

REPORT 11-2016
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 8, 2016
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Kent Muench, Councilors: Bob Blackwell, Mike Cox, Tyson Chillog, Darren MacDonald, Jamie Martens, Deb McGuire, City Manager Scott Blevins, Corporate Services Director Leah Sullivan, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Joe Doxey, Community Economic Development Manager Dillon Shewchuk, Director of Recreation & Community Services Dave Bosch

REGRETS:

LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

CALL TO ORDER: Councillor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Mayor Kent Muench requested that Kinsmen Park be added to the Round Table Discussion and Councillor Chillog requested park lighting be added as well. All members of council were in favour of adding these items to the agenda.

4. REPORTS

4.1 City Manager

4.2 Corporate Services

4.2.1 Budget Variance Report

Director of Corporate Services presented the Income Statement and Budget Variance Reports for the period ending September 30, 2016. A detailed memo highlighted items that currently vary from the budget. A key project identified was Kinsmen Park, based on contractor delays because of weather the project is likely to only be 50% complete in 2016 and the remainder of the work to be completed in 2017.

4.3 City Clerk

4.3.1 2017 Council Dates

City Clerk Budnick presented the proposed dates for Regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings for the 2017 year. There were no concerns.

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4.4 Director of Recreation and Community Services

4.4.1 Skateboard Park

Director of Recreation and Community Services gave a brief review of the process that has taken place to bring forward a concept plan for the development of a skateboard park. The initial Skatepark Conceptual Design work was funded by the Syrenne Family who have started a fundraising page in honor of their son Kyle Syrenne. Kyle passed away last year and was an avid skateboarder, it was always his dream to develop a skatepark in Martensville. The goal for the project is set at \$150,000 with approximately \$60,000 raised to date. Director Bosch did indicate that there has been an increase of approximately \$50,000 to the total cost of the project since it was last discussed. The estimated total cost of the project is \$800,000 which does include some minimal landscaping. The firm the city has been working with is New Line Skateparks Inc, and it was noted that their schedule for the 2017 year is quickly filling up. So a decision to move forward with the project or not needs to be made soon. The city does have the opportunity to partner with the City of Melfort to share some of the staffing, traveling and accommodation costs. Director Bosch will forward the information he currently received from New Line Skateparks Inc to assist council with making a decision.

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

4.4.2 Transfer to Property Taxes

Back on May 10, 2016 a nuisance order was issued to Lot 15, Block 30, Plan 102067736 civically known as 731 Centennial Drive South. The property owners had until May 27, 2016 to comply with the nuisance order, failure to comply would result in the city to remedy the situation and bill the service fees to the owner. The city hired a company on June 27, 2016 to clean up the property and an invoice was mailed to the property owners. To date the invoice has not been paid. As per The Cities Act, Section 361(3) (a) At the end of a year in which work or services mentioned in subsection (1) were performed, the city may: add to any arrears of taxes on land owned by a person in the city any amount with respect to that work or services performed for that person that remains unpaid at the end of the year. Director Bosch is recommending a motion be passed to allow for this transfer to taxes at the end of the year should the invoice not be paid in full. City Council had no questions.

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4.5 Director of Infrastructure and Planning

4.5.1 Snow Removal Bylaw

Director of Infrastructure and Planning Doxey explained that the current Snow Bylaw 56-2006 is to be used in conjunction with the City's Policy on Snow and Ice Removal. Director Doxey wanted to address two areas that would assist in determining the correct direction to go. Is the level of service for snow clearing sufficient and subsequently, if the Snow Bylaw should be amended to better align and support with the intents of the program or future amended program. Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the current program and bylaw, other items also addressed were the Noise Bylaw, plowing snow to the center as opposed to the sides, snow ridges as well as altering hours for snow removal and pick up. With several items addressed Administration was directed to do some more research and bring back some options to City Council to review. It was requested this be done in a timely manner, given the time of season we are in. It was also noted that currently all equipment is running and ready to go for any upcoming snow falls.

Further information to come to a future Council Meeting.

4.5.2 RFD – Subdivision

A request has been brought forward for Council to consider a subdivision of a residential lot, civically known as 105 Anna Crescent. Anna Crescent is a mix of older and newer homes, with varying property widths. The lot size of the proposed property is currently 30.42m x 62.6m and the proposed lots would have a front width of 15.21m which exceeds the minimum requirement of 12m. Council had no concerns.

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

4.5.3 RFD – Street Signage

Previously Administration was tasked with gathering more information on Illuminated Street Signs. Director of Infrastructure and Planning presented to City Council with information gathered. It was noted a benefit to the illuminated signs would improve visibility for major roads at signalized intersection, the alternative would be a traditional "street blade" style or alternate metal street signs. Based on estimates received, the signs would cost approximately \$2500 - \$3500 per sign. This would increase the cost of major signalized intersections by approximately \$10,000 - \$14,000 per intersection. A discussion was had regarding the pros and cons to moving forward with illuminated signage. Some felt it would be a welcome addition while others felt it would be too costly.

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4.6 Community/Economic Development Manager (CEDM)

4.6.1 CEDM Report

Community Economic Development Manager, Shewchuk gave a review of things he has been working on over the past month. A tour of the new Co-Op Grocery store was done prior to the official opening date. Received some industrial leads at a recent Rural Committee Meeting in Osler which was put on by SREDA. Some discussions were had with North Prairie's Property Division. The EDAC Conference and Pre-Conference Seminar was held from October 20th – 25th, the main focus of the seminar was Economic Diversification. Work continues on sponsorships for various facilities with current and potential businesses. The website redesign is moving forward and updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

5. COUNCIL MEMBERS ROUND TALBE DISCUSSION

5.1 Committees

Mayor Muench gave a brief overview of which Councillors will be sitting on specific boards and committees. It was noted Mayor Muench did work with his council to determine which areas would be best for each individual. No questions or concerns were raised.

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

5.2 Kinsmen Park

Mayor Muench had two questions for Director of Recreation and Community Services. The first was in regards to the Top Dresser and if it can be used on areas by the pathways and pool. The second question was in regards to work that Wilco has done on the pathway off of Main Street. Mayor Muench would like to know why a culvert was put in as it didn't seem to have any issues holding water previously. Director Bosch said he would look into and get back with the answers.

5.3 Park Lighting

Councillor Chillog had a question regarding lighting from the pathway by the field previously known as Geransky Field to the Martensville Athletic Pavilion. Director of Recreation and Community Services indicated that currently there is no lighting in place. Options will be looked at in regards to possibly adding lights through the budget process.

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6. In-Camera

6.1 Sector Planning

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Kent Muench