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Seasons Greetings

from the City of Martensville

It's hard to believe another year has gone by and 2020 will soon be upon us. As we make plans to gather with loved ones over the holiday season, at the City of Martensville we are taking time to reflect on 2019 and making plans to ensure we continue to perform our civic duties for the benefit of everyone in our community.

Early in the new year we will release our 2019 Report to the Community. In the meantime, I want to mention some of the items in our Municipal Sustainability Plan that we made major progress on this year.

Our 2019 budget focused on maintaining our infrastructure and facilities and so we set aside $2 million for capital projects including $700,000 in roadways.

In March we received exciting news of a $20.16 million investment from the New Building Canada Grant that will allow us to upgrade our water and wastewater infrastructure. This investment represents a huge step forward in being able to provide the infrastructure necessary to support our growing community into the future.

Another focus of our 2019 budget was a strengthened commitment to "build for today, design for the future," with a new much needed multi-purpose facility for Martensville. In April, the Martensville Community Recreational Project (MCRP) unveiled the floor plans and renderings for the facility and we continue to work with the MCRP on this project which will benefit both local residents as well as those in surrounding communities.

We also worked to provide residents with improved connectivity to the city's 7 km of pathways leading to Kinsmen Park with the 10th Avenue Pathway project. Our new overpass was also completed this year, making travel to and from our community safer.

We continued our work to enhance our community for the good of our senior residents. In May we released the Martensville Seniors Affordable Housing and Care Project Functional Plan along with other research that will help us plan for how our community can better support the housing needs of this important growing demographic.

Our city truly is a great place to live, and that is due in part to the tremendous work of not only our own staff and elected officials at City Hall, but all of the volunteers, community groups and organizations that impact our community. Thank you all!

On behalf of everyone at the City of Martensville, we wish you and your family all the blessings of the season and another great year in 2020!

Sincerely,
Kent Muench
Mayor, City of Martensville

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT LOCAL HOUSING

The Martensville Housing Authority is looking for volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors.

The Authority delivers rental housing programs on behalf of Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, a Government of Saskatchewan Crown Corporation. The clients of these programs are households with low or moderate incomes, including families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring the efficient and fair delivery of housing programs and administration of property within its jurisdiction. Board members are not expected to attend to administrative or maintenance tasks personally.

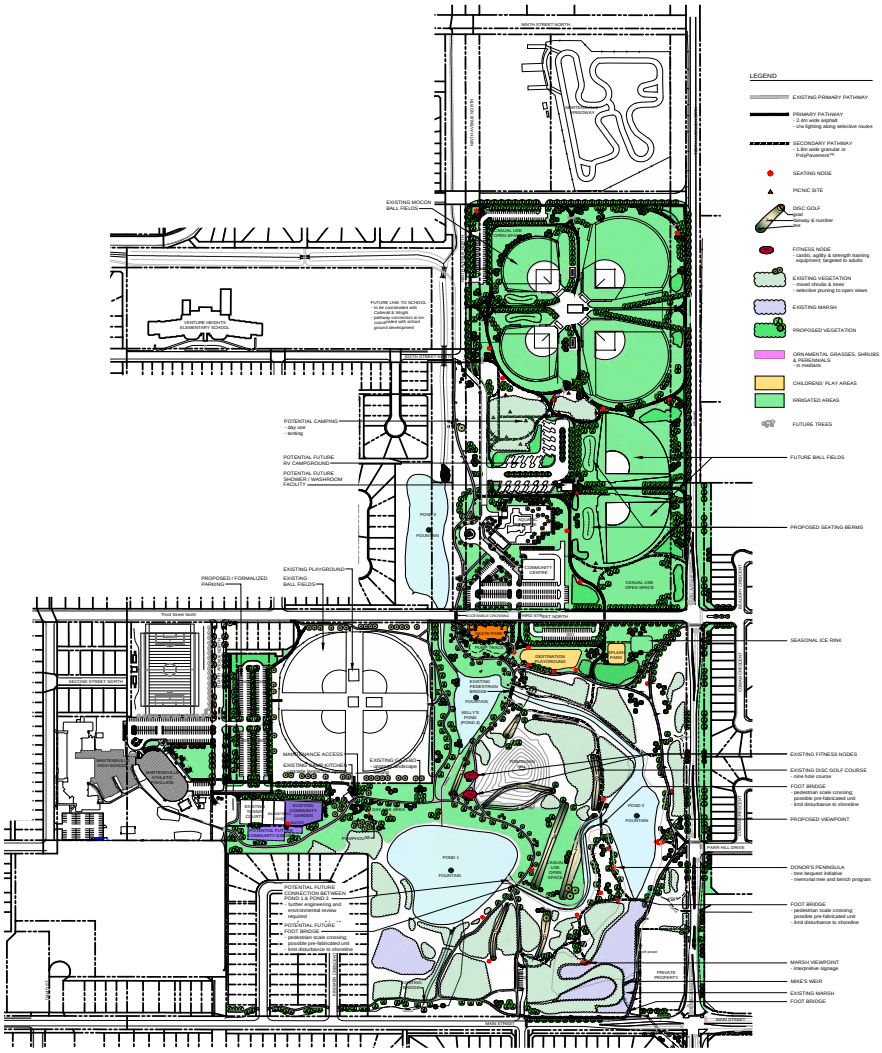
If you would like more information about being part of the Martensville Housing Authority please contact City Clerk, Carla Budnick at 306-931- 2166 or cityclerk@martensville.ca.

