

REPORT 3-2021
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – MARCH 9, 2021
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Kent Muench, Deputy Mayor Tyson Chillog, Councillors Michael Cox, Darren MacDonald, Jamie Martens (5:21 PM), Debbie McGuire (5:12 PM), 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, Planning Manager Bonnie Gorelitz

REGRETS:

LOCATION: City Hall – Council Chambers and ZOOM

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

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

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2.1 Discretionary Use – Parcel J Dwelling Group

Darryl Altman with North Ridge Developments gave City Council an overview of the proposed discretionary use. There was no one else present to speak for or against the discretionary use and no written responses were received.

2.2 Discretionary Use – Semi Detached Dwellings 1st Ave North

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4. REPORTS

4.2 Director of Corporate Services

4.2.1 RFD – Interest Reversals

Director of Corporate Services Leah Bloomquist spoke to City Council about Interest Reversals regarding Property Tax & Utility Accounts. Currently interest penalties for both property taxes and utilities are in place and set by administrative bylaws approved by Council. The City of Martensville does not have a policy in place regarding leniency or reversal of interest charges. It was noted that over the last year due to Covid-19 the requests for interest reversals have been more frequent and insistent. The current practice would be for Council to receive, review and approve or not approve these requests. Administration is looking for direction from Council as to how they should communicate on these requests.

After much debate, Council was in favour of offering leniency to residents facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 but were not looking at this being a long-term solution. Administration was tasked with coming up with an acceptable timeline to be followed.

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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. On February 9th, during the February Committee of the Whole Meeting Council was presented with a draft copy of the proposed Campaign Disclosure Bylaw. Upon review of the bylaw a few questions were raised regarding a limit being set 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 Bylaw was amended to include limits identified and it was noted that the candidates would have a set date after the election to submit their expenses. This allows the candidates time to get their expenses in order.

Council was in favour of the bylaw being brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

4.5 Director of Infrastructure and Planning

4.5.1 RFD -Discretionary Use – Parcel J Dwelling Group

An application for a dwelling group has been received for Parcel J, Plan 102202984 in Lake Vista. The land is zoned R3 residential and a dwelling group is a discretionary use. North Ridge Developments has provided a letter outline the plan for the proposed development and the phasing that will occur. The first phase will see 6 units as bungalow style housing with the next two units to be a future phase to be further subdivided and the plan is to roll those out as the market demands.

Council was in favour of the discretionary use being brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

4.5.2 RFD – Subdivision Bareland Condo -Parcel J Bareland Condo

An application for a subdivision of a bareland condominium has been received from the developer for Parcel J, Plan 102202984 in Lake Vista to permit the construction of a dwelling group. The property is zoned R3 Residential and dwelling groups are a discretionary use. The first six condo units are defined on the bareland condo. Units 7 & 8 will be further subdivided in the future. The provided the developer the flexibility to phase the development.

Council was in favour of the subdivision being brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

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4.5.3 RFD – Discretionary Use – Semi-Detached Dwellings 1st Ave North

Back in 2019 a Discretionary Use Permit was granted for the land development of three two-unit dwelling lots or six semi-detached lots on 51 8th Street North on the condition that prior to building permit application for any lot, a new Discretionary Use be approved by Council prior to construction. An application has now been received for the land development of six semi-detached lots which are classified as discretionary use.

Council was in favour of the discretionary use being 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. Work continues to collaborate with the City of Warman and the Prairie Sky Chamber of Commerce to discuss the overall busies environment, ideas and opportunities and ways to support business and increase local support. CEDM continues to speak with communities about food bank operations and learn more about how they are supported. Work continues on the upcoming Martensville Community Guide as well as the completion of the Report to the Community.

4.7 Human Resources & Safety Manager

4.7.1 RFD – Health & Safety Management System

Human Resources & Safety Manager Trent Kolbe spoke to Council about the proposed Safety Management System. The proposal is to engage Harness Safety in a sole-source contract for the purpose of a health and safety systems audit, development, implementation, and initial administration of a single employer-wide Health and Safety Management System. It was also noted that Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety is introducing new safety legislation April 1st, with plans for further changes over the next 12 to 24 months to bring Saskatchewan OHS in line with national standards and those of the strictest provincial jurisdictions across Canada.

Council was in favour of the proposal being brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for formal approval.

Meeting went In-Camera at 6:00 P.M.

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6. IN-CAMERA

6.1 Economic Development

6.2 Sustainability Plan

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

Mayor Kent Muench