

Joint Councils Committee, June 24, 2024

The Joint Councils Committee of Carberry and North Cypress-Langford met in the Town's council chambers on Monday evening, June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Muirhead was in the chair, with Councilors Kalinowich and Rea, and for NCL Councilors Olmstead and van Kommer.

Unfinished Business:

At the unveiling of the Dauphin memorial to the victims of June 15, 2023, the unveiling of Carberry's iteration of the memorial was announced for August 11, 2024. CAO Stephenson reported that plans are already well advanced. An impressive amount of work in a short time.

For the Canada Day Barbecue, members of both councils have been called in to serve and the Manager of Joint Services has sourced the menu — hot dogs, chips and a drink.

General Business:

The Joint Committee hired Nishelle Clow as their new Director of Leisure Services. The hiring committee was very pleased with her resume and energy. She has a long experience in child care, and is already a merchant at the Main Street Market.

The highway signs are in need of upgrade. From the north on Highway 5, the sign has broken up, and will need repair. For the sign from the west, the committee is considering a new location, and from the east there has been no sign for quite a while. The EDO presented a design for the signs that balances between the Town and NCL, and the committee liked the appearance and will pass the design on to the absent members. The three signs will need approval from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transport, and once approved will go to tender, with the expected cost somewhere near \$9,000.

Another sign in need of upgrade is the one on the Community Hall. The Manager of Joint Services presented a mock-up of a considerably larger sign than at present, and suggests removing the existing one, which is no longer accurate. The design would incorporate the logos of the two municipalities and be executed in the blue colour that is in use for the wayfinding signs around town.

Committee Reports:

The Manager of Joint Services has been very busy. At the CPCC, the pool has been in use since June 10, lacrosse is finished, and pickleball will continue all summer on the curling side. The Grad Banquet will take over the skating side on June 26. Grants are sought to install radiant heat in the arena come fall. Large signage has been bought to place on the west side to identify the building to visitors. At the Hall, the generator is installed and inspected, awaiting a commission date. When Hydro was inspecting, they required that the extension cords powering the stage lighting be taken down at once. The central vac also needs to be upgraded. At the Drop-In Centre, the air conditioning units are installed, and should offer a significant cost saving over the heating season. Quotes are being sought for repainting the building's exterior metal siding. At the library, small amounts of water were finding their way to the basement during the heavy downpours. Eavestroughs and downspouts have been cleared out. Putting foam insulation under the roofing tin this summer is hoped to reduce any ice damming in winter. At the ball diamonds, extensive renovation to the canteen is almost complete, the batting cage is repaired, the aggregate for the base paths is landscaped, and minor ball has paid to install water and hydro to the diamonds. Painting of the bleachers has been held up by the weather, but all is pretty much ready for the provincial championships. At the Daylily Park the water is on for the season, and repairs made to the dog park gate. At the CP Park, quotes are sought for the structure's eavestrough, soffit and fascia, and for a PVC liner for the interior roof. At the fairgrounds, the soccer pitches have been maintained all season and been praised. The nets will need some repairs before they can be moved. At the Transfer Station, construction has started on receipt of engineered drawings. There is a government permit for a holding tank, and a well is to be drilled soon. Underground infrastructure is marked out. The pour of a base for a second construction bin will be timed with that of the building's pad to save on transport costs. At the cemetery, Gabler's quote for the repair of the windmill has been accepted. He has sourced parts from South Dakota to bring it back to working order. Flowers were planted with help from the Collegiate's Youth in Philanthropy group. Topsoil will be brought in in the fall to correct the subsidence in many of the plots. A new Director of Leisure Services has been chosen, and two summer students.

The Archivist has been busy with donations and inquiries. She has a student volunteer working on the list of Carberry houses and is planning a series of recorded oral histories with the librarian. She also has plans for interpretive QR codes for the businesses on Main Street, and other details for presentation during the Homecoming. The research of the cemetery has confirmed that it was originally called the "Union Cemetery" in the nineteenth century.

The Arts Council had a successful craft event provided by 'Glitter and Bits' and will schedule another in November. They held a children's Father's Day craft session in conjunction with the Firemen's Texas Breakfast. Their spring piano lessons were concluded with a concert, and a repeat of the Handmade Market is scheduled for November, along with a talent show. The Children's Business Fair will reprise in May of '25.

In Health, the Mayor and CAO held a positive meeting with the Health Region, and received assurance that the ER will be open during the Fair and on August Long Weekend. The ER opening is getting more regular despite shortages in the necessary support staff; check the PMH website for scheduled times.

The Fire Department reports that Chief Loney and DC Stephenson attended the Manitoba Association of Fire Chief's conference in Virden, where Stephenson did a presentation on the June 15/23 accident and the mental wellness efforts since. Next year's conference will be hosted by our local Grand Valley Mutual Aid District. Thirteen members attended the unveiling of the memorial in Dauphin. Stephenson, with chiefs from Dauphin and Brandon, performed the unveiling. The breakfast was served to nearly 800 people and over \$14,000 was raised. The 50/50 netted the winner over \$1,200. Plans are in hand for a 125th anniversary street party on August 23.

The Librarian reports that upgrades to the program room are almost complete; the water bottle filling station is now in use; and the planters have been filled with flowers again by Margaret Tolton. A student has been taken on for the duration of the summer, when there will be weekly reading programs.

Gabler Welding has been approved to restore the Cemetery's windmill using parts sourced from a specialist in South Dakota. A donation has been promised to help cover the costs. It will be very handsome, restored to its full function, and be unique in size and function. Councils considered the

possibility of holding a special event to mark its return to service, but there is little chance it will be ready by Homecoming.

Communications:

WMRL sent the draft minutes of their latest board meeting.

Around the Table:

Councilor Olmstead reported that Minor Ball is happy with the improvements to the diamonds. The wet weather may leave some soft spots that will need to be filled for safety. During the work, there were occasions that Parks & Rec staff were given orders by some of the volunteers and it will be important to impress on them that there is a proper procedure for assigning work to P&R's workers, going through the CAOs and the Manager of Joint Services. A dedication of the new scoreboard at the Royals' diamond is planned for July 3. She reminded the meeting that the Fair is coming up on July 5-7, with the parade on the 6th.

Councilor Kalinowich congratulated the Fire Department on their successful Texas Breakfast; the turnout was impressive, and the success deserved.

Reporter McNeily reminded the meeting that the graduation ceremonies for the area's two schools were coming up at once, offered congratulations to the students and staff, and asked that all take care while the celebrations send the students out into the streets carefree.

With that, the meeting went *in camera* to discuss personnel and preliminary matters and adjourned at 8:30 pm.