KINSMEN PARK MASTER PLAN

With over 100 acres of green space, Kinsmen Park is one of our most beautiful parks and a feature in our community. The park features over two kilometers of paved and lit walking paths that are linked to over seven kilometers of walking paths. These paths run adjacent to the three separate ponds that are used all year long for fishing or skating. There is also a pedestrian bridge over the canal waterway, a 9-hole disc golf course, two outdoor fitness equipment pods, park benches, a picnic shelter, a toboggan hill, three tennis/pickle courts and a full-sized basketball court.

Kinsmen Park is also home to the Slo-Pitch Diamond complex that features four diamonds with concession and pavilion facilities. A gazebo provides a backdrop for pictures or for small community or personal events.

Numerous improvements have been made to the park over the years, and the City of Martensville is continuously working to ensure our parks and green spaces remain wonderful amenities for use by all residents. At last month's City Council meeting, Crosby Hanna and Associates Landscape Architecture and Planning provided a presentation on the proposed Kinsmen Park Master Plan. The plan includes a number of improvements to help direct future planning, and that will be phased in over time. The update to the Kinsmen Park Master Plan will be formally approved at an upcoming Council Meeting.



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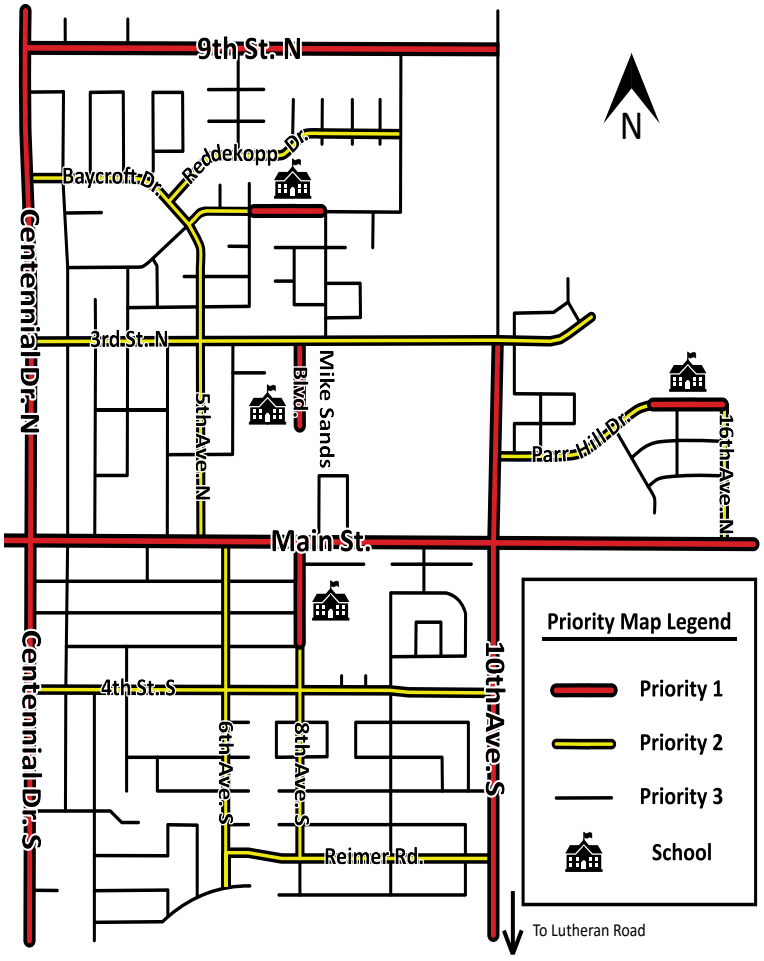
SNOW AND ICE PROGRAM REMINDERS

Snow and ice are a fact of life in Saskatchewan and winter is here to stay. Here are some important reminders about the City of Martensville 2019 Snow and Ice Program, and how you can contribute to a safe and secure snow and ice season.

