

CITY OF MARTENSVILLE & CITY OF WARMAN
RCMP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Philipchuk, Councillor Seed, Councillor Martens, City Manager Garost, City Manager Smith, Staff Sergeant Teniuk, Sergeant Little, City Clerk Budnick, and City Clerk Armstrong.

REGRETS: Councillor Nikkel, and Mayor Muench.

LOCATION: Warman Home Centre Communiplex

SECRETARY: City Clerk Armstrong

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Philipchuk called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The January 19, 2023, and the November 3, 2022, minutes were reviewed with no changes.

RCMP ITEMS

Staff Sergeant Teniuk noted they are currently fully staffed. In the summer, they did 12 extra patrols in which 95 charges were laid between the two communities. Most of the charges laid were because of bad driving behaviors. Councillor Seed commented that those are impressive numbers. They also did 10 bike patrols. Staff Sergeant Teniuk noted that he would present the crime statistics at Martensville's next Council meeting. He noted that they are seeing more fraud related incidents in both communities. It is frustrating for them because there is very little that they can do about them, as most of the individuals committing these crimes are overseas. He also noted that they are seeing an increase in thefts, more so in the rural areas. They are expecting those numbers to increase because of the current state of the economy. Councillor Seed asked if the thefts are connected to an organized group. Sergeant Little responded that there are repeat offenders, and some are likely gang related. Councillor Seed noted that the company he works for along with three other companies have hired a security guard to look after their properties and it has been very valuable.

Staff Sergeant Teniuk noted that he has asked for a full managerial review. The review will be conducted by 10 RCMP members from the south district and will begin the week of October 16, 2023. They will reach out to both communities for input. Once the report is completed, Staff Sergeant Teniuk will share a redacted version of the report. Staff Sergeant Teniuk is hoping to make changes to the detachment to affect deficiencies. He wants to meet the needs of both the RCMP and the communities that they oversee. They are looking forward to what that will look like. Councillor Seed asked what Sergeant Teniuk is hoping to get out of the managerial review. Sergeant Teniuk responded that is hoping to get the schedule adopted,

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to be sure that he is doing what he is supposed to be doing, and to have administrative processes within the detachment assessed (I.E., file quality).

Staff Sergeant Teniuk noted that they struggle with the assistance that they provide to their partner agencies (Corman Park Police, CN Police, Traffic Cops, Vanscoy Police, etc.). These agencies do not have police powers under the provincial act. They can write tickets, but as soon as they run into anything Criminal Code, they call the RCMP to take over. That pulls officers off of the road for long extended periods of time. Staff Sergeant Teniuk noted that he has reached out to these agencies asking that they start doing more as a full police agency (I.E. impaired driving offences). Initially they had traction on that, but once it was determined how much that would cost, the answer to their question was no, they will be leaving it as is. The province is talking about 72 new Marshalls coming into the province and going into Prince Albert. Staff Sergeant Teniuk questions if more RCMP members will be pulled off the road because of this new service. He also questioned whether members will have to start refusing to lay charges. Mayor Philipchuk asked if Staff Sergeant Teniuk has data on that. How much are the agencies putting into the pot versus how much are they taking out. What do they need for resources to continue to be proactive, because neither city wants crime to come to the communities. Staff Sergeant Teniuk responded that he can provide that data once the managerial review is completed. Councillor Seed noted that it is concerning that those agencies are not doing the full gamut and noted that it potentially puts the RCMP in a bad position. Mayor Philipchuk asked if there is something that the communities can do for the RCMP. Staff Sergeant Teniuk said that he is not here for a resource ask because he just doesn't know. He is hoping for a robust response from the managerial review. If not, his plan is to ask for a workflow analysis. Mayor Philipchuk noted that the data will help the communities to push for more provincial policing for Corman Park. Staff Sergeant Teniuk stated that there are options, and all asks will be backed by careful analysis, because sometimes you get what you want.

Staff Sergeant Teniuk noted that the Town Hall Meetings are all set. They are scheduled for the last week of October, and the first week of November.

MARTENSVILLE ITEMS

Councillor Martens noted that they are getting gates installed at the Northridge Centennial Community Centre to hopefully put a stop to stunting, squealing tires, excessive noise, littering and large groups of people loitering late at night. Councillor Martens asked if the RCMP will be able to enforce trespassing charges. Staff Sergeant Teniuk responded that once the gate is closed it goes from public property to private property. If an individual drives around the closed gate, that gives the RCMP the opportunity to remove them from the property. If they find the same individual going on to the property four or five times, they can charge under the Criminal Code (mischief). Councillor Seed suggested putting up signs stating no overnight parking/speed signs because it allows the RCMP to do something about it. He also suggested putting up a camera that sets off a flash every time there is movement. Councillor Martens thanked Councillor Seed for his recommendations.

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City Manager Garost was asked to share a little bit about herself. City Manager Garost shared that she is from a small RCMP community detachment surrounding a large community where she saw very similar issues. She noted that if the RCMP can track their time in Corman Park, that would be great. She also noted that provincial resources are a problem everywhere.

WARMAN ITEMS

Mayor Philipchuk noted that Warman is waiting on correspondence regarding a new RCMP facility. He also noted that they are hoping to have some kind of rope put up at the parking lot of the high school to prevent loitering/stunting. He also noted that speeding and vandalism are bigger issues in both communities, and neither Warman nor Martensville seem to have many social issues. Mayor Philipchuk noted that he wants to be proactive with social issues rather than reactive.

Mayor Philipchuk also asked if Highway Traffic Control can come to Warman and visit from time to time. Staff Sergeant Teniuk responded that they can do that.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Manager Smith asked for an update on criminal record checks. Staff Sergeant Teniuk responded that during the summer they had 10-15 checks/day, which is manageable for them. However, with everyone being back in school and with activities starting up again, the number of daily requests have increased exponentially. It will slow down during colder months, but then it will pick back up again. Staff Sergeant Teniuk noted that they can manage that. He stated that the wait time for a criminal record check is one week (every Thursday). Councillor Martens added that criminal record checks can be done online with a same day turnaround (not vulnerable sector checks).

City Manager Smith asked about resources. When 40% of the members are off for various reasons, that must affect visibility. Staff Sergeant Teniuk responded that it does and that it is a global problem. He went on to note that he has members that have medical issues/family issues which affect their ability to come to work 100% of the time. He also noted that it wears on the members who are not facing the same issues and are there 100% of the time. City Manager Smith asked if it affects both municipalities the same. Staff Sergeant Teniuk responded that in terms of the resources that are there, it affects everyone. You may have three people working, two in Warman, and one in Martensville, but they are all going to Raddison if there is a call because they are the only option that Staff Sergeant Teniuk has. Councillor Seed noted that the RCMP are good at managing the public's expectations. When his wife called the RCMP recently, the RCMP officer told her that she was in Raddison and that she would be there in 45 minutes. It is our reality. People just want the truth. Staff Sergeant Teniuk stated that he hopes that his members are getting better at callbacks.

Mayor Philipchuk asked if becoming unionized has changed anything. Staff Sergeant Teniuk responded that the