

REPORT 7-2020
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – JULY 14, 2020
MINUTES

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

REGRETS: Councillor Bob Blackwell, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Matt Gruza

LOCATION: City Hall – Council Chambers and ZOOM

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kent Muench called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. DELEGATIONS

A) West Sector Plan Presentation

Nathan Petherick with B & A Planning Group and John Williams with North Prairie Developments joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss the West Sector Plan. Petherick began the presentation starting with when the project began back in 2017 and all the steps that have gotten them to the proposed West Sector Plan today. The West Sector Plan is a high-level design for a future neighbourhood for approximately 11, 000 people. The sector plan proposes phases for development and prior to subdivision and development, each phase must undergo more detailed planning and engineering within a Concept Plan.

Mayor Muench thanked Nathan Petherick & John Williams for joining the meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.2 Director of Corporate Services

4.2.1 RFD – Canalta Request

On June 12, 2020 the City of Martensville received a request from Canalta Real Estate Services Ltd. asking for a 10% reduction in 2020 property taxes for three separate properties owned by the Canalta Group. It was noted that with a 10% reduction in the total municipal portion of property taxes would amount to \$4,733.63. Director of Corporate Services Bloomquist did identify that Council has extended the property tax due date to October 30, 2020 and suspended interest penalties due to the pandemic.

City Council sympathizes with Canalta but feel that if they entertain this request there will be several other businesses making similar requests and the City can not pick and choose who should receive the reduction. It was noted Community Economic Development Manager Shewchuk has been working very closely with the Prairie Sky Chamber of Commerce to help find opportunities to help businesses within the community that have been affected by Covid-19.

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4.4 Director of Recreation and Community Services

4.4.1 RFD – Great Plains College Lease Agreement

In 2019, the City entered into an agreement with Great Plains College (GPC) for the lease of office and classroom space in the Civic Centre. It was a one-year lease with the option to renew on an annual basis. Due to the success of the lease agreement, GPC is looking to add additional areas for office and administrative use and are proposing a 5-year lease arrangement with first lease option on any additional space that becomes available in the building.

City Council was in favour of the lease agreement providing that no current tenants would be losing their space to accommodate GPC's request. A motion will be brought forward to a future Council Meeting for formal approval.

4.5 Director of Infrastructure & Planning

4.5.1 RFD – West Sector Plan

City Council was presented the West Sector Plan, a high-level design for a future neighbourhood for approximately 11,000 people and just over 2000 jobs. The plan area is approximately 272 ha (671 acres) of land. The sector plan proposes phases for development and prior to subdivision and development, each phase must undergo more detailed planning and engineering within a Concept Plan. City Council is being asked to consider a motion to move the project forward to the Official Community Plan phase of engagement in principal. This was the same process Council followed for the second concept plan for Lake Vista.

A motion will be brought forward to a future Council Meeting for formal approval.

4.5.2 RFD – Subdivision Application Parcel M & N Lake Vista

City Council reviewed a subdivision application to accommodate semi-detached dwellings on Parcel M & N, Plan 102202984. There will be nine semi-detached buildings on each side of the street. The Plan of Proposed Survey shows 36 lots as each unit will be on their own privately owned property as opposed to registered on a condominium plan.

City Council was wondering if North Ridge will be installing standard uniform fencing consistent with the rest of Lake Vista at the back of the units which will be backing onto 16th Avenue North. Planning Manager Gorelitz will be in contact with North Ridge to further discuss.

4.6 Community Economic Development Manager

4.6.1 Report

Community Economic Development Manager reviewed what he has been working on over the past month. Various Site and Business inquiries continue to come in. Weekly messages from the Mayor continue to go out to the public to offer information about local and provincial developments around the pandemic. Work continues on the interactive map for the City Website with revisions to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

5.1 Council Meetings returning to Council Chambers

City Council discussed the possibility of returning to Council Chambers for face to face Council Meetings. It was noted that Zoom will still be required as we will not be able to accommodate all Council Members, Administrative Team, Media and the Public in Council Chambers while still complying with Saskatchewan Health Authority COVID-19 requirements. City Clerk Budnick will look into options and will bring back information to a future meeting.

6. IN-CAMERA

6.1 Economic Development

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Mayor Kent Muench