

REPORT 7-2023
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY – JULY 11, 2023
MINUTES

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jamie Martens, Councillors Tyson Chillog Michael Cox, Darren MacDonald, Spencer Nikkel, Acting City Manager Leah Bloomquist, Director of Recreation & Community Services Ted Schaeffer, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Matt Gruza

REGRETS: Mayor Kent Muench, Councillor Debbie McGuire, Community Economic Development Manager Dillon Shewchuk

LOCATION: City Hall – Council Chambers and ZOOM

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

CALL TO ORDER: Councillor Spencer Nikkel called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Deputy Mayor Jamie Martens requested to have North Hills Park added to the agenda and Councillor Chillog requested to have Personnel added to the In-Camera portion of the meeting. All members of Council were in favour of the additions.

4. REPORTS

4.2 Director of Corporate Services

4.2.1 Canada Community Building Fund Application

The City of Martensville currently receives annual funding from the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF – formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund). A requirement of the funding is that municipalities submit project applications for every project and obtain approval prior to spending the funds received. There are also various reporting requirements after project approval to confirm that the funds were spent appropriately. Council and Administration have identified Roadways as a priority for the CCBF Funding and a project application has been prepared by Administration for 2023 totaling \$596,000. This year's application is based on Mill and Fill work completed on Centennial Drive North and Columbia Way.

Administration is requesting that Council approve the 2023 CCBF Fund Application.

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4.4 Director of Recreation & Community Services

4.4.1 RFD – Capital Items

The Recreation and Community Services Department has issued tenders and received pricing for a number of 2023 capital projects. Prices received on a number of projects were higher than budget estimates received in late 2022 and exceed the original budget allocation. Based on tenders received the following capital projects will be over budget ‘New Truck, Grass Seeder, Skidsteer and NRCCC Gates’ for a total of \$36,350.00. It was also noted that the following projects have been awarded or already completed and are under budget ‘Pump Track Irrigation, Dehumidifier and Stairclimber’ for a total of \$12,900.00. Administration is also recommending cancelling the following projects, which were over budget, and rebudgeting for next year ‘Fountain purchase and KP Grading plan’ for a total of \$11,000.00. With the savings of the under budgeted projects and cancelling of the two projects there is a shortfall of \$12,450.00 to complete the current projects that have come over budget. Administration is requesting approval to proceed with the over budget projects with the source of funding for the shortfall to come out of the Parks Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

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

4.4.2 RFD – Sculpture Symposium

The Prairie Sculptors Association has submitted a proposal to partner with the City of Martensville to conduct a symposium involving 10 artists/sculptors to create large scale sculptures in Martensville. The city would be required to provide a space and an appropriate power source for the creation of the pieces. The city would also be required to provide funding of approximately \$45,00.00 for the event. Some of this cost can be offset with a grant from the Saskatchewan Arts Board and potential sponsorship opportunities. The City would receive the right to display the pieces for a 2–3-year period. The City could then investigate purchasing any of the pieces for permanent display.

The 2023 Capital Budget includes funding of \$25,000 for an outdoor art piece. Administration recommends carrying over this funding to 2024 to provide partial funding for this project and seeking grant funding and sponsorship for the remaining funds required.

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4.5 Director of Infrastructure & Planning

4.5.1 RFD – Gateway Plaza Drainage

The owners of Gateway Plaza (located at the corner of Centennial Drive & 4th Street South) have a concern with drainage related to their site and the lane behind their property. The owners feel there was a flaw in the design by Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure (MHI) when Centennial Drive was re-aligned and upgraded (prior to 2000) and 4th Street South was designed resulting in drainage issues. The property owners have been trying to get a resolution from MHI for years and have been unsuccessful, MHI says there was no flaw in the design and now the issue is between the city and property owner. The property owners are reluctant to pursue litigation against the City of Martensville and have come forward with a proposal to resolve the drainage issue. The proposal is to enter into an agreement where the city would pay to replace three concrete sidewalk crossings on 4th Street South adjacent to the property, and the property owners would agree that their drainage concerns with the lane have been dealt with. The cost estimate for the concrete work is \$15,300 plus tax. There would also be a legal cost if the agreement were to be drafted by the City's lawyer. The property owners have indicated they would like to complete this concrete work in conjunction with the paving of their parking lot in late summer/early fall. City Council would like to see a clause in the agreement to ensure the parking lot gets paved. Some questions were raised about the lot, north of the lot in question, owned by the same property owner and wanting to make sure there will not be repercussions regarding drainage from that lot in the future. Director of Infrastructure and Planning will get answers to the questions and bring them back to the next Regular Council meeting.

4.6. Community Economic Development Manager

4.6.1 RFD – Economic Business Incentive – 918 8th Street South

Pro Property Holdings is preparing to construct a second industrial complex at 918 8th Street South. Pro Property Holdings is affiliated with North Ridge Development. plus, building is 6000 square feet on one acre parcel and will consist of small bay warehouses with up to 6 separate bays plus outdoor yard space for various business-industrial ventures. The total cost of the project, over 1 million dollars, would make the project eligible for a 5-year economic development incentive.

City Council is being asked to approve the tax exemption at the next Regular Council meeting.

4.6.2 CEDM Report

As the Community Economic Development Manager was not in attendance the report was noted in was in the council package and any questions would be taken back to the CEDM to respond to. One question was asked regarding potential fencing around the Skatepark. Director of Recreation and Community Services responded, indicating that fencing might not be aesthetically pleasing and said they are looking at possible plantings to put around the Skatepark.

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5. COUNCIL MEMBERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

A) Martensville Grass Dump

A letter was received from a resident of Martensville questioning why their contractor was not able to dump their grass at the Martensville Grass Dump location. It was noted that in past discussions that the grass dump was being abused by contractors outside of the city and large volumes of grass and tree branches were being dumped. The site is not designed to have large volumes of material dumped and it takes considerable manpower to maintain the area. A letter will be drafted to the resident stating the reasons why contractors are unable to use the site.

B) North Hills Park

Deputy Mayor Martens had some inquiries about the amount of algae in the pond as well as the over grown vegetation. Director of Recreation and Community Services indicated that the pond is part of the Storm Management System, and the water does move throughout the area, sometimes quickly and other times slowly. Director of Recreation and Community Services also noted that the city is working on leaving some vegetation areas in their natural state but do cut back from pathways. He will check the state of the vegetation at North Hills Park and address accordingly.

City Council went In-Camera at 5:46 PM

6. IN-CAMERA

- A) Economic Development**
- B) Agreements**
- C) Personnel**

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Mayor Kent Muench