

A Carman Dufferin Joint Meeting was held in the Council Chambers of Memorial Hall on Wednesday May 9, 2018. Those present at the meeting included Mayor Bob Mitchell, Councillors Brent Owen, Brad Johnston, Robynn Salter, Matt Gray, Richard Dyck; Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Young; RM of Dufferin - Reeve George Gray, Councillors Sheldon Harder, Barry Driedger, Fred Dunn, John Peckover,; Chief Administrative Officer Sharla Murray

Mayor Bob Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Those attending the meeting included:

Library Renovation Committee – Edith Smith, Agnes Vanderveen, Neil Strachan, and Laurie Wood – The committee is now proposing to break the project into three phases: New building addition; accessibility ramp; and upgrades to the Children’s section. This will enable them to access grants because of the projects would be at a smaller cost and they would meet the percentages of funds raised. The committee has two requests – 1. sign an agreement with architect to proceed with the project and 2. This would allow Win’s to tender for local contractors. The committee also asked who the manager overseeing the project would be. This will need to be discussed and let them know.

They stated that a spade in the ground in 2019 would be pushed back if all the funds (an additional \$300,000) for phase one are not realized. The second and third phases would follow as grants and funding are received; however they might need to install a temporary wooden ramp if the cost of that phase is not raised right away.

The Councils also discussed with the renovation committee the requirements of The Municipal Act and the need for all projects to be publicly tendered. The renovation committee really wants a local contractor; however that is not always possible with the requirements of public tendering for the project. The procurement policy was reviewed with the committee.

Multi-Cultural Day 2017 – Rita Bischt and Bob Kowalchuk – Reviewed with the 2017 event with the Councils and showed a power point of the event.

Carman Handi-van – Kathie Findlay and Ken Stevens – 2018 will likely see a jump in fuel costs. 2017 deficit was around \$17,000 and projection for deficit in 2018 is around the \$27,000.00 mark. They offer transportation to users at a budget cost of \$1.05 cost per km and actually stayed at \$.95. They are starting to look at replacement options for their van. They are currently meeting with other communities to see what services they are offering. Ideally they would like a garage to house a new van. They have \$60,000.00 earmarked for van replacement. Kathie did not want the municipalities to lose sight on the fact that operating deficits are to be covered by the local governments. Later in 2018 they will be looking at the rates being charged.

AMM Executive Board of Directors attended the meeting - Chris Goertzen, President, Ralph Groening, Vice-President, Martin Harder, Central District Director, Joe Masi, Executive Director, Regrets: Neil Christoffersen, Director.

Good things happening within the communities – Personal Care Home – moving forward and in the process to hold hearing for expropriation of land (June 21). Fundraising is going well (\$3.7M) between commitments and cash. Reeve Gray commended five municipalities working together to push for this project. It will also involve housing units in the other municipalities and it will be linked together.

Reeve Gray – a number of years ago we decided to establish our own clinic and it has stabilized in the last few months.

Highway 13 – great to see the work completed in town. Ron Schuler, Minister advised that the project will be completed this year.

Dufferin – Reeve George Gray advised that Dufferin has issues with the RM of Morris where they are responsible to 28% of any repairs done to three drains leaving Dufferin. There was a Municipal Board ruling that was made 50 years ago. He would ask that the board order be rescinded or an agreement be developed between Dufferin and Morris.

Ralph Groening said he had discouraged discussion around his council table about this board order. He has asked his CAO how they would move forward with a review process of such an agreement. He wondered if AMM could find a review process for such an agreement. Ralph said that RM of Morris also has agreements with two other municipalities for drainage upkeep and repairs.

Councillor Fred Dunn – PR roads – President Goertzen said there is a review of Provincial Roads and they can't dump PR roads without also transferring proper funding.

Budget cutbacks – Significant cuts in the road budget that is going to cause problems to municipalities.

AMM is asking for 1/3 of the excise tax placed on cannabis and that should a municipality not wish to have retail in their municipality, they must have a plebiscite at the election. AMM is moving forward with this recommendation to the Province. Municipality can ask only up to \$500 as a business fee.

Municipal Bridge and Road programs – money is there, but they do not know how the funds are going to be rolled out. Investing in Canada funds will be upcoming. President Goertzen thanked the municipalities for setting such a great example to other municipalities in Manitoba on working cooperatively together on so many projects.

#81 Robynn Salter adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Carried

Robert J. Mitchell, Mayor

Cheryl Young, Chief Administrative Officer