

REPORT 1-2021
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – JANUARY 12, 2021
MINUTES

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

REGRETS:

LOCATION: City Hall – Council Chambers and ZOOM

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

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 RFD – 248 Cowan Cres – Tax Abatement

Back in 2020, the City was contacted by the property owners of 248 Cowan Cres with concerns and questions about their property taxes. After speaking with neighbours they learned their property taxes were significantly higher than comparable houses around them. The property owners discussed the situation with the City and SAMA, and it was determined there was an error in the square footage. Essentially an additional story of square footage has been added to their home. This error is being corrected by SAMA as part of the 2021 assessment values. An abatement request was brought forward to City Council in December 2020 and was rejected by City Council for the abatement as the appeal deadline had passed. The Property owner was notified of the decision and requested that Council reconsider and revisit abating the 2020 portion only and referenced *The Cities Act* which states:

Corrections to assessment roll

178(1) If an error or omission in any of the information shown on the assessment roll is discovered, or if a corrective action is required as a result of an assessment audit by the agency, the assessor may correct the assessment roll for the current year only.

The total municipal impact to the resident for 2020 is \$337.96.

City Council were in favour of having a motion come forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval of the abatement.

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4.3 City Clerk

4.4.3 RFD – Code of Ethics for Members of City Council.

In 2016 municipalities were mandated to bring in Code of Ethic Bylaws for Council. Martensville Council adopted their first Code of Ethics bylaw on December 20, 2016. In 2019 some housekeeping changes were made to update the bylaw. Administration is now proposing some further updates to the bylaw as they relate to the definitions of roles in the bylaw and adding a second component related to Ethical Conduct which covers off Good Governance, Roles & Duties, Privacy, Respectful Conduct, and Influence.

City Council had some questions regarding the wording in Council-Staff Protocol #20 and asked for some further clarification. Administration will get that information together and bring back to future meeting.

4.5 Director of Infrastructure & Planning

4.5.1 RFD – Zoning Amendment – FUD – C2A

A local business is working with North Ridge Developments to subdivide and develop a commercial property along Main Street and Mirond Road. Currently the property is zoned as Future Urban Development (FUD) and the request is to zone the area to C2A Commercial. In the Official Community Plan the Future Land Use Map shaws this area as Future Commercial Use.

The bylaw amendment will include first reading before Council, public notification for two weeks in a local paper and mailouts to everyone within 75m regarding the public hearing and then back to Council to hear the public hearing prior to 2nd and 3rd readings.

4.5.2 P4G Occupancy Agreement

The Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) is a collaborative of five municipalities which are in the process of forming a Planning District and have been conducting shared planning for future growth as a region. As the P4G Partnership for Growth is not a legal entity, it cannot hire employees or hold moneys. As a group, it was decided that a P4G Director be hired and housed at the RM of Corman Park. Further, it is agreed that all moneys for P4G are held in trust by the RM of Corman Park. This agreement formally sets in place administrative requirements for the occupancy of the director, records ownership, and the use of in-trust moneys held by the RM of Corman Park.

There were no questions or concerns. A motion will be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

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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. The Industrial Capacity and Competitiveness Project has begun with hopes of a first draft expected over the next four weeks. The City is still waiting to hear on the outcome of the Rapid Housing Initiative application. The Regional Task Force continues to meet to discuss any updates, local business environment, and initiatives in efforts to collaboratively support business through the pandemic. Recent activity has been around messaging continuing to support local, understanding demand and looking at options for an online marketplace and how that would be run. Site and business inquire continue to come in with discussions about market conditions, locations, and needs.

6. IN-CAMERA

Meeting went In-Camera at 5:35 P.M.

6.1 Economic Development

6.2 Sustainability Plan

6.3 Code of Ethics

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Mayor Kent Muench