

REPORT 9-2020
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
MINUTES

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

REGRETS: 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 5:01 P.M.

Mayor Muench added Crosswalk Discussion to Round Table

4. REPORTS

4.2 Director of Corporate Services

4.2.1 Budget Variance Report

Director of Corporate Services reviewed the Income Statement and Budget Variance Reports for the period ending July 31, 2020. With the recent COVID19 Pandemic there have been some fluctuations in budgeted accounts. In General Government travel is expected to be under budget with Building Maintenance & Repairs to be over budget due to the glass partitions that were added to various workstations. Recreation & Community Services will see a decrease in revenues for various facilities due to facility closures and then reduced capacity and rentals for the remainder of the year. Expenses are also projected to be under budget with some staff layoffs during facility closures as well as reduced instructor fees. Water & Sewer is projecting to be over budget with Engineering Fees due to the unexpected capacity issues experiences at the lagoon in March/April with the onset of COVID. Lagoon Drain Line Maintenance & Repairs is also expected to be overbudget due to unexpected costs to thaw and flush the lagoon drain line in March/April along with the capacity issues at the lagoon.

4.2.2 Development Incentive Program – 2020 Abatement Application

In December 2019 Council approved the Development Incentive Program Policy #107/19, with revisions added in June 2020 to add clarification for application of the program. The City has received an application from North Ridge Developments and their related corporations for General Land Development Tax Abatements within the Lake Vista neighbourhood, as well as the Show Home Program Tax Abatements. The abatements for 2020 is \$58,503.49 municipal taxes and \$25,543.38 education taxes for a total of \$84,046.87. This is year one of abatements for these properties under the application and will be reviewed annually to evaluate the criteria and determine if the same properties remain eligible.

This will be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

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4.3 City Clerk

4.3.1 Council Remuneration

Back in January City Council tasked Administration with reviewing City Council's current remuneration with other similar sized municipalities. After review, Administration is proposing council remuneration be based on a percentage of the current Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan Salaries & Allowances of members, with the Mayor receiving 50% of a current MLA's salary and Members of Council receiving 40% of the Mayor's current salary and providing a Deputy Mayor per diem of \$150 per month. Some housekeeping items were also mended in the policy as to when per diems can be claimed and increasing the per diem rates from \$24 to \$35 per hour to maximum of \$280 per day.

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4.4 Director of Recreation and Community Services

4.4.1 RFD – Rental Rates

In March 2020, City Facilities were mandated to close in response to the Public Health Order issued by the Province of Saskatchewan due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The closures resulted in the suspension of activities for childcare organizations operating in City owned facilities. Rental payments were suspended until such time that facilities could re-open. With the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan, childcare facilities are now permitted to open providing they follow the provincially mandated guidelines. Childcare groups using City Facilities have indicated that with the new guidelines, they have been forced to reduce the number of participants they can safely accommodate in their programs. To assist these organizations with providing service to the community, Administration is recommending a 25% reduction in monthly rental rates for September to December 2020. Rental rates will be reviewed at that time and a recommendation made based on any changes to provincial guidelines.

This will be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

4.6 Community Economic Development Manager

4.6.1 CEDM Report

Community Economic Development Manager provided City Council with a report of items he has been working on over the past month. Site and business inquire continue to come in with discussions about market conditions, locations, and needs. It has been busy with marketing and communications with the announcement of the new Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility and preparing for the MEEP Announcement being held on September 15th.

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5. Council Members Round Table Discussion

5.1 Crosswalk Locations

Mayor Muench asked members of Council to think about possible locations for future illuminated pedestrian crosswalks and bring their suggestions to next week's September 15th Regular Council Meeting for further discussion.

6. IN-CAMERA

6.1 Recreation Facility

6.2 Economic Development

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Mayor Kent Muench