

REPORT 2-2024  
CITY OF MARTENSVILLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 13, 2024  
MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kent Muench, Councillors Tyson Chillog, Michael Cox, Darren MacDonald, Debbie McGuire, Spencer Nikkel, City Manager Tanya Garost, Director of Corporate Services Leah Bloomquist, Community Economic Development Manager Dillon Shewchuk, Director of Recreation & Community Services Roxane Melnyk, Planning Manager Bonnie Gorelitz,

**REGRETS:** Deputy Mayor Jamie Martens, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Matt Gruza,

**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 PM

#### **4. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

##### **4.1 City Manager**

###### **4.1.1 RCMP – Building & Services**

City Manager Garost gave a review of the status of RCMP Policing in Martensville. Currently the city has an authorized strength of 8 RCMP members. Those members operate as part of a regional force comprised of Martensville, Warman and Rural policing which provides 24-hour policing to the area. Concerns have been raised about continuing 24-hour policing while operating out of several facilities which include Martensville, Warman and Delisle.

A shared facility between Martensville and Warman in Corman Park was originally considered but there were challenges with location and the participation of the province building the facility in a timely manner. Warman is in the planning stages to build a facility within their boundaries. Martensville City Council will need to make a decision as the current policing structure is not an option moving forward.

Three high level options were presented for Council to provide feedback on and give Administration some direction on which area to investigate further. The three options presented included: 1) Remain as part of the regional force that will have a base facility in Warman. 2) Remain in the existing location and withdraw from the regional force. 3) Explore alternate policing arrangements such as joining other police forces.

After round table discussions City Council still has various questions around all three options. Administration has been tasked with doing some further research and bring back a report to a future meeting.

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## **4.2 Director of Corporate Services**

### **4.2.1 RFD – Bylaw Water Rates**

In September 2023 the City received notification from SaskWater of a reseller rate increase for January 2024 and again in 2025. The rate increase is 5.5%, which the city is proposing be passed on to the consumers by amending the consumption rate in the current Water & Wastewater Rates & Administration Bylaw. The proposed bylaw amendment will affect Schedule C and results in an increase in the current rate from \$4.63 per cubic meter to \$4.88 per cubic meter. It was also noted that the proposed increase for 2025 is also expected to be 5.5%.

City Council will pass the bylaw at the next Regular Council meeting.

### **4.2.2 RFD – 2024 Board of Revisions**

The City annually appoints a Board of Revisions for the purpose of hearing assessment appeals. For the past two years the city has been appointing Nor-Sask Board of Services. This firm is a group of retired assessors based out of primarily Saskatoon & Warman, with the Secretary in Prince Albert. Their services are focused on central and northern Saskatchewan municipalities.

City Council will be asked to appoint Nor-Sask Board Services as the City's Board of Revisions for 2024 at the next Regular Council meeting.

## **4.5 Director of Infrastructure and Planning**

### **4.5.1 RFD – Discretionary Use MUD – 225 Main Street**

At Council's Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 9, 2024, City Council had the opportunity to hear residents' comments about the proposed Multi-Unit Dwelling as well hear from the developer. Administration provided information on the proposed 87-unit Multiple Unit Dwelling which will include private balconies for each unit, a suite for guests to rent when visiting tenants and an amenities room for those living there. At that time City Council had various questions such as lane paving, trees, fire protection and Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) which administration were tasked with finding responses to. During the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, administration followed up with City Council about the questions asked at the previous meeting. It was noted that the developer would consider flipping the development from the east side of the property to the west side to assist with limiting shading on the adjacent properties, will pave the rear lane from the property to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N and the developer will do their best to retain trees on the property. The applicant has confirmed the building design includes sprinkler system. Administration has recommended a TIA be conducted to study if any road modifications are necessary to accommodate the additional traffic from this project. City Council was in agreement of the recommended requirement and would like to see what the TIA recommends prior to City Council deciding on the discretionary use.

Once the Traffic Impact Assessment has been completed a report will be brought back to council for future consideration.

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**4.5.2 RFD – District Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendments**

An application has been made by Viking Land Corp. to amend the P4G District Official Community Plan Land Use map (DOCP) for Parcels A, B, D, E, F, G, H & J within the NW 10-37-4-W3 which is located east of Saskatoon. As this is a DOCP amendment, all five partnering Councils must pass complimentary bylaws prior to submission to the province for approval. The application proposes to amend the land use designation on Schedule B of the P4G DOCP from ‘Urban Residential Neighborhood’ to ‘Rural Commercial/Industrial’ and amend Schedule C by removing the subject lands from the Growth to 1,000,000 Future Urban Growth Area.

The bylaws 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 gave a summary of things he has been working on over the past month. Some areas he highlighted were continued work with the Early Year’s Family Resource Centre and trying to find them a space to work out of. Assisted the Farmer’s Market with a customer feedback survey. An update was provided to Tourism Saskatchewan on visitor contact information and City Hall Information. Under Marketing and Communications, the February edition of ‘The Banner’ was produced and distributed. Met with representatives from a media firm to discuss a potential marketing initiative around business development.

**City Council went In-Camera at 6:28 PM**

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**6. IN-CAMERA**

**A) “Economic Development” as per the Cities Act Section 94(2) within Part III of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection Act Section 17(1)(b).**

**B) “Agreement” as per the Cities Act Section 94(2) within Part III of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection Act Section 18(1)(b).**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

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Mayor Kent Muench