

Joint Councils' Committee, July 22, 2024

The Joint Councils' Committee of the Town of Carberry and the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford met in the NCL council chambers at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2024, with Reeve Drayson in the chair, supported by Councilors Olmstead and Van Kommer, and Mayor Muirhead with Councilor Kalinowich. Also present were CAOs Parker and Stephenson.

Top of the agenda was a report on the preparations for the unveiling ceremony for the memorial to the victims of the crash of June 15, 2023. The ceremony is to be held at 3:00 p.m. on August 11, by which time it is planned that the memorial site at the Daylily Park will have seventeen trees (one for each victim), a concrete pad, engraved benches, flower displays, and a drip sprinkler system. The work is well in hand, with the concrete poured, the benches ordered, and the trees and flowers ready. Invitations have gone out to those who will speak at the ceremony. The premier has already agreed. Preparations for the event include getting permission from Lyons Estates to park on the nearby land, and golf carts to carry anyone who needs help from the parking to the ceremony. It was suggested that a supply of water be made available to keep attendees hydrated in what is expected to be warm weather. Two portable washrooms will be available. CAO Stephenson was thanked for his timely work in arranging the details.

A citizen representative has been found for the Recreation Committee. The meeting accepted the offer of Kelly Hofer to the post.

Reports:

The Manager of Joint Services reports that the pool has been in steady use. Some problems were reported, and a security camera was installed to discover and deter any attempts at theft or vandalism. It has already been useful in a controversy between two staff members. Tenders for the rink heating are in and will be forwarded to the Rec Board for decision. Cleaning the rink boards and upgrading the advertisements will be done before fall. At the Community Hall, the generator will be commissioned on August 19, and it will then be fenced. She is considering removing the dumpsters on the east side of the building; they are much misused and becoming unsightly. The ones on the west will remain but may be changed by TAC for lockable

front loads. Hydro requires that the changes they demanded be started by July 31. The Air conditioning failed for grad, and repairs had to be ordered. At the Drop-In, the new AC is working well. Exterior painting should be complete in time for Homecoming. Upgrades are under way on the structure at the CP park. The ball diamonds looked wonderful for the provincial championships. Some maintenance on the campsite electrical equipment was required, the Sand Pro received new pins, and gravel will be brought in for the road around the diamonds. The transfer station is once again fully staffed, the well and holding tank are installed, the pad for the construction bin will wait a further week to cure before the bin is brought back. Construction of the new building is to be completed by September 27. Tires and electrical waste are getting back on track for transfer. The scale is giving an error reading, and the cure hasn't yet been found. At the cemetery the weeds have been flourishing; joint utility staff will be assigned to help get ahead of them. The repairs to the windmill will be covered by a donation. Hoping for a report when the parts arrive.

The Arts Council has arranged a free bracelet making craft for July 31 at the Old Town Hall, where the Seton Centre will join them. In fall, guitar and piano lessons will be given, and the after-school arts program will restart. The Handmade Market and a talent show will be held in November. A class in making your own mitts is considered for November or December.

The fire department had seven calls for service, four of them MVAs. Members went to Wellwood for "Touch a Truck," entered the Carberry parade, set off the Fair's fireworks, and assisted at McCain's Free Fry Day.

At the library, the program room is updated and in regular use, the water bottle filling station is up and running and was especially helpful during the recent hot weather. The flowers are well tended, and the town's watering is appreciated. Summer programs are in full swing.

The museum hopes to have its fire display ready for Homecoming and will be serving food at the July 31 Farmers' Market.

The new Director of Leisure Services is planning several pool activities and reintroducing roller skating and roller hockey. She is working on a checklist for the Hall caretaker, and instituting "deep cleaning" starting with the kitchen.

Around the Table:

Deputy Mayor Kalinowich was pleased to see the work being done on the picnic structure at the CP park. He also reported that the cemetery is looking well. In his recent travels he has noticed that most towns now have signs banning the use of engine brakes within town limits.

Councilor Van Kommer was very impressed with the improvements to the ball diamonds for the provincial championships and heard repeatedly that they were a pleasure to attend and well organized, leading people to want to attend any such event as this at this venue. The diamonds themselves looked great, the canteen was clean and friendly, there was lots of parking, the volunteers helpful, and it all was set up in a very short time. He has asked Baseball Manitoba to issue a report on the event that acknowledges how well it was handled.

With that, the Committee went *in camera* to discuss personnel and preliminary matters, adjourning at 8:25 pm.