

REPORT 9-2019
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 8, 2019
MINUTES

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

REGRETS:

LOCATION: City Hall – Council Chambers

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

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

RCMP were added to the Agenda under Delegations

The Public Hearing began at 5:01 pm.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Discretionary Use HBB type 2 – Custom Guitars

Jack Facca the resident requesting the discretionary use was present to speak to City Council about his new business a low volume custom guitar producer. City Council was assured there would be adequate sound proofing in the garage to eliminate noise, customers would park on his front driveway and access the garage from the front yard.

There was no one in attendance that spoke against the request.

Councillor McGuire thanked Jack for his time.

The Public Hearing ended at 5:06 pm

The Delegations began at 5:07 pm

3. DELEGATIONS

A) RCMP

Sergeant Little was in attendance to review yearly stat comparisons from January - October 2018 to January - October 2019. It was noted that False Alarm callouts are typically a high number and the RCMP have implemented a policy that they will only respond to calls that have more than one sensor going off. If a property has more than 3 false alarm call outs a letter is sent to the property owner recommending that their system be inspected and that the RCMP will not respond to any future call outs until they have received clarification the alarm system has been inspected.

There were no further questions. Councillor McGurie thanked Sergeant Little for attending.

The Delegation ended at 5:18 pm

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4. REPORTS

4.3 City Clerk

4.2.1 RFD – Short-Term Disability Policy

City Clerk Budnick reviewed the proposed Short-Term Disability Policy with City Council. The Short-Term Disability Policy has been drafted to provide employees with a clear understating of who qualifies for short-term disability and what the wait times and procedures are to apply for short-term disability. The City wants to ensure that employees are aware and access this benefit available to them during times of extended illness.

There were no further questions and the policy will go to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

4.4 Director of Recreation and Community Services

4.4.1 RFD -Cemetery Request

Director of Recreation & Community Services reviewed with City Council a request that was received asking to purchase a lot approximately 3m x 3m in the Martensville Cemetery. It is the intention of the purchaser to landscape the area for the purpose of moving his wife to her final resting spot. It was noted that the Cemetery Bylaw (Section 8(d)) does allow for the decoration of a plot with trees, shrubs or plants with the written direction of the Director of Recreation & Community Services. The request does not conform with lot sizes and shapes currently outlined in the Cemetery Bylaw.

Several questions were raised regarding the request, these included: Long-Term maintenance and who would be responsible to maintain? Does this pose concerns for future requests? Is this done in any other municipalities? Concerns of how it will fit into the overall design. Are there different fee structures that should be used?

Administration has been tasked with doing some further research and a report will be brought forward to a future meeting.

4.4.2 RFD – Fly Fishing Proposal

At the August 20th Regular Council Meeting, Kilpatrick Fly Fishers presented a proposal to City Council to purchase and install aerators and stock fish in the Kinsmen Park Pond. Terms recommended included Kilpatrick Fly Fishers to purchase and install aerators, maintain and repair the aeration system for the initial 3 years and pay for the first round of stocking. The City would be responsible to cover the costs of signage, provide and pay for power, pay for half of any future stocking of the pond, cover the long-term maintenance costs of the aeration system and provide Kilpatrick Fly Fishers access to the pond to host fly fishing events and deliver programming.

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Upon further research additional benefits and disadvantages were discovered. Benefits include improved survival rates of stocked fish, improve water quality and reduce algae, reduce mosquito populations and reduce foul odors. Disadvantages identified include the potential impact the aeration would have on other activities currently taking place on the pond including skating, shinny and ice fishing due to thinner ice conditions.

City Council did have some concerns regarding the impacts the aerators could have on other winter activities. Administration was tasked with getting additional information on where the aerators would be set up, would there be a possibility to allow other winter activities to continue as well as what fencing, and signage costs would be. City Council will also need to consider the budget implications this may have on future budgets.

Administration has been tasked with doing some further research and a report will be brought forward to a future meeting.

4.5 Director of Infrastructure and Planning

4.5.1 RFD – Discretionary Use HBB type 2 – Custom Guitars

The City received an application to permit the development of a Custom Guitar Business as 228 Glenwood Terrace. The space needed to operate and store the equipment requires a larger space than what is allowed under a Type 1 HBB, therefore a Discretionary Use HBB type 2 is being applied for. The proposed business will operate out of the applicants insulated detached garage and customers would park in the front driveway and gain access to the business through the front yard.

Residents within a 75m radius of the property, asking for the discretionary use, received letters identifying the Discretionary Use HBB type 2 and allowed the residents to provide any feedback they may have. The City received 7 replies with no concerns and 2 replies indicating concerns. Director of Infrastructure and Planning did let Council know that the garage is already existing and the only reason this was being brought forward as a Discretionary Use was simply because the request exceeds the space size that is permitted in HBB type 1.

City Council was in favour of the applicants request and a motion will be brought forward to a future Council meeting for formal approval.

4.6 Community Economic Development Manager

4.6.1 CEDM Report

Community Economic Development Manager Shewchuk, reviewed what he has been working on over the past month. An affordable housing builder from Western Canada was in to discuss options in Martensville. Work has begun with SREDA to assist in doing some competitive analysis on industrial development in the Region. SINP delegations continue to set up visits. The Regional Run on September 14th was a great success. The October Banner was sent out to Residents and a communication survey has been distributed to residents and will close on October 20th.

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Council went In-Camera at 6:11 P.M./

6. IN-CAMERA

6.1 Budget

6.2 Municipal Sustainability Plan

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Mayor Kent Muench