

REPORT 10-2013
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 8, 2013
MINUTES

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

REGRETS:

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic Centre

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Terry Kostyna called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

4. DELEGATIONS

5. REPORTS

5.1 City Manager

5.2 City Clerk

5.2.1 – Bylaw 22-2013 – General Penalty & Enforcement Bylaw

City Clerk Budnick gave an overview of the updated Bylaw. The original Bylaw was passed in 1984 and still referenced the Urban Municipalities Act. The Bylaw was updated to include an increase in penalty fees and also referenced the Cities Act. It was noted that the Bylaw is used when a City Bylaw has been contravened and there are no fines or penalties listed in the Bylaw being contravened. Council was okay with the updates and had no further questions.

The Bylaw will go to the next Council meeting for formal approval.

5.3 Director of Finance

5.3.1 – Budget Variance Report

Director of Finance Postma gave an overview of the Budget Variance Report. At this time there were no areas of concern. It was noted that both the Parks and Public Works Departments would be giving Capital Budget updates and those updates would be presented to Council at a future Council Meeting. Council had no questions or concerns at this time.

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5.4 Director of Recreation and Community Services

5.4.1 – Bylaw 20-2013 – Forestry Bylaw

Director of Recreation & Community Services Bosch gave a review of the Forestry Bylaw. It was noted that after discussions with other communities none of them have a bylaw or policy in place which stipulates nuisance trees or fuzz producing trees which cannot be planted. It was mentioned that it can be very time consuming and costly to enforce such a bylaw or policy. Council recommended a few changes to the current Bylaw by increasing the minimum number of hours from half hour to 2 hours as well as clearly stating any fees incurred by a contractor will be put on the property owner's taxes. Administration will make the requested changes.

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5.5 Director of Infrastructure & Planning

5.5.1 – P4G Regional Planning Role

Planning Manager Gorelitza gave an overview of what the P4G has been up to over the past year and a half since the group formed. A map was produced showing the potential footprints of the P4G partners' long-term growth areas, the region conceptually at a population of one million and the proposed boundary of the study area for the Regional Plan. Council had some questions regarding the role of the P4G group and wanted to know why no political figures were included in these meetings. It was noted that currently it is just the planners from surrounding communities that are meeting. Another concern was the lack of information that has been brought back to Council, the last report was done in early spring. Gorelitza noted at this time the group only shares information and are not making any decisions. Council was asked if they would support the Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) to lead the creation and implementation of a Saskatoon Region Growth and Development Plan. At this time Council does not feel they have sufficient information to endorse the P4G. Council requested to see minutes from previous P4G meetings as well would like to see how things unfold after the Saskatoon Regional Growth Summit and will revisit their decision at a later Council meeting.

5.5.2 – Saskatoon Regional Growth Summit Registration

Planning Manager Gorelitza reminded Council of the upcoming Summit and asked how many tickets were needed to be purchased. Mayor Muench, Deputy Mayor Chillog, Councillors Blackwell, Kostyna, Martens and City Manager Blevins all requested tickets be purchased on their behalf.

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5.6 Community/Economic Development Manager (CEDM)

5.6.1 – Report

The Community Economic Development Manager Shewchuk gave an overview of things he has been working on over the past month. Work continues on sponsorships for the Martensville Athletic Pavilion. Currently Western Fitness is in talks regarding sponsorship as well as supplying fitness equipment for the new facility. A deal has been struck with Pepsi for 10 years and is valued at \$250,000. It was also noted that North Ridge has re-signed their contract for naming rights for the North Ridge Community Centre for 2014.

5.6.2 – Economic Development Business Incentive3 Application – Fish Creek Enterprises Ltd.

CEDM reviewed Fish Creek Enterprises Ltd.'s application for a 3 year tax exemption based on the investment amounts stated in our current Economic Development Tax Exemption Bylaw. The plan for the site is to put up a 4920 Square Foot commercial building for lease. The building will be aimed at light industrial or trades users to fit in with the other businesses at the north end of Martensville. Council has no objections.

The Bylaw will go to the next Council meeting for formal approval.

7. COUNCIL MEMBERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

7.1 – Traffic Study

Deputy Mayor Chillog was looking for a status update on the requested Traffic Study. Director of Infrastructure & Planning Doxey explained that originally Catterall & Wright was tasked with doing the calming study and to date it has not yet been completed. It was noted that the Guardian Speed Trailer should be arriving by the end of the month and will assist in providing the City with some valuable information regarding traffic patterns. Another suggestion was hiring a different company to help with a more specialized consult to see where the City currently stands, where things can be improved such as signage, calming areas, parking restrictions etc. The question was raised about the use of speed bumps and it was noted that during snow removal these can cause issues. Council expressed the importance of having a Traffic Study and would like to have administration look at other ways to assist the residents in feeling safe in the community.

7.2 – Strategic Plan

Mayor Muench would like Council to start thinking about the Strategic Plan and Councillors goals for the future. The question was posed “Do we want to hire someone to facilitate this process”? City Manager Blevins suggested hiring a facilitator to assist Council in setting a TOP 5 Priorities List for 2014 with other items on the list that can be addressed should the first 5 be addressed. Council was in agreement of hiring a facilitator and City Manager Blevins will begin looking for possible options.

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7.3 – Fall Clean Up

Councillor Kostyna was looking for feedback on how the Fall Clean Up went and posed the question “Is this a good use of the City’s time and resources”? It was noted that there were a lot of items placed out for pick up that did not necessarily meet the City’s requirements. It was recommended that for future clean ups that maybe more effort be done to inform residents of alternatives for some of the items that were picked up. Such as recycling programs or projects that are in place to take in house hold items. Director of Infrastructure & Planning Doxey was asked to do a tally of the costs to run the program and present to Council at a future meeting. Council may consider looking at alternatives for this program.

8. IN-CAMERA ITEM:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Mayor Kent Muench