

# MORDEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting

May 19, 2026

The Morden Community Association Annual General Meeting was held in the Community Hall on May 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm. There were twenty-seven (27) community residents including seven (7) Board members in attendance.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Stevens, Board President.

**Introduction of the Board:** Board members include - Stephanie Stevens, Jane Buntain, Reg Clem, Annette Iannaccone, Peter Matthews, Dick Thomas, Muriel Thompson and Roddy van Wick. Paul Iannaccone was also introduced as the MCA Board Grants Manager.

**President's Message:** Stephanie expressed her thanks to the Board members for all their time and efforts to make the Morden Community the welcoming and thriving entity it has become. To emphasize this point, she read a letter from a frequent Morden visitor who praised the Community and all the various venues which make Morden their welcoming destination of choice.

She then encouraged all Morden residents to make use of all our facilities and parks, stating that we all should be truly proud of our Community and the sense of camaraderie with which we welcome our visitors.

She went on to inform of an AED now on site outside the hall which has been serviced and is fully operational should the need arise. In addition, we now have a 'sandwich board' which will announce when our **Comfort Centre** is open. Further, she indicated that the French Cross heritage designation would hopefully be announced this fall.

**Additions to the Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**Minutes from the May 13, 2025 AGM and the July 25, 2026 Special General Meeting:** All attendees had been provided with a copy of both sets of minutes. President Stephanie offered everyone the opportunity to refresh their memories of the contents therein. After discussion, it was pointed out that there were a couple of spelling errors, all of which were noted for correction.

**Motion:** Moved by Donna Sabean, seconded by Murray Graves that both sets of minutes be adopted with the noted corrections. **MC**

**Financial Report:** Copies of the fiscal year (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026) revenues and expenditure sheets along with a two-year comparative sheet had been provided to all attendees.

- As Chair of the Financial Review Committee, Paul briefed on the deliberations and findings of the review. He then read the letter from the Financial Review Committee to the MCA which stated that financially everything was as it should be and that there were no irregularities or other anomalies to report.
- After several questions and ensuing discussions, a couple Community residents made some positive suggestions which could make deciphering the financial documents easier for all.
- Muriel addressed several of the observations and added that, in addition to the reports already shared with everyone, she would be providing any remaining reports including the Project Income report in the next few days. She invited anyone who still had questions or concerns to contact her and she would ensure they were provided with the relevant information.

**Motion:** Moved by Murray Graves, seconded by Paul Iannaccone that the financial report be accepted. **MC**

**Building Manager Report:** Peter provided an update on the various ongoing projects. In addition to all the projects completed over the past year, and the handicapped access ramp now in progress, he indicated we now have a leaky roof which he and Reg will attend to, the rear light needs replacing and there are several ongoing inspections which will incur expenditures. He noted the Board is investigating the possibility of installing ceiling mounted propane fired space heaters to improve both the warmth of the hall and to decrease our astronomical electrical bills.

**Grant Manager Report:** Paul indicated that most of the last (and previous) year's projects for which we had received grants had been completed. In particular he mentioned grants for the kitchen upgrade, the bathroom continuation improvements and our Parks. He further informed that he had applied for grants for our parks maintenance and for the hall to partially finance the hall heating improvements.

**Community Groups Reports:** Reports from the various Community Groups were provided. It was noted that all these groups provide revenues to the MCA.

**Cards:** Karen Atwater informed that the 'Cards Group' which meets on Thursdays was the second highest Community revenue generator. At present they usually have 4 > 6 tables and she invited everyone to come out and join the fun. She indicated that they enjoyed a small treat following the games and encouraged all Community members to support this revenue generator by providing sandwiches or sweets if requested.

**Quilts 4 Shore:** Carmen Clem briefed that quilters also provide finances to the MCA. The group meets every Monday and they have up to 35 members, many from across the valley.

**Exercise:** Carmen Clem indicated the exercise group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays either in the hall or walking when Mother Nature permits. They have 12 members with 4 or 5 attendees at a normal session.

**Coffee:** Penny Lowe said everyone was welcome to attend the bi-weekly coffee gatherings. She noted they meet on the Wednesdays which are not "Garbage Wednesdays". A normal meet sees between 7 > 15 coffee and tea drinkers.

**Yoga:** Although not a MCA sponsored activity, a private individual is planning to run 'Sunset at the Cross' yoga sessions. There will be a participation fee (which does not come back to us).

### **Business Arising**

**Work performed by volunteers:** Always looking for volunteers to help with the numerous tasks which pop up from time to time. It was noted that volunteers should record their time along with what they did: we may be able to use those pro bono hours as a portion of any grants we have to match. A form for recording this is available on our site.

**Committees that would be great to have:**

Fundraising,  
Comfort Centre,  
Social,  
Gardening, etc

### **New Business**

**By-law amendment:** There were three (3) amendments proposed for our By-laws. In each case the amendments were explained and agreed.

**Motion:** Moved by Nandine Stevens, seconded by Carmen Clem that the proposed changes to the by-laws be accepted.

**MC**

**Shoreline Yard Sale:** The Shoreline Yard Sale will be held again this year: July 11, 2026. Our part will be the Community Breakfast. More info as it becomes available.

**Shoreline Cleanup:** There was no volunteer to coordinate a cleanup. It was pointed out that there are already other groups who do this without our input. No further action required.

**Election of Officers:** The MCA Board of Directors is composed of at least seven (7) to a maximum of nine (9) Community members. The Nominating Committee took note of the fact that Board members are elected to serve three (3) years and that two (2) of the existing Board member's terms have expired; however, both had offered to serve an additional 3-year term. To make up the full compliment of officers, the Nominating Committee had recommended Donna Sabean as a prospective candidate.

President Stephanie confirmed with Donna that she would agree to serve. She then asked if there were any other nominations (as dictated, this request was made three (3) times). There being no further nominees and in keeping with the by-laws, the election of officers was deemed complete.

Terms for Board members is now:

**3-year term:** Stephanie Stevens, Annette Iannaccone and Donna Sabean;

**2-year term:** Jane Buntain, Reg Clem, Muriel Thompson and Roddy van Wick;  
and

**1-year term:** Peter Matthews and Dick Thomas

The Board also recognized all the hard work and dedication of former Board member MC Pace who had to step-down from the Board earlier in the year. Her energy, input and willingness to contribute were certainly appreciated and missed.

**Moment of Silence:** As proposed by Karen Atwater the meeting recognized the passing of three of our beloved and much missed MCA members with a moment of silence.

Cherished Members so honoured were:

Marilyn Wagner,  
Cindy Caldwell, and  
Mona Rand.

Following the Moment of Silence, Nadine Stevens suggested that, in future, the passing of an MCA Member be recognized by lowering the hall flag to half-staff. This recommendation, which would include a review by the Board, was unanimously agreed. Reg Clem offered to make sure this happened.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** At 8:43 pm, moved by Jim Stevens, seconded by Paul Caldwell that the meeting be adjourned. **MC**

Following the meeting adjournment, Community residents were invited to participate in a “Town Hall” where they could offer their comments or suggestions. After a short pause, the town hall was also adjourned.