

WARMAN, MARTENSVILLE, RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2014
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Kent Muench, Deputy Mayor Tyson Chillog, City Manager Scott Blevins, Mayor Sheryl Spence, Deputy Mayor Gary Philipchuk, City Manager Stanley Westby, Staff Sergeant Rick Wychreschuk, Staff Sergeant Kevin Weber, Sergeant Mark Ochitwa, Sergeant Warren Gherasim,

REGRETS:

LOCATION: Meeting Room, North Ridge Centennial Community Centre

RECORDING SECRETARY: City Clerk Carla Budnick

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Muench called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

The meeting began with a review of the report “Police Services in the Warman/Martensville Urban Region” completed by Bob Linner. The RCMP noted their disappointment in the report and felt it did not offer a lot of information as well they felt there is a lack of communication amongst the communities and concerns that were brought up have not been discussed with them. The RCMP feel things seem to be working well, the stats are consistent and seem to improve on a yearly basis.

Mayor Spence spoke to the report and wanted it noted that both Cities were not 100% happy with the results in the report. It was mentioned that both communities do have concerns and location for a facility is still a hot topic.

Mayor Muench indicated that the residents of Martensville are wanting to see police presence in the Community. They are wanting that interaction with the RCMP. There is a concern on response times and some questions regarding the “24 Hour Policing”. The RCMP confirmed that all calls are received however they aren’t always attended to immediately based on the urgency of the call. They felt they respond to calls fairly well. A question was asked as to whether the weekly newspaper article is helpful?

Mayor Spence spoke on the fact that the residents of Warman are also looking for a stronger presence in regards to Public Relationship. The weekly newspaper article shows the statistics but the residents want the bigger picture. Why is this happening? Is it a good thing or a bad thing?

It was noted that currently the members/municipality ratio is adequate based on statistics. The resources are based on crime stats, community growth, etc. If the cities are wanting more presence in the schools or on the streets, these services can be discussed but there may also be additional costs to have these services.

The question still remains, where will a joint facility go? Do the two communities want to pursue a joint facility? It is hard to plan for the future with a location not confirmed while the space the RCMP are currently using is becoming too small. It was recommended that the two cities possibly engage the RM of Corman Park to discuss a Regional Concept.

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It was agreed that both Cities will do better to communicate with the RCMP to express their concerns and determine what seems to be working on not working within the municipalities. A short term fix may result in renovations to existing office space to accommodate the continued growth.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in Warman on Wednesday April 9th at 1:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M.