

**MINUTES
TOWN OF MORDEN
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING**

September 20, 2011 - 9:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Ken Wiebe; Councillors, Maurice Butler, Heather Francis, Doug Frost, Brian Minaker and Irvin Wiebe

CAO, Ernie Epp; Dir F/A, Garry Hiebert; Exec Asst, Darlene Ehnes; Police Chief Brad Neduzak; Dir P/W, Les Wieler; Dir C/S, Clare Agnew; CDO, Cheryl Digby

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Hank Hildebrand; Fire Chief, Andy Thiessen;

- 1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** – September 6, 2011
Moved by Maurice Butler Seconded by Brian Minaker
That the Committee approve the minutes of September 6, 2011.

(Carried)

2.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councillor Wiebe chaired the W/O portion of meeting

3.0 WORKS AND OPERATIONS

3.1 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

3.2 Police

3.2.1 Police Chief's Report – received for information

3.3 Fire

3.3.1 Fire Chief's Report – n/a

Brad Neduzak left meeting at 9:05am

Public Works

3.4 3.4.1 Director's Report – received for information
Water hardness has been at its highest over the past year.

3.4.2 Proposals for THM Removal

Moved by Brian Minaker Seconded by Maurice Butler
That the Committee recommend to Council that Associated Engineering be awarded the THM Removal assessment project at the quoted price of \$17,400.00.

(Carried)

3.5 Emergency Measures

Les Wieler left meeting at 9:19am
Mayor Wiebe chaired F/A portion of the meeting.

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4.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION 9:19am

4.1 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

4.2 4.2.1 Closure of Cottonwood Street

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Moved by Irvin Wiebe Seconded by Doug Frost
That the Committee recommend to Council the Town of Morden initiate the process to close Cottonwood St to create a residential lot for sale.

(Carried)

4.2.2 Great West Life Assurance Policy Renewal – 2011/2012

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Moved by Heather Francis Seconded by Maurice Butler
That the Committee recommend to Council the Town of Morden accept the Group Policy renewal proposal from Great West Life Assurance Co., providing Short Term Disability, Extended Health, Dental and Vision coverage for all permanent full-time employees and designated officers of the company, as presented with an overall increase in premiums of 0.4%; with total of all premiums divided equally between eligible Employees and the Employer (Town of Morden); with the effective renewal date as September 1, 2011.

(Carried)

4.2.3 Christmas Decorations

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The Committee recommend decorations be prioritized as follows: Downtown (Stephen St & N Railway St), highway thru town (replace hollies), then entrances to town

Moved by Maurice Butler Seconded by Heather Francis
That the Committee recommend to Council Option 1 as presented for the 2011 Christmas Decorations purchase.

(Carried)

4.2.4 Minnewasta Golf Club Trees by Cemetery

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Willing to consider cost sharing a second row of trees in the Cemetery, to help facilitate the eventual removal of the poplars.

Moved by Brian Minaker Seconded by Heather Francis
That the Committee recommend to Council the Town of Morden reimburse Morden Golf and Country Club for 50% of the costs for trimming the trees along the east side of the cemetery as well as a letter offering to cost share a second row of trees in the Cemetery to help facilitate the eventual replacement of the poplars.

(Carried)

4.2.5 Minnewasta Golf & Country Club Funding Requests

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1. Moved by Irvin Wiebe Seconded by Maurice Butler
That the Committee recommend to Council the 2011 grant of \$50,000 be forwarded to the MGCC at this time.

(Carried)

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2. Moved by Doug Frost Seconded by Maurice Butler
That the Committee recommend to Council the Town agree to extend the donation period to December 31, 2011.

(Carried)

3. Item 3. Request for discussion re continued funding arrangement, deferred to in-camera.

4.2.6 MSTW report Building Permits

Councillor Wiebe reported MSTW is considering the issue of building permits by individual Municipal Offices. City of Winkler currently do so; keeping 20% of the fees to cover administration on their end.

The Committee agrees in principle with the idea of MSTW exploring the ideas of individual municipal offices issuing building permits for a fee.

Clare Agnew joined meeting at 9:52am

Councillor Wiebe reported 3 employees are no longer with MSTW; Dave Burgess, CAO of City of Winkler is filling in as interim Office Manager. Consider looking at an overall restructuring of the organization. No job descriptions are currently in place to work from; just brief notes.

HR In-kind Services (MSTW)

The Committee approves that the Town of Morden's HR person talk to MSTW staff to assess the level of input needed to put together appropriate job descriptions.

- #### **4.2.7 MSTW Planning District – Public Hearings**
- By-laws 2-11 & 3-11; RM of Thompson
Received for information.

4.3 Items for Information

- 4.3.1 Director of Finance & Administration Report – n/a
- 4.3.2 Community Resources Officer Report – received for information (include links to website in future)
- 4.3.3 Community Development Officer Report - n/a
- 4.4.4 Human Resources Report - received for information

Mayor Wiebe called a brief recess at 10:02am
Councillor Butler chaired the C/S portion of the meeting.

