

Town Council, November 10, 2025

The council of the Town of Carberry met in their council chambers at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025, with all members present, four in person and one, Councilor Kalinowich, by Teams. Also present was CAO McConnell.

Planning Matters:

The meeting started with a Public Hearing regarding conditional use application CU18-25-C, which asks to establish a secondary suite in a building at 130 Ottawa Street, in an RG (Residential General) zone.

Bev Walker, speaking for the Planning District, confirmed that secondary suites are a permitted conditional use in the RG zone, and that there had been no objections made to the planning district. None were seen at the Town Office, and there were no intervenors present, so the hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting started with the approval of the said CU18-25-C.

Delegation:

James Cracknell appeared before the Council to discuss the parking on Third Avenue east from Main Street, where he has a laundromat and car wash. He had initially hoped to purchase or lease parking spaces there by the park, to reserve for his clients waiting for their laundry or to use the car wash but was advised that was not going to be allowed. The rationale, that parking should be available to anyone who wishes to visit any nearby business, made sense to him. However, he discovered that many of the spots that should be available are taken up with the vehicles of people who work in those businesses — or indeed in the Town Office. There has long been an understanding that owners and staff of Main Street businesses are not to park in front of their establishment; it's bad for business. If a customer can't find a place to park, they are very likely to skip their intended visit. A detailed discussion of the available parking on or near Main Street followed, and Cracknell was thanked for his concern, and asked to "leave it with us."

Finance & Accounts:

Council accepted the Finance Report and the Financial Statement for October 2025. Accounts and electronic payments totaling \$818,682.87 were approved for payment, and direct withdrawals of \$2,552,744.70 were also approved; much of that represented a transfer of funds that were mistakenly put in the chequing account being withdrawn and put in the ICIP account where they belonged.

Unfinished Business:

From the Joint meeting, Council approved a tender to clean 122 Main Street, and adopted a policy (JS 02-2025) on the contract cleaning of joint facilities. Another policy (JS 03-2025) was adopted to cover grants and community supports and create a grant application form.

In recognition of the work done in the absence of a Manager of Joint Services, Shane McCulloch was given a bonus of \$2.00/hr., and a token of appreciation was included.

To accommodate the 'Christmas in Carberry' festivities, Council approved the closure of the parking lot at the end of Main Street 8:00 a.m. on November 28 to 10 p.m. on November 29. Conditions imposed were that confirmation of liability insurance, a business plan and a financial plan be provided.

Council accepted the tender of Harley Dyck to purchase the landlocked .25 Acre parcel that adjoins his holding in roll #50500.

General Business:

Council adopted the Alcohol Policy proposed by the AMM as GG 11-2025. There was discussion of whether the provisions of the policy on the serving of minors would preclude the use of town properties for use as a venue for Safe Grad.

The Municipality of Souris-Glenwood has asked member municipalities of the Western Caucus to support them in a request to AMM to lobby for mandated secure designated municipal email accounts for all council communications. Council passed the resolution as requested for forwarding to the AMM.

MEC Sudak has prepared a detailed Emergency Response Plan for the municipality, which with some suggested revisions was adopted.

The Exchange Group was appointed the Town's auditor for the 2025 budget year.

The Healthcare Residence Booking Policy adopted in September has no provision for the accommodation gratis of storm stayed or otherwise stranded regular employees of the Health Centre, as was initially intended. The CAO was asked to examine and if necessary, revise the policy for adoption at the next meeting.

Reports:

Public Works spent October winterizing equipment and infrastructure. There were repairs at the lagoon and tree trimming in the back lanes. The highway signs have been readied for the new signage.

The mayor reported that he has talked with Dr. Maharajh, who has taken space in the Super Thrifty store for his clinic. Renovations and upgrades to the HVAC are underway. Through his contacts at the Wheat City Clinic, he may be able to bring more immigrant doctors to work here. His clinic should be ready to open in later November or early December.

The daycare is still getting final approval for their subdivision and working out details of their sprinklers and drains.

The Drop-In held a meeting recently. They wished to thank Melanie Green for her donations to their monthly meal. They have taken delivery of ten new tables. It seems that communication between the board and the membership has been poor. Tempers have flared, and it became necessary to post the harassment policy on the notice board for all to see. They have been negotiating with next door neighbour McPhail's to acquire and site a lockable dumpster in their lane.

The "White House" had three guests in October. Its new siding is completed. Small details remain to be fixed. Guests are not necessarily texting the booking agent on arrival. An infestation of box elder bugs is causing concern.

Communications:

The Carberry and District Chamber of Commerce sent their October minutes.

STARS sent a letter of request for support.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure sent a snow clearing agreement for roads within the Town.

Crime Stoppers sent word of their fundraising campaign.

Around the Table:

Councilor Sudak pointed out that the winter season is starting at the rink, and he wanted to start by reminding people to treat the staff with respect. The Town has a harassment policy; taking out any ill will on the staff will not be tolerated. He also noted that there have been some young people hanging about the rink for no other reason than to hang about, which is not what the rink is there for.

Councilor Kalinowich asked if the dressing rooms are checked before and after visiting teams use them, to minimise any damage. Where visiting teams give this kind of problem, the correct approach is to report them to the league.

He went on to congratulate Public Works on the grading and filling of the back lanes. He hoped that the potholes on Main Street can be filled

before snow clearing season starts. He asked about the loader's costly breakdown — is it within a warranty? He was glad some of the vehicles that were parked across the sidewalks have been moved and hoped the Commissionaires can get the rest.

Mayor Muirhead repeated a theme: There can be no excuse and no acceptance for harassment of Town employees. If we are to keep them, they must be protected. There is no excuse for giving them a hard time when they are only doing a job and taking orders only from their chain of command.

He added that he received a call from Brent Budz, the CEO of Stride Credit Union, who announced that he has bought the building at Main and Fourth that once housed BMO. He has plans for a lot of renovations and anticipates a spring opening. His decision was based on detailed market studies, which reinforces the impression that Carberry is in a growth mode.

Muirhead also asked about the loading zone at the Legion. There are times when it would be helpful, but a temporary zone might better serve the needs of people who park on the street. He will ask the Legion about their needs.

Reporter McNeily reminded all that it is time to send out the Newsletter, so he asked councilors to reach out to the groups and sub-boards they serve on and get the material that they would like to have before the public before the next one in January — all the holiday news and projects.

With that, Council went *in camera* to discuss personnel matters.