

REPORT 10-2018
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 13th. 2018
MINUTES

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Tyson Chillog, Councillors Michael Cox, Bob Blackwell, Jamie Martens, Darren MacDonald, Debbie McGuire, City Manager Scott Blevins, Director of Corporate Services Leah Bloomquist, Community Economic Development Manager Dillon Shewchuk, Director of Recreation & Community Services Ted Schaeffer, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Matt Gruza

REGRETS: Mayor Kent Muench, City Clerk Carla Budnick

LOCATION: City Hall – Council Chambers

RECORDING SECRETARY: Finance Clerk Martha Krahn

CALL TO ORDER: Councillor Cox called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

4. REPORTS

4.2 Director of Corporate Services

4.2.1 Budget Variance Report

City Council was presented with the Income Statement and Budget Variance Reports for the period ending October 31, 2018. Director of Corporate Services Leah Bloomquist spoke to three areas that currently vary from the budget:

Fire Department: It was noted that upon renewal of the service agreement with Corman Park the capital funding remained at \$80,000 rather than the budgeted \$50,000. This results in the budget being over by \$30,000. This offset by a transfer to reserves of the same amount, so the net effect is zero.

Planning & Development: Contracted Services & Engineering Fees will be under budget by approximately \$45,000 as the Development Standards Manual project was delayed due to staff shortage.

Capital – Land had a budget of \$90,000 for annexation losses after the annexation was completed. These are costs passed onto the landowners for the RM's loss of revenue once the properties became part of the City of Martinsville. The city owns one of the properties affected and incurred those costs. There is still one outstanding amount to collect and the city is currently obtaining legal advice. It is unknown how this will impact the budget at this time.

Water & Sewer: Engineering Fees are expected to be under budget by approximately \$30,000. The delay in the grant approval from the New Build Canada funding has resulted in the wastewater project being pushed back.

Councillor Cox declared Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 5:04 pm. Deputy Mayor Chillog took over as Chair for portion of the meeting.

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4.4 Director of Recreation & Community Services

4.4.1 RFD – Waive Rental Fees North Ridge Centennial Community Centre

Director of Recreation and Community Services reviewed with Council a letter received from Georjeana and Dean Christianson requesting the rental fee for the North Ridge Centennial Community Center be waived. On November 2, 2018 “Bowties for Logan” was hosted by the Christianson’s, the fundraiser was held to raise money to continue Logan’s legacy by helping others pursue their dream of post-secondary education in the form of a scholarship presented by the Martensville High School annually. Logan Schatz was a former Martensville High School Student who was taken tragically in the Humboldt Bronco Accident on April 6th, 2018. It was noted that the \$630.00 rental fee will be expensed out of the City Hall General Government – Public Relations account which is fully expended for 2018.

Currently the City does not have a policy in place regarding Waiving Rental Fees. Administration has been tasked with researching other municipalities that have policies in place to deal with these types of requests.

City Council was in favour of waving the fees. A Motion will go to the next Regular Council Meeting for formal approval

Councillor Cox returned to the meeting at 5:16 pm and resumed chairing the meeting.

4.5 Director of Infrastructure & Planning

4.5.1 RFD – City Wide Organics Program.

Loraas Disposal Services has been constructing a new organics composting facility at their landfill south of Martensville. This facility will divert a significant portion of the waste stream destined for the landfill and produce a high-quality top-soil product. It is expected the facility will operate year-round. Currently Loraas offers an organic collection program in Martensville by subscription only, now Loraas has presented City Council with a proposal for City-wide curb side organic collection.

Director of Infrastructure and Planning identified some benefits and disadvantages to moving forward with the program. Benefits: possibility of decommissioning of the yard waste dump site, potential reduction of yard waste material being dumped in back alleys. Disadvantages: additional bins for every property, creating storage issues for some residents, possible fee increases, creates additional scheduling conflicts with street sweeping and snow removal, do all residents want this service.

City Council requested more information regarding costs and negotiations with Loraas. Administration is to get further clarification and bring back to a future Council meeting.

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4.6 Community Economic Development Manager

4.6.1 Report

Community Economic Development Manager Shewchuk gave a review of things he has been working on over the past month. A meeting was held with Mayor Muench, Dr. Adamus and a representative from Primary Health to discuss Health Services in Martensville, opportunities for expansion and trends and priorities. Licensing was finalized for riide and cars officially commenced operations in Martensville at the end of October. A meeting is scheduled with the New Horizon Centre to discuss The Seniors Housing and Care Project and get some feedback from the group. Work has begun on the 2019 Communication Plan.

5. COUNCIL MEMBERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

A) RFD - Council Remuneration 2019

The current Council Remuneration structure was set in 2013 based on a third-party review done by the Pommen Group. Annual increases were equal to those set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the City. Council members received an income tax exemption on 1/3 of their remuneration. However, as outlined in the 2017 Federal Budget, the 1/3 income tax exemption will no longer be available to elected municipal officials. Each municipality was left to decide how they would respond to the change. The City of Martensville's independent audit firm did a review and provided adjusted salary amounts that would be required to have a net-zero affect on Council's take home pay.

Current Amounts are as follows:

2018		2019(1.75%)
Mayor	\$40,680	\$41,392
Councillor	\$13,609	\$13,847

Recommended 2019

Mayor	\$47,577
Councillor	\$15,567

Calculations included tax rates based only on income from the City; and do not consider other sources of personal income. After tax income does not include personal and non-refundable tax credits as these would vary for everyone. 2018 income tax rates were used as 2019 are not yet available on the CRA website.

Council was in favour of adjusting Council's remuneration to the recommended 2019 rates.

Council also discussed reviewing changes to the Remuneration to take effect after the 2020 Election.

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Administration has been tasked with doing research on what other municipalities have for policies.

A motion for the recommended 2019 rates will go to the next Regular Council Meeting for formal approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Mayor Kent Muench