

REPORT 8-2023  
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY – AUGUST 8, 2023  
MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kent Muench (ZOOM), Deputy Mayor Jamie Martens, Councillors Tyson Chillog Darren MacDonald, Debbie McGuire, Acting City Manager Leah Bloomquist, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Matt Gruza, Community Economic Development Manager Dillon Shewchuk

**REGRETS:** Councillors Michael Cox, Spencer Nikkel, Director of Recreation & Community Services Ted Schaeffer

**LOCATION:** City Hall – Council Chambers and ZOOM

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** City Clerk Carla Budnick

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councillor Tyson Chillog called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **4.2 Director of Corporate Services**

###### **4.2.1 RFD - SaskEnergy**

In 2018 the Government of Saskatchewan re-introduced the SaskEnergy Municipal Surcharge program after a brief elimination of the program. At that time the city elected to opt into the program. Now the City has the option again to remain in the program or opt out (by resolution of Council). SaskEnergy collects 5% of natural gas sales from customers in participating municipalities and remits that to the municipality (monthly). Amounts vary year over year since it is a percentage of consumption, however on average the City of Martensville receives \$181,000 annually. This is treated as unrestricted operating revenue in the City's budget. If the City chooses to opt out of the program, there will be a shortfall in operating revenue. The City could recover the operating revenue by increasing property taxes or by cutting expenses in the budget.

It was noted that if the city opts out this year there will be a lost of revenue for the last 4 months of 2023 and spending will need to be reduced and/or any shortfalls could be covered through The Municipal Contingency Reserve.

The Council was in favour of staying in the program.

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**4.6. Community Economic Development Manager**

**4.6.1 CEDM Report**

CEDM Shewchuk reviewed what he has been working on over the past month. Business inquiries continue to come in, with some businesses talking about expansions. An announcement went out regarding the addition of doctors at the local clinic. The August edition of ‘The Banner’ has been distributed.

**4.6.2 RFD – A & W 100 – Lane Closure**

A request from the Martensville Lions and A & W has come in requesting partial closure of Centennial Drive North to accommodate the Show n Shine that goes along with the A & W 100 Valley Street Stock on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In addition to utilizing the street, cars participating in the show also utilize parking lots if they are provided access to them. The Car Show typically runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and the road closure would be done through the City’s Public Works Department.

The City Council was in favour of the request and a motion will go to the next Regular Council Meeting for formal approval.

**4.7 Human Resources & Safety Manager**

**4.7.1 RFD – Employee Performance Review**

Human Resources & Safety Manager Koble provided some information about the proposed Employee Performance Review Policy. The purpose of the policy is to create and support an additional mechanism for constructive bilateral feedback between workers and supervisors with consistent frequency and process. The policy includes unique forms and process for the following worker categories: Probationary, Non-probationary, Supervisors.

The City Council had no questions or concerns, and the policy will go to the next Regular Council Meeting for formal approval.

City Council went In-Camera at 5:13 PM

**6. IN-CAMERA**

**A) Economic Development**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM.

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Mayor Kent Muench