at Large

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

SEMINARS & EDUCATION

- 1) Invite to YMTD Morris

TOWN OF MORRIS FINANCIAL

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| 1) Town of Morris List of Accounts | #05/08/26 |
| 2) Town of Morris Financials | #06/08/26 |

05/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Town List **Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the accounts for August 2026, being Cheque # 20062 to Cheque # 20088 in the amount of \$185,083.97, Electronic Payments of \$325,513.35 and Payroll Direct Deposits of \$83,642.60 be approved as presented.

(Carried)

06/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Town **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the month of July 2026 for the Town of Morris be adopted as presented

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX FINANCIAL

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| 1. MultiPlex List of Accounts | 07/08/26 |
| 2. Multiplex Financials | 08/08/26 |

07/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
MultiPlex List **Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis**
Of Accounts **BE IT RESOLVED** that the August 2026 accounts for the Morris MultiPlex, being Cheque # 11828 to Cheque # 11842 for a total amount of \$29,437.83, Electronic Payments of \$16,136.56 and Payroll Direct deposits of \$3,543.53 be approved as presented.

(Carried)

08/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter**
MultiPlex **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**
Financials **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements for the months of June 2026 for the Morris MultiPlex be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

TOWN OF MORRIS NEW BUSINESS:

09/08/26 **Moved by Councillor David Funk**
Appoint **Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin**
Auditor **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoint BDO Canada for the 2026, 2027 & 2028 Audit;

FURTHER BE RESOLVED that Council approve the proposed audit fees from BDO Canada for the years 2026, 2027 & 2028.

(Carried)

10/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun**
Sponsorship **Seconded by Councillor David Funk**
Request **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve to sponsor the VAS “You Make the Difference Workshop” room rental at the Morris Multiplex October 27th,2026

(Carried)

11/08/26 **Moved by Councillor Chris Hamblin**
Mutual Aid **Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter**
Agreement **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the Mutual Aid Memorandum Agreement between the Town of Morris and the Red River Valley School Division as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, and Municipal Emergency Coordinator be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Morris

(Carried)

MORRIS MULTIPLEX NEW BUSINESS: None

BY-LAWS & POLICIES:

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| 1. By-Law 04.25 – Water and Wastewater Utility | On hold for PUB |
| 2. By-Law 05.26 – Animal Control By-Law – 2 nd Reading | 12/08/26 |
| 3. By-Law 05.26 – Animal Control By-Law – Final Reading | 13/08/26 |
| 4. By-Law 06.26 – Indemnity By-Law | On hold |
| 5. By-Law 07.26 – Procedures By-Law – 2 nd Reading | 14/08/26 |
| 6. By-Law 07.26 – Procedures By-Law – Final Reading | 15/08/26 |

- 7. By-Law 08.26 – Organizational By-Law – 2nd Reading 16/08/26
- 8. By-Law 08.26 – Organizational By-Law – Final Reading 17/08/26

12/08/26
By-Law
05.26

Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Seconded by Councillor David Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 05.26, being a By-Law of the Town of Morris for the regulation, licensing, control and protection of animals within the Town of Morris, be given second reading.

(Carried)

13/08/26
By-Law
05.26

Moved by Councillor David Funk

Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 05.26, being a By-Law of the Town of Morris for the regulation, licensing, control and protection of animals within the Town of Morris, be given third and final reading.

(Carried)

Recorded Vote:

For: Chris Hamblin, Tim Lewis, Trevor Thiessen, Mel Baxter, David Funk, Taylor Braun

Against: None

Absent: None

14/08/26
By-Law
07.26

Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Seconded by Councillor Chris Hamblin

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 07.26 being a By-law to regulate the proceedings and conduct of Council, be given second reading.

(Carried)

15/08/26
By-Law
07.26

Moved by Councillor David Funk

Seconded by Councillor Tim Lewis

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 07.26 being a By-law to regulate the proceedings and conduct of Council, be given third and final reading.

(Carried)

Recorded Vote:

For: Chris Hamblin, Tim Lewis, Trevor Thiessen, Mel Baxter, David Funk, Taylor Braun

Against: None

Absent: None

16/08/26
By-Law
08.26

Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun

Seconded by Councillor Mel Baxter

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 08.26 being govern the organization of the Town of Morris and the Committees thereof, be given second reading.

(Carried)

17/08/26
By-Law
08.26

Moved by Councillor Mel Baxter

Seconded by Councillor Trevor Thiessen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 08.26 being govern the organization of the Town of Morris and the Committees thereof, be given second and final reading.

(Carried)

Recorded Vote:

For: Chris Hamblin, Tim Lewis, Trevor Thiessen, Mel Baxter, David Funk, Taylor Braun

Against: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

18/08/26
By-Law
Authorization

Moved by Councillor Trevor Thiessen

Seconded by Councillor David Funk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Morris hereby authorizes the By-law Officers provided by Commissionaires MB under the Towns current Enforcement Services Agreement to act as an Animal Control Officer for the purposes of enforcing the Town of Morris Animal Control By-law 06.20;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this authorization includes the authority to provided to an ACO under By-law 06.20, including issuing and serving notices and orders, investigating animal control complaints, coordinating the transportation and holding of animals, and where necessary applying to the appropriate court for an order required to apprehend or impound an animal;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this authorization is subject to applicable legislation, terms and limitations of the Town of Morris’ By-law Enforcement Services Agreement with Commissionaires, Mb.

(Carried)

19/08/26

Removal Authority

Moved by Councillor Taylor Braun

Seconded by Councillor David Funk

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Sections 9 and 12 of the Town of Morris Animal Control By-law 06.20, Council hereby directs that the dog identified as having bitten and injured Samantha MacGregor in the July 14th, 2026 incident be apprehended and removed from the owner’s property on September 8th, 2026, or as soon thereafter as operationally possible and transported to an approved holding facility;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should the owner fail or refuse to voluntarily surrender the dog, the ACO be authorized to proceed in accordance with Section 9(2) of By-law 06.20, including apprehending and impounding the dog and, if necessary, applying to the appropriate court for an order permitting entry onto the premises for the purpose of apprehending and impounding the dog;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ACO provide the owner with written notice in accordance with Section 12(2) of By-law 06.20 that the dog is to be destroyed after the expiry of the ten (10) days from the date of the notice, subject to the owner’s right to appeal the decision to Council within that period;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should an appeal be filed within the ten (10) day period, the dog shall remain at the approved holding location pending the hearing and decision of Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CAO and the ACO are authorized to coordinate with RAMS, the RCMP, the approved holding facility, veterinarian, and any other persons reasonably required to carry out this resolution;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all costs associated with the apprehension, transportation, impoundment, holding, care and lawful disposition of the dog be dealt with in accordance with By-law 06.20.

(Carried)

NOTICE OF MOTION: None

IN CAMERA ITEMS: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

TOWN OF MORRIS

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Next Regular Committee as a Whole Meeting: Sept 10, 2026 6:30pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: Sept 24, 2026 7:00pm