Ways and Means Agenda
September 22, 2026 …… 8:30 a.m.

Working notes of a meeting of the Ways & Means Committee held on September 22, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. In attendance were Mayor Myron Dyck, Deputy Mayor Nathan Dueck, Councillors Bill Fast, and Meghan Beasant together with Eric King, Jenna Patterson, and Warren Britton. Absent: Councillor Chris Wiebe

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"

M. Beasant – B. Fast
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. Call Volume Update
3. Operations
    a. Update from Ryan
4. Parks & Recreation
    a. Update from Warren
        i. Fall programming is underway at the CRRC.
        Communities in Bloom is doing ribbon cutting on Friday for the medicine wheel built by the picnic shelter.
        Feasibility study, Phase 1, is complete. There was a low turnout for the in-person portion but had 387 survey responses. NES & NHS completed the survey, there was 187 responses, no response yet from NMS. Only 3 user groups (curling, rugby, and speed skating) responded to their portion of the survey to provide demographics such as number of users, trends, etc.

The accessibility study has only 3 responses so far. This one will be tougher to get a variety of responses as it has a narrower scope of participants.

The tennis courts at NMS are in need some maintenance. The Town does not have insurance for the courts, any mishaps would be directed to HSD, and there is no signed agreement with HSD on the ownership/maintenance of the courts. Recreation staff include the courts in their regular maintenance checks. The Town performs other maintenance on the courts in that they power sweep the courts in the spring, paint the lines, and set up/take down the nets. The courts were last resurfaced in 2011 by HSD, and the Town paid 25% of the paving cost at that time. It may take $80-100k in maintenance.

The Nighthawks gala will be held at the CRRC in spring 2027.

The Nighthawks would like to fully enclose their under bleacher storage to include walls and heat the space. It was suggested that they get quotes to do so and bring back to Warren to discuss further.

b. Reader Board Committee
    i. If anyone is interested in being on the committee for the museum space, let Warren know; Nathan indicated interest. There had been a public outreach to the community looking for those interested in participating in the museum space. The librarian from NMS has expressed interest, as she has an extensive resume including a master's degree in history. There was also a community member who has done this type of work in other areas.
c. Splash Pad Insurance Claim
    i. After being reviewed over the last 9 months by the insurance company, with limited response to emails / phone calls, they have decided it was a mechanical failure that caused the flooding and it has to go to another insurance company for the claim. The quote ($130k) that was received months ago, will now be subject to tariffs.
d. Tree Planting Update
    i. Looking to do tree maintenance inhouse rather than with a third party. The costs of maintaining trees is unknown at this point, as the true costs including staff and equipment is unknown. The cost for Meridian is $700 for a tree, including 2 years of maintenance.

    The expectation of Town staff is to focus on larger projects rather than one offs (ie. focus more on parks rather than a single tree on a property)

    The plan is to plant 80 trees next year, which should be manageable for staff to water and maintain.

ii. Recently met with Green Drop – looking into what larger communities (population of 10-15k) are doing with their tree maintenance – do they have an arborist on staff?
iii. Trees behind Edelweiss – the property behind the homes needs to be cleaned up before any decisions can be made as the arborist needs to be able to access the trees, which can not be done with the current state of the area. Spectus Moulders will only allow access from their property if the trees are not being removed.
It is not recommended to take ownership of these trees as there are many trees around the core area and it may be expected that the Town take care of them as well. The entire tree budget would then be on maintaining existing established trees rather than planting new.

5. Engineering
6. Communications
    a. Ginter Letter
        i. Myron willing to send an email to the family with explanation of assessment values.
7. Administration
    a. Niverville Heritage Center 2025 Report
    b. Cell Tower Siting Process
    c. Election Workers Remuneration – **RECOMMENDATION** to approve $21/hour for all election workers
    d. Information Only:
        i. SRRWD Minutes
    e. Missed landscaping inspections can result in deposits being held back or rejected. A property has received a $500 fine for missed inspection even though the property was compliant in the end. Builders are given with the building permit a list of what the expectations are and sign off on it. Homeowners can appeal to the CAO in writing.

C. Future (Long-Term) – No Action by Council Unless Questions Exist

1. Legal – Received comments from Province for Flood Agreement

D. NHSCI – Committee Meeting: Tabled to next Ways & Means meeting

1. In Camera:
    a. Doctor update
    b. Waiting List Changes

E. Upcoming Delegations / Events:

1. October 13th – Chamber Election Forum
2. October 30th – Council On-Boarding (All-Day)
3. November 3rd – Heritage Centre Gala
4. November 20th & 21st OR December 11th & 12th – Planning Session

Action Items:

Myron:

Will reach out to Mr. & Mrs. Ginter regarding their concerns.