

**Ways and Means Minutes**  
**February 10, 2026 ..... 8:30 a.m.**

Working notes of a meeting of the Ways & Means Committee held on February 10, 2026 at 8:50 am. In attendance were Mayor Myron Dyck, Councillors Chris Wiebe & Meghan Beasant together with Eric King, Jenna Patterson, Ryan Dyck, Audrey Neufeld, and Warren Britton. Absent: Deputy Mayor Nathan Dueck, Councillor Bill Fast

**A. In-Camera**

C Wiebe - M. Beasant

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

“Carried”

M. Beasant – C. Wiebe

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. Referred Business
2. Protective
3. Operations

- i. Security Deposit Holdback - The landscaping security deposit has been the same rate for some time. The rate should be reviewed, with proposed new rates to be updated for July 2026.
  - i. The current design controls state properties should use sod, that is what should be enforced.
  - ii. There is currently no clause in the Development Agreement that transfers the burden of enforcing the Design Controls from the developer to the Town. The Design Control guidelines are registered against the title of the property. A timeline should be instituted. To be discussed further at a future meeting.
- b. Landscaping Inspections (Front Yards)
  - i. Sod vs. Seed in boulevards, flankages, and the right of way rules for both a resident and a developer, as sometimes the developer is installing something different than a resident will install. There should be some

consistency. The town has been willing to help the developer and water freshly laid sod on the flankages.

c. Update from Ryan

- i. Road restrictions are coming up in March. The Town will not limit building permits, but encourage construction crews/contractors to reach out for appropriate routes to the job site during this time. If the project cannot wait until restrictions are lifted, it would be better if construction crews could limit their loads to a lighter weight. Eric will look into whether Hanover's CSO can enforce road restrictions in Niverville.
- ii. The new grader is more efficient than the old one. It was about 4 ½ hours faster with 2 graders and 1 payloader to clear roads, As the old grader has become obsolete, the Town can't keep the old grader.
- iii. The current road scaping policy allows for windrows to be cleared when planned scraping occurs. Council is asking if when road scraping occurs, planned or unplanned, could staff clear the ice blocks that are left behind. The Town's current snow clearing policy states the following: "The only time that the Town will remove snow ridges in driveways is when "street widening" occurs using the wing of the grader (i.e. packed snow is removed from the asphalt surface and bladed to boulevards normally resulting in large chunks of ice/snow being located in driveways). Under normal snowplowing conditions, the homeowner is responsible for the removal of snow ridges in their driveway. The exception to this is corner lots where excessive snow is bladed into a driveway from another roadway. In these situations, the Public Works manager is asked to use his discretion in directing staff."

4. Parks & Recreation

a. Volleyball Nationals

- i. Awards Banquet – March 10<sup>th</sup> – there are 4 tickets available for interested individuals to attend. For last year's nationals, Terry Martin had reached out to Myron for asks from council members. He has not yet reached out, but he has been away and just returned. Myron is looking for better communication this year due to some miscommunication last year.
  - ii. There will be available tickets for VIP for staff/council for this year's Nationals. Warren to let the organizers know that if they need anything from the Town, to reach out.
- b. Forging Ahead – Cameron Bennett has made some headway with the MLAs. He was asked recently to submit a proposal for the 2026 budget. The Town has

provided a letter of support and other information that he can use in the proposal. The provincial government may be interested in providing some funds.

- i. The From the Ground Up grant application has provided \$100,000 for Grant Park.
- c. Joy Smith – The foundation is asking for financial support from the Town for an upcoming pickleball tournament in that they can receive a portion of the registration fees for their group. The request has been denied. They have been approved to have a booth at no cost to them to do a silent auction and do a raffle (will be required to obtain the appropriate LGCA license). The recreation department will include some information about their presence at the event in the emails that players receive prior to the tournament. They are also asking to have their logo on all Town advertisements – posters, leisure guide, etc. which is against the Town policy.
  - i. The recreation department is planning and running the tournament. There are two benefits to the recreation department running the pickleball tournament: any revenue helps offset the costs of running the pickleball program, and it is what the players have asked for. A requirement for the tournament is that the players are required to volunteer their time during the tournament.
  - ii. Council approves what the recreation department has proposed to the Foundation.
- d. Rec Subsidy Policy Update – **RECOMMENDATION** that Council will approve the Recreation Subsidy Program Policy R1-26.
- e. Update from Warren –
  - i. On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Warren & Megan will be involved in a phone meeting about possible library developments in Niverville. For future operations, consider charging a fee for the library, but it would be free for those with a CRRC membership.
  - ii. As the Town looks forward to completing a Recreation Study from the community, Council hopes that when the community has demands for programming, they will support it when it is implemented.
  - iii. Recreation to consider looking at ways to make their spaces, such as the arena when ice is in, more adaptable. For example, floor coverings that can go over an ice surface, to create better use of space.
  - iv. When Providence College moves to their new facilities for the 2026/2027 year, they are considering continuing to use the CRRC for the Junior Pilots program. The Junior Pilots tend to use Fridays and Saturdays. Volleyball Manitoba is an alternate user of the space but would use the full weekend.

## 5. Engineering

- a. No updates.
- 6. Communications
  - a. LMAC – January – has been approved to be shared.
  - b. Myron met last week with Adam McCallister, who is looking to run for Ron Schuler’s seat. Myron will be meeting with Craig Tomilinson tomorrow, who is also planning to run for Schuler’s seat.
- 7. Administration
  - a. Discontinue Policy for Commercial & Industrial Square Footage - This was the predecessor to the Business Incentive Grant. **RECOMMENDATION** that Council rescinds the Commercial & Industrial Square Footage Incentive Grant Policy F1-20.
  - b. Fee Establishment for Monthly Consumption Reporting – **RECOMMENDATION** that Council approves updates to Schedules A and F of Bylaw 872-24 Fees & Charges.
  - c. Fee Schedule Updates – see above.