

REPORT 3-2015
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – MARCH 10, 2015
MINUTES

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

REGRETS: Mayor Kent Muench Deputy and Councillor Travis Wiebe

LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

CALL TO ORDER: Councillor Terry Kostyna called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

4. DELEGATIONS

5. REPORTS

5.1 City Manager

5.2 City Clerk

5.3 Director of Finance

5.1.1 RFD: Assessment Appeals Fees

Director of Finance Lorraine Postma reviewed with Council the actual costs of an Assessment Appeal vs the current appeal fee that is paid. It was noted that currently our appeal fee is \$100 for all classes of property. The City has seen an increase in appeals, since the Altus Group, a company that provides assessment management to potential customers has started working on behalf of some property owners. Postma is proposing the City leave the \$100 fee for Single Residential or condos and increase the fee for Commercial Properties, the City of Saskatoon and City of Regina also follow this formula. It was noted that if the appeal is successful the fee is refunded. Council was in favor of the proposed increase. The amended Tax Administration Bylaw will come to future council meeting for formal approval.

5.4 Director of Recreation and Community Services

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5.5 Director of Infrastructure & Planning

5.5.1 RFD: Garbage Rates

Director of Infrastructure & Planning Joe Doxey discussed with Council the upcoming 5.3% tipping fee increases Loraas is proposing. In 2014, the city ran a deficit due to extra costs the city takes on above the regular costs. The extra costs come from Public Works routinely collecting and tipping garbage from illegal dumping as well as refuse from operations and also replaces lost, stolen or damaged receptacles. To maintain these services along with the increase proposed by Loraas, Doxey is proposing a \$15 increase for EHS to maintain a balanced budget. It was noted that this would increase the current EHS fee from \$165.00 to \$180.00 and that this will show up on resident's tax bill. Some municipalities have this fee on their utility bills and others have it on their taxes. Council was in favor of the increase as it will result in a balanced EHS Budget.

5.5.2 RFD: General Lane Clean Up

Director of Infrastructure & Planning discussed with Council the extra costs that have started to add up each year with the General Lane Clean-up Program. When the program was first introduced items that were picked up were items that would be eligible to be disposed of at the landfill. Over the years, residents have been leaving ineligible items in the back alley as well. This results in extra man power hours and services to get these items picked up, sorted and disposed of properly. Discussion was had about keeping the current program but provide no service for ineligible items, raise rates and add a House Hold Waste Program annually or eliminate the general lane clean up and only have a HHW program held annually. Council has mixed reviews and has tasked Administration with doing some more research on how the alternatives would work. They would like to keep the service going but are willing to look at alternatives. Administration will follow up.

5.6 Community/Economic Development Manager (CEDM)

5.6.1 CEDM Report

The Community Economic Development Manager Shewchuk gave an overview of things he has been working on over the past month. Various business inquires continue to come in and information is provided as requested. With the help of the Martensville Messenger and Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce work on the map project is complete. Attended the Access Centre/Business Association Breakfast. Work on the 2015 Guide is complete and ready to be published. Work on the 2015 HomeStyles and Martensville Business Expo continue.

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8. IN-CAMERA ITEM:

8.1 – Budget

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Mayor Kent Muench