

REPORT 2-2021
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 9, 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 MacDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. DELEGATIONS

A) Geoff Baker

A resident of the City of Martensville spoke to City Council regarding three specific topics, 1) Election Process 2) City Bylaws and 3) Ethics Bylaw.

- 1) Election Process – Baker would like to see there be more transparency in the election process when it comes to candidates receiving funds to run their campaign during an election period.
- 2) City Bylaws – Baker would like to see the city have all their bylaws accessible on the city website.
- 3) Ethics Bylaw -Baker feels the current Ethics Bylaw for councillors is lacking and he would like to see it be reviewed. He provided examples from the Town of Kindersley and the City of Saskatoon as examples of bylaws he felt were adequate.

Councillor MacDonald thanked Geoff Baker for his time.

B) RCMP

Sergeant Curtis Little reviewed with City Council stat comparisons from 2019 – 2020 for the month of December and 2020 – 2021 for the month of January. There were no concerns raised. It was noted there are some staffing changes that will be occurring with some staff away on leave and some new members who will be arriving from the north.

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4. REPORTS

4.3 City Clerk

4.4.3 RFD – Campaign Disclosure Bylaw

As per section 34 of The Local Government Election Act, 2015, council may, by bylaw, establish disclosure requirements respecting campaign contributions and expenses. Administration is bringing forward the proposed bylaw which was drafted after reviewing other municipalities bylaws. The bylaw would provide the process for disclosure of campaign contributions and expenses of all those candidates running for municipal office. Political donations, monetary or in-kind, at a minimum threshold of \$250 and expenses that occurred during any election period would need to be detailed by the candidate and provided to the City Clerk. Once the filing of expenses is completed the documents would be available to the public upon request.

Some questions came up regarding there being a set limit on how much funds a mayor or councillor candidate would be able to collect, as well as timelines of when the information would be made available for the public to review. The City Clerk will do some further research and bring the information back to a future meeting.

4.4 Director of Recreation and Community Services

4.4.1 RFD – Rental Reduction Extension

In September 2020, Council approved a 25% rent reduction for the period September to December 2020 for childcare groups leasing city facilities. This was in response to decreased capacities related to Covid-19 restrictions. At that time 3 user groups were impacted. Since that time, one of the operations has closed and 2 user groups, Busy Fingers Pre-School and Puddle Jumpers Pre-School are still operating, but at significantly lower numbers of participants due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. To provide continues assistance to these organizations in providing services to the community, Administration is recommending the 25% reduction be extended to August 31, 2021.

City Council was in favour of the recommendation and it will be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

4.4.2 RFD – Reallocation of Sask Lotteries Funding

In April 2020, Council approved the allocation of \$74,243.00 in Sask Lotteries Trust Funding granted to the City of Martensville. The funding must be utilized during the period April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020. Upon completion of the project, groups are required to complete follow up reports, including receipts for eligible expenses for submission to Sask Lotteries. Sask Lotteries has indicated that fund cannot be carried forward to future grant periods and any unutilized funding must be returned to Sask Lotteries. Due to the temporary closure of recreation facilities and cancellations of programs due to Covid-19, several groups that received funding have indicated that they will not spend their full allocation within the grant period. Administration has identified potential items that they feel will enhance community programming and special events and is proposing that any unused fund be reallocated to these items. Proposed items include: Floating Water Park, Super Sweet Slide, Bouncy Castle, Toddler Trampoline and Yoga Mats.

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4.5 Director of Infrastructure and Planning

4.5.1 RFD -Subdivision – Parcel Q & P Lake Vista

An application has been received by the land developer for a multiple unit dwelling project on Parcel Q, however; the project does not require the entire parcel of land. The subdivision proposal will see Parcel Q become slightly smaller and Parcel P and the remainder of Parcel Q will be consolidated to create a new Parcel V

City Council was in favour of the recommendation and it 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. The Industrial Capacity and Competitiveness Project draft has been provided and will be reviewed and revised accordingly. It is anticipated the project will be wrapped up by the end of February. With the changes in regulations around the cannabis industry, the city has received inquiries into start-ups in the community. 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. Work has begun on the Martensville Community Guide with hopes of it being ready for distribution in mid-March. A draft for the 2021 Communication Plan has been received and will be reviewed and presented at a future Council Meeting.

4.6.2 RFD – Economic Tax Incentive

An application for an additional building on the site at 70 Centennial Drive has been received. The property already has one building on it which includes Pharmasave, Red Swan Pizza and KFC. The new building will be a stand-alone on the eastern part of the property and will be approximately 5000 SF. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.2 million which would qualify for a maximum 5-year abatement.

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6. IN-CAMERA

Meeting went In-Camera at 6:04 P.M.

- 6.1 Economic Development**
- 6.2 Budget 2021**
- 6.3 RCMP**
- 6.4 Regional Training Facility**
- 6.3 Sustainability Plan**

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Mayor Kent Muench