After a heavy snowfall, streets will be cleaned according to the Snow Priority Map:

- All streets are bladed to the side as soon as snowing has stopped according to a priority system based on traffic and safety.
- The priority for blading is arterial/collector, school areas, residential streets and lanes with multiple unit dwellings.
- As equipment becomes available from the other priority areas the remaining lanes are bladed.
- Removal will begin after the entire City has been bladed.
- Intersections are sanded as required.
- The City will post areas for a minimum of 24 hours prior to blading for total removal.



After a moderate snow fall:

- Arterial and collector streets are bladed and snow is moved to the side (parking lane).
- When accumulated snow becomes a nuisance, it will be removed, particularly in school areas.
- Residential streets are not bladed and the snow will be left to be compacted by traffic.
- Should there be concerns over accumulated snow blocking parking in front of residential properties, or where rutting causes difficulty driving on residential streets, the snow will be bladed to the side and removed.
- Sidewalks on Centennial Drive and Main Street will be cleaned as soon as possible after blading is completed.

Help us help you...

- Stay clear of sanding trucks: Crews apply a mixture of salt and sand on our streets and intersections to improve driving conditions. Avoid salt and sand debris hitting your vehicle by maintaining a safe distance of 15 metres from the sanding truck.
- Remove any objects that could hinder the snow clearing and removal process such as vehicles, basketball nets, etc.

Snow removal contractors, please contact City Hall at (306) 931-2166 for snow dump locations, access and hours.

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ALTERNATE WATER METER READING SCHEDULE

Alternate water meter readings from December 2019 to April 2020 will be conducted as follows:

- December – South side
- January – North side
- February - South side
- March – North side
- April – South side

From May to September both north and south side meters will be read.

Note: North Martensville includes all addresses north of Main Street, with the exception of Kinsmen Crescent (which is considered part of South Martensville). South Martensville includes all areas south of Main Street (including South Martensville). Lake Vista is identified as its own area, and metres are read monthly.

Remember, you may also submit your own water meter reading. Details are available at martentsville.ca under Services for Residents.

WATER SAFETY

With last month's news of elevated lead levels in some nearby municipalities, the City of Martensville wants to assure residents that our drinking water is safe from lead.

While Martensville's water supply is provided by Sask Water through the City of Saskatoon, the infrastructure that serves our community is newer, and does not consist of lead piping. In addition, nearly all the homes in Martensville were built post-1950 when lead plumbing was no longer the norm for residential plumbing.

For our community, we have the highest confidence in our water quality, due to our newer infrastructure and homes, as well as regular testing. If you have any questions or concerns about our drinking water, please contact Scott Loyns, Engineering Assistant at engineer@matensville.ca or 306-683-5559.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Play & Skate with Santa
This will take place on Sunday, December 8th from 1:00 p.m. -.3:00 p.m. at the Sports Centre. It will be an afternoon full of fun activities for kids! Enjoy a sleigh ride, skate, take a picture with Santa, receive a candy bag, and warm up with hot chocolate!

Winter FunFest
Make some great family memories at our annual Winter FunFest which is full of winter themed activities! This year FunFest will take place on Family Day February 17, 2020, at the Martensville Athletic Pavilion (MAP) from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The event will feature a combination of indoor and outdoor activities including sleigh rides, a bonfire, bouncy castles, entertainment and much more. We will end the night with a fantastic firework show! If you would like to make a donation or volunteer for this event, please email specialevents@martensville.ca

Christmas Lights Contest
Nominate your house or a house you think is beautifully decorated in our Christmas Lights Contest. Email your name, the address of the home and your phone number to specialevents@martensville.ca Judging will take place taking place December 16-20 and prizes will be awarded to the top two homes. Thank you to Martensville Building and Home Supply for sponsoring this event!

Interested in sponsoring an event?
The City of Martensville events team is looking to partner with local businesses in and around Martensville to help create some of the best events yet! We are always looking for sponsorship from local business in the form of volunteers, monetary contributions, gifts in kind, and event day partners. If you are interested in sponsoring a City of Martensville event, please contact 306-683-5575 or Email specialevents@martensville.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Find out what's happening in Martensville this month using our Events Calendar at Martensville.ca

The calendar also includes important information such as Council meeting dates, and waste and recycling collection dates.