

Ways and Means Minutes
March 24, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Working notes of a meeting of the Ways & Means Committee held on March 24, 2026, at 8:30 am. In attendance were Mayor Myron Dyck, Deputy Mayor Nathan Dueck, Councillors Chris Wiebe, Bill Fast, & Meghan Beasant together with Eric King, Jenna Patterson, Audrey Neufeld, Ryan Dyck, and Warren Britton.

A. In-Camera

M. Beasant – B. Fast

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

“Carried”

B. Fast - M. Beasant

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

a. The RCMP will be playing the Niverville High School hockey team on Thursday, March 26th in the afternoon. The Town office will be closing at 2pm to allow for staff to attend if they wish.

b. Fire Department report, there is still a concern with staffing numbers. The call volume is down 10-15 calls from last year, due to the change to the Advanced First Aid (AFA).

3. Operations

a. Update from Ryan

i. The water is moving through Town to alleviate spring flooding, there was one blockage, but once cleared out, water continued to move. Ditching is still ongoing.

ii. There has been a lack of applications for summer students this year. Would prefer university students as they would be available beginning of May, unlike high school students who aren’t available until the end of June. Currently posted on Local Job Shop, the Town website, social

media; will be posted at Providence College, University of Manitoba, and Red River College.

- iii. Shop build is out for tender. There is a site visit set for the morning of March 25. Tender closes April 17th, hoping to start work early May.
 - iv. The grader won't be able to go over 6th Avenue North, as the temperatures need to get over zero to be able to cut over, may be able to do this next week if the temperatures go up.
 - v. There are no plans to top up the roads in the NBP for 2026. Would like to wait and see how they are over the spring, maybe able to put some traffic gravel down.
- b. PR311 / Drainage Scope Change
- i. Eric & Ryan met with Stantec last week. There may be a scope change, depending on the timing, at the next council meeting to do the lift station in the corner. Stantec will design a pump station that will be presented to the province. This would alleviate the need to close the road for pumping.

4. Parks & Recreation

- a. Update from Warren
- i. The 2026 CCAA Women's Volleyball Championship went well. Received good feedback from the host committee. They had learned from last year's event that made for a smoother transition/set up for this year's event. It appeared to be fairly well attended.
 - ii. Waiting for the snow to melt to move into the next recreation phase at the parks. The Centennial is now closed for the season.
- b. Forging Ahead
- i. Cameron Bennett had applied for a grant with Veteran's Affairs 2 years ago for his blacksmithing shop and had been denied. Recently Veteran's Affairs made some changes to the requirements of the grant and reviewed his grant application again. Cameron will be receiving \$575,000 this year, with the opportunity to possibly get more in future years. There is a restriction that he cannot build and own a building, but the funding will cover a rent and equipment. There is a grant application into the provincial government. With the grant it may be possible that the Town build a workshop in Grant Park, then could lease it to Cameron. Cameron is considering renting space in the Niverville Business Park. Cameron's goal is to be able to showcase his work in Grant Park. The funding has not been announced yet, possibly at the planned dinner of April 15. Anyone interested in attending RSVP to Warren.
- c. Trails Day – June 6th @ 11 am

- i. There are plans to install a plaque in Hespeler Park, Crow Wing Trail, Peace Trail, commemorating the trails. Ernie Braun has reached out to Myron asking he could speak at the event on June 6th.
- d. A complaint was received about the new heater in the time-keepers box at the Centennial Arena. It was suggested that it should be from bottom up rather than top down. However, there isn't a lot of room on the floor that would allow for a heater to be placed there.
- e. The sink in the men's washroom doesn't drain, was brought forward, but nothing has changed.

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5. Engineering

6. Communications

a. LMAC

7. Administration

a. Minor Subdivision 4340-26-9244 155 1st Street S.

- i. Travis Wiebe wanting to subdivide the lot on 1st Street South, to remove the existing house to put in a duplex. It is zoned for multi-family; there shouldn't be a concern with this transition from single family to multi-family. Will be presented to council in the future. There is a policy in place that would provide a grant to demolition and rebuild multi-family that the property owner may qualify for. **RECOMMENDATION** for council to approve the subdivide to build a multi-family home.

b. Habitat Niverville

- i. Looking for advertising opportunities to see if there is interest in setting up a Niverville Chapter. Request Cyrus to advise how we can help or provide alternatives. The Habitat needs volunteers to form a board for them to come in to the community. Council would support it, but this is not a Town initiative.

c. Animal Control

- i. The Town had previously reached out to RAMS Animal Control in the past, but after multiple attempts by the Town, RAMS had not responded and shows no interest in partnering us at this time.
- d. Chamber AGM
 - i. Is set for April 10th. Minister Naylor is attending the meeting; council is expected to be present. Eric to confirm if they are expecting Myron to speak at the event and will purchase tickets as needed.
- e. FCM Conference
 - i. Myron will review the agenda and let Eric know if he is interested in attending.
- f. Development Plan / Zoning Bylaw Project
 - i. Is being worked through, would like it completed before October. Will have a draft to be reviewed and provide input by the next meeting on April 14th.
- g. Meeting with Roseau River FN
 - i. Chris had received a request from Brenden Thom to see if there would be interest in Niverville meeting with representatives from Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation to discuss opportunities and how Niverville has moved forward with projects, such as the recreation complex. This could be a valuable mentorship opportunity for Niverville. Suggested meeting for March 31st, with some council members (Myron, Chris & Eric) and Roseau representatives.
- h. Fair Parade
 - i. Council is interested in participating in the parade for 2026.
- i. Information Only:
 - i. SRRWD Minutes – minutes included.