

Ways and Means Minutes
April 29, 2025 8:30 am

Working notes of a meeting of the Ways & Means Committee held on April 29, 2025 at 8:30 am.
In attendance were Councillors Chris Wiebe, Nathan Dueck, Bill Fast & Meghan Beasant together with Eric King, Sheyna Andries, Ryan Dyck and Warren Britton.
Absent: Mayor Myron Dyck

A. In-Camera

B. Fast – M. Beasant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT committee meet in camera in accordance with Section 152(3) of the Manitoba Municipal Act.

“Carried”

M. Beasant – B. Fast

BE IT RESOLVED that the in-camera meeting of the W&M’s committee be adjourned and that Committee resume its former order of business;
AND BE IT RESOLVED that while in camera Committee discussed employee, development and legal matters.

“Carried”

B. Open Committee

1. Protective – still waiting on the receptionist in order to open to the public.
2. Operations
 - a. Update –
 - i. Staff are still working on the Centennial Arena. 98% of the boards are off on the players’ box side. Boards can’t be ordered until the concrete is in because it requires exact measurements, concrete can’t be poured yet as there is still ice in the arena. There will be a phased approach to doing upgrades in the Centennial Arena.
 - ii. Operations is planning to start taking down the fencing in the wetlands this week, if the weather cooperates. There is a plan to create a different type of fence to help stop traffic from going where they shouldn’t be going.
 - iii. Some trees were removed in Grant Park to widen the driveway. Working on a plan to remove the Quonset. Would like to knock the walls from basement in from the previous house on the property and

then fill in. A planned burn to help clean up the space will happen in the next couple of weeks, depending on the weather.

- iv. A price was received of \$27,000 to move the fire hall from the existing space to the compost site. This will be used for additional storage. The plan is to move the hall once the ground has frozen.
- v. A concrete crusher has been hired to clean up some of the concrete that is on the empty site behind the Compost site to prepare for future development.
- vi. Considering installing snow fencing around the bull rushes to prevent people from cutting them down. As was suggested the Town is looking at doing a controlled burn with the bulrushes on one of the lakes. Some sections of bulrushes did not take. Will need to look at re-investing money to replace the bulrushes. The shores where the bulrushes did not take are eroding rapidly.
- b. The compost site opened April 26. Currently will be open Wednesday & Saturday. Summer staff will start on May 1st. Still short two staff members for the summer. Compost site may only open five days a week throughout the summer if can't fill the roles.
- c. Review of road restrictions and how the Heritage Center accepts deliveries. Options include a rebuild of 2nd Ave or the Heritage Center changes how they accept deliveries, either accepting deliveries off Heritage Trail or park on approved route and truck the materials in. Eric to set up a meeting with Heritage Center to discuss options.
- d. Krahn Road South (short-term) – Krahn Road is deteriorating rapidly and will need to be rebuilt but waiting for the new development to start west of Krahn Road. Can complete some temporary patches until the development has begun.
- e. Street Sweeping has been delayed until the weather starts to warm up. Planning for next week.
- f. Graveling Roads – will start this week. Dust control is not available yet, so 6th Ave north will not be done right away. Plan to put 2-inch on the dirt roads. Traffic gravel will be used.

3. Parks & Recreation

- a. Update
 - i. Spring sports will be starting soon. There is some frost in the ground that is causing some problems in preparations.
 - ii. Rink usage is slowing down. The field house is still busy, booked for the next 2 or 3 weeks.
 - iii. The exercise equipment in Hespeler Park has come out of the ground, currently looking at ways to repair. Some minor repairs have been completed on some of the playground equipment throughout the parks.

- iv. There are several garbage can pads with no garbage cans placed on them. Weather became a factor in the fall in the placement of the cans. Staff are working on getting them out.
- b. Nighthawks Contract Update
 - i. Waiting on feedback from Jeremy Braun, they can't move forward yet with a new contract.
- 4. Engineering
- 5. Communications
- 6. Administration
 - a. Subdivision Application 4340-25-9081 Highlands West
 - i. Being circulated right now in the provincial departments but has not become public yet.
 - b. Budget update – Eric
 - i. Quarterly review: Overall, the recreation budget is \$26k in the surplus for first quarter. Water consumption is down, will be looking at opportunities to save in utilities.
 - c. Information Only:
 - i. SRRWD Minutes provided for review.
 - d. Propose the summer schedule to be one ways & means and one council meeting per month for July and August. Special meetings could be arranged if needed during that time. **RECOMMENDATION** to go to next Council to cancel the morning council meetings in July and August.
 - e. Economic Development course coming up. There is a 2-day course that is open to council if they wish to attend. The dates not set yet. Would like Sandy Wallace to attend as the Triple R representative.

C. In-Camera

M. Beasant – C. Wiebe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT committee meet in camera to discuss development matters in accordance with Section 152(3) of the Manitoba Municipal Act.

“Carried”

M. Beasant – N. Dueck

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