5.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES 10:05am

5.1 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

- 5.2 **5.2.1 Dianna Pitei re: Deadhorse Creek** (deferred from June 21, 2011)

Information has been communicated with the homeowner that the creek bank will need to be stabilized; with information on agencies to contact for further information.

Town consider plans to continue creek stabilization through the park north of Thornhill St bridge.

Buy property at greenspace value; she has to remove house.

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Moved by Brian Minaker Seconded by Heather Francis
That the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be issued to Ms Pitei advising the Town unable to assist on private property with the repair of the creek bank, furthermore the Town is willing to offer to purchase the lot for greenspace at greenspace value, with the homeowner responsible for removing and relocating the house.

(Carried)

Councillor Wiebe left meeting at 10:48am.

5.2.2 Morden's Outstanding Sport Volunteer Recognition

Councillor Wiebe rejoined meeting at 10:49am.

Maximum number of those selected each year be added:
1st year 6; thereafter maximum of 2

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Moved by Heather Francis Seconded by Doug Frost
That the Committee recommend to Council the Town of Morden adopt the Morden's Outstanding Sport Volunteer Recognition Policy with the revision of the maximum selected the first year being 6 people, and the maximum thereafter being 2 people.

(Carried)

5.2.3 Access Event Centre – Final Construction Report

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Moved by Doug Frost Seconded by Irvin Wiebe
That the Committee recommend to Council they approve an additional \$5,550.80 be added to the Access Event Centre construction project.

(Carried)

Mayor Wiebe left meeting at 10:59am

5.2.4 Manitoba Games – Resolution of Support Financial Support

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Moved by Heather Francis Seconded by Doug Frost
That the Committee recommend to Council a resolution as follows: The Town of Morden supports the bid for the 2014 Winter Games with its partners, the RM of Stanley and the City of Winkler, covering any potential shortfalls; And furthermore a non-refundable application fee of \$1000 be submitted by the City of Winkler and reimbursed by its partners by 1/3 of the cost each.

(Carried)

Mayor Wiebe rejoined meeting at 10:59am

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5.2.5 Joe Wiwchar Field and Donations

Moved by Doug Frost Seconded by Irvin Wiebe
That the Committee recommend to Council that the profit of \$914.00 made from donations and ticket sales for the Joe Wiwchar Field sign event be donated to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

(Carried)

Councillor Francis left meeting at 11:03am

5.2.6 By-law Officer Job Responsibilities and Feedback (information)

5.3 Items for Information

5.3.1 Director's Report – n/a

Clare Agnew left meeting at 11:06am.
Mayor Wiebe chaired the C/W portion of the meeting.

6.0 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE 11:06am

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6.1 Altona Special Announcement; Thurs, Sept 29/11

Moved by Brian Minaker Seconded by Doug Frost
That the Committee recommend to Council that Councillor Wiebe be authorized to attend the Town of Altona's launch of a new community brand on September 29, 2011 with indemnity and travel expenses paid for attending same.

(Carried)

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6.2 RHA Annual Public Meeting

Moved by Maurice Butler Seconded by Doug Frost
That the Committee recommend to Council that Councillor Minaker be authorized to attend the RHA Annual Meeting on October 5, 2011 in Notre Dame, with indemnity and travel expenses paid for attending same.

(Carried)

7.0 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.0 IN-CAMERA 11:10am

Finance & Administration

11:10am

9.1 Moved by Maurice Butler Seconded by Irvin Wiebe
That we do now move In-Camera.

(Carried)

Cheryl Digby joined meeting at 11:12am and left at 11:14am

10:30am

9.2 Moved by Maurice Butler Seconded by Doug Frost
That the In-Camera meeting be adjourned and move back to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, and we accept the recommendations of the In-Camera meeting.

- Agenda 09/26/11** **9.3** Moved by Doug Frost Seconded by Brian Minaker
The Committee recommend to Council the Town grant a 20 month (to May 30, 2013) option to Morden Supply Store for lots 35 and 36, as shown in drawing.

(Carried)

10.0 EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 10.1** SWAMP Update
- 10.2** PVWC Update – water rates going up by 2%
- 10.3** MSTW Planning District Update
- 10.4** Morden Veterinary Services Update
- 10.5** PVDC (Development / Tourism) Update
- 10.6** Marketing Update- next meeting tentative Sept 29th
- 10.7** Community Futures Heartland Update
- 10.8** Tabor Home Update – luncheon Sept 21, 2011
- 10.9** Aging in Place Update – meeting today with UofM prof and students re possible projects in community.
- 10.10** Agassiz Medical Centre Update
- 10.11** Handivan Update
- 10.12** BTHCF Update
- 10.13** CFDC Update
- 10.14** PVCD Update
- 10.15** Library Update – meeting with other library boards to appoint a board of directors, etc. for a new electronic library system.
- 10.16** Pembina Thresherman’s Museum – a successful weekend; Board appointed a new manager

- 11.0** Moved by Doug Frost that we do now adjourn at 11:36am