

**MORTON AND AREA COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 25, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
Morton Hall
13 Judd St Morton**

Meeting called to order at 11:05 am

ROLL CALL

Present: Pat Dodge (chair), Elaine Horemans (secretary), Vera Dulysh, Linda Gamble, Ken Davies, Linda Godin, Leila Stafford (twp), Dustin Bulloch (councillor)

Regrets: Susan Alford

EMERGENCY ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

The chair asked if there were any emergency additions or amendments to the Agenda and the following were noted:

1. Add **8A Health and Safety**:
 - Window repair
 - Basement door
 - Eavestrough over entry
 - Threshold repair
2. Add 10.3 BBQ
3. Add 10.4 Volunteer recruitment

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 2.0 -2026

Moved by Linda Godin

Seconded by Ken Davies

That the agenda be approved as amended.

The Chair asked if any member had a Pecuniary Interest in any Item on the Agenda and none were declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 25, 2025

Resolution: 2.1-2026

Be it resolved that the Minutes from the meeting of this committee held February 4, 2026 be approved as submitted.

Moved by Linda Godin

Seconded by Vera Dulysh

Carried

DELEGATIONS None

SUB-COMMITTE REPORTS

Events Committee:

Linda Gamble reported the following:

Ongoing events at Morton Hall:

- Exercise class Mondays 9:30-10:30 am
- Care and Share Mondays 7-8 pm
- Morton Mug coffee Tuesdays 9:30-11 am
- Line Dancing Tuesdays 7-8 pm
- Chair Yoga Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am
- Games Wednesdays 1-3 pm
- Line Dancing Thursdays 9:30-11 am
- Book Club Thursday evening monthly
- Good Food Box third Tuesday of each month

She noted that there will be no Fitness classes or Chair yoga classes in July or August. The Head & Shoulders class has been canceled due to lack of interest. Games day will continue until June when it will be reevaluated.

Elaine will offer Easter cupcakes at Morton Mug on Mar 31 and April 7.

Dances: Monthly dances will continue on the 4th Sunday of each month through the summer (5th Sunday for November). The next dance is Sunday April 26, 1:30-4:30.

Pysanki Egg painting was overfilled so another one is scheduled for Saturday April 25, 1-3pm. Free (SALC event). Register with Leila. Max 10 people.

Victoria Day Picnic in the Park is on Monday May 18 at noon at Jones Falls (200th anniversary). Music by Tim & Terry, Historical Walk by Pat Dodge. Bring your own picnic. The hall has been booked in case of rain. Ken said a town crier tryout will be held at the same time and location.

A Felted Dryer Ball workshop will be held on Saturday May 9 from 1 to 3pm at the hall. Maximum of 15. Register with Leila. FREE SALC event.

Darlene Braybrook offered to do a painting on fabric workshop, date to be determined.

April Cleanup week is April 12-24. We will hold our cleanup day the same day as California.

We discussed holding a Canada Day BBQ on July 1 starting at noon. This could be a SALC event if free. Maybe with music?

Beautification Committee:

Daffodils will be available to order by June 15.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. The hall window that has the 'no smoking' sign on it will not stay up by itself. There was concern that it didn't close properly and wouldn't lock. After the meeting we got it to close and lock but it still won't stay open.
2. An email was received from Steve at the township stating that replacing the basement door would be the best solution to the problem. He suggested a door to match the existing bathroom doors. We agreed to this solution.
3. The threshold between the kitchen and hall is splintered and needs repair Leila will direct this matter to the appropriate person.
4. The eavestrough over the entrance door is still overflowing and dropping ice. The eavestrough cover has been removed but it seems to have not fixed the problem. Elaine sent a photo to Leila to forward to the appropriate person.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Stage Lighting: Elaine showed the most up to date quote obtained by the township for stage lighting. It includes two four-light bars and the cable to connect them, stands for each bar, along with labour to install them for \$2,414.81 from Professional Sound and Lighting. Leila confirmed that if ordered by the end of March, this can be covered by SALC funds.

Resolution 2.2-2026

Moved by Elaine Horemans

Seconded by Linda Godin

That we purchase and have installed stage lighting from Professional Sound and Lighting as quoted. Carried.

2. Morton Sign: MTO has indicated that a new Morton sign for the village cannot be placed close to the existing sign, nor near the storyboard. This means that we cannot have a new Morton sign on the highway north of the village.

3. Facebook Page: There has been some difficulty in adding admins to the facebook page. Victoria has offered to help with this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chair legs: the pads are falling off the chair legs, and some of the existing bottoms are breaking, meaning the chairs are marking the floor. Elaine offered to get a few types of chair leg 'socks' to try out. The fact that they are stacking chairs may prove difficult.
2. Pat Dodge and Elaine Horemans took the Food Handlers Course, so now we have four people with training. (Victoria Galloway and Susan Alford are the others).
3. BBQ: After discussion, we decided that we will not purchase a new BBQ at this time. Leila mentioned that they can be rented from the Firefighters or others if needed.
4. Volunteer recruitment: Word of mouth and personal contacts seem to be most effective. The Canada Day BBQ will be a good venue for recruitment. Leila added that the township will be doing more recruitment around the election in the fall.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Linda Gamble reported that the township account balance at the end of February was \$8087.08. Ken asked about a budget for this year, and Linda was able to give him a copy of last year's income and expenses. Leila and Dustin clarified the situation for us to donate to a charity. If the funds are not raised at an event specifically for that charity, the township must approve the funds and charity.

Recommendation to Council:

That the Morton CEC give \$500 to the local Food Bank in 2026.

Moved by Ken Davies

Seconded by Vera Dulysh

Carried

Other charities were discussed for future donations and people were encouraged to bring forward ideas.

CEC COUNCILLOR REMARKS

Dustin said that the township budget was passed and that Morton Hall would be receiving a water softener this year. Elaine expressed concern over needing to have non softened water for drinking.

Recommendation to Council:

That the township investigate installing a reverse osmosis drinking water unit with tap for Morton Hall.

Moved by Elaine Horemans

Seconded by Linda Gamble

Carried

Dustin reported that the township did not include the Morton Park culvert work in the budget but staff have been directed to investigate and report back to the committee of the whole.

Dustin also mentioned that the consultation process for the ALTO train has been extended to the end of April.

TOWNSHIP UPDATES: Leila Stafford, Recreation and Volunteer Coordinator

Leila reminded everyone of the Volunteer Appreciation event on April 23 at 6:30 at Portland Hall. All township volunteers are welcome. Register ahead.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Tuesday May 5 at 11am

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm