

REPORT 5-2013
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – MAY 14, 2013
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Kent Muench, Deputy Mayor Tyson Chillog, Councillors Terry Kostyna, Darren MacDonald, Jamie Martens, Bob Blackwell, Travis Wiebe, City Manager Scott Blevins, Director of Planning Bonnie Gorelitz, Director of Finance Lorraine Postma, Director of Recreation & Community Services Dave Bosch, Community Economic Development Manager Dillon Shewchuk

REGRETS:

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tyson Chillog called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 North Ridge Development – Lake Vista

Wally Mah, Dave Calyniuk, Darryl Attman and Warren Stewart of North Ridge Developments, along with Marc Dansereau and Andy Gehl of AECOM and Phil Shilling of Catterall & Wright spoke to Council regarding different aspects of the proposed project. Dave Calyniuk started off by giving a brief overview of what the project will consist of and look like. Marc Dansereau discussed the landscaping portion of the project and how the ponds, pathways, sidewalks and roadways will work together along with the placement of future school(s). Phil Shilling touched briefly on the pumping station and partial storm sewer system when drainage discussion came up. Council is interested in knowing how the project will be presented to the public. David Calyniuk touched on this stating that it will be done on a per phase basis and estimated it will take roughly 14 months to finish the landscaping on each phase. Wally Mah wrapped up the presentation by stating this is the biggest project North Ridge Developments has ever undertaken. They are very excited to be working with the City of Martensville on this project but have a few details that need to be sorted through before the Development & Servicing Agreement can be signed. Deputy Mayor Chillog thanked all parties involved for their time.

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4.2 Martensville Minor Hockey

Arnie Whitrow and Twila Johnson of the Martensville Minor Hockey Executive attended Council to ask questions regarding the future of a second rink in Martensville. Both Arnie and Twila expressed the need for a second rink due to the number of players registering and the fact that they currently have to turn away 4 year old players as there just isn't enough ice time available. Council identifies that there is a need for a second rink and it is outlined in the proposed 5 year plan, however it is important to note that although it is identified in the 5 year plan it does not necessarily mean it will be listed as a top priority due to future funding and needs of the City. The question was raised as to whether City Council would be willing to work with the Martensville Minor Hockey Association to establish a plan for a future expansion on the existing rink or a new building. Council is not opposed to working together to establish a plan, but would like to see the Martensville Minor Hockey Executive amongst themselves their vision and goals and then come back to Council to discuss at a future meeting. Deputy Mayor Chillog thanked Arnie and Twila for their time.

Presentations ended at 5:55 p.m.

5. REPORTS

5.1 City Manager

5.2 City Clerk

5.3 Director of Finance

5.4 Director of Recreation and Community Services

5.5 Director of Public Works

5.6 Director of Planning

5.6.1 - Subdivision Application: Martens Estates 8

Director of Planning Gorelitz went over the proposed subdivision from D & S Developments. The subdivision is zoned R1 – Residential and will have 76 lots available for development. This will be the last possible subdivision within Martens Estates, therefore completing the Martens Estates development. It was noted that the lane between Rock Hill Lane and Coppermine Way will be a paved lane with all costs being covered off by D & S Developments. Council has no objections.

A motion will come to the next Council meeting for formal approval.

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5.7 Community/Economic Development Manager (CEDM)

5.7.1 – Report

CEDM reviewed items he has been working on over the past month. Areas included, working on the Rental Construction Incentive application and initiative program, overview of the 2013 Martensville Business Expo, release of the 2013 Guide to Martensville and focusing on Social Media options to increase our communication with the public.

5.7.2 – Saskatoon Co-op: Economic Development Tax Incentive

CEDM reviewed the Saskatoon Co-op's application for a 5 year tax exemption based on the investment amounts stated in our current Economic Development Tax Exemption Bylaw. The new development will be doubling the size of their convenience store as well as gas pumps and also will be providing 24/7 gas service through the card lock system. This development is planning to add 2 more full time and 5 part time positions once the project is complete. Council has no objections.

A motion will come to the next Council meeting for formal approval.

6. ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW: None

7. COUNCIL MEMBERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

7.1 City Mayor's Caucus

Mayor Muench highlighted items discussed during the City Mayor's Caucus held in Swift Current this past week. Senior Property Tax Deferment Program is a program being offered to home owners who are the age of 65+ and have at least 25% equity in their home. The bank pays the taxes on behalf of the home owner and is reimbursed the money when it comes time to sell the house. By participating in this program it offers seniors a little bit of relief on their limited income but still allows them to live in their homes. Currently this program is running in Lloydminster and proves to be successful. Mayor Muench is waiting to receive further information from Lloydminster. Another topic highlighted was how Councillors could be more involved in the community.

7.2 Open House

Economic Development Manager Shewchuk spoke on the idea of City Council having an Open House to highlight things that are going on in Martensville. It is being proposed that the Open House would be held on Tuesday June 18th at the North Ridge Centennial Community Centre following our regular scheduled Council Meeting. The event would be kicked off with a BBQ and would have City Councilors welcoming residents and serving them food. Inside the hall each department will be set up with fact sheets identifying their roles and function within the City. Council was in favour of this and it was agreed the Open House would be held Tuesday June 18th.

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7.3 Rear Lane Concerns & Maintenance

Discussion was held regarding how we can communicate better with residents regarding rear lane maintenance. It was noted that last year Catterall & Wright prioritized all lanes and a list was compiled grading all lanes from worst to best within Martensville. Council would like to see a better effort made to keep records on when and how lanes have been dealt with that way when they are approached by the public they will have files to reference when addressing these concerns. Discussion was held on possibly developing a Back Lane Policy.

8. IN-CAMERA ITEM:

8.1 Land Development

8.2 Land Purchase Proposal: MR20

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mayor Kent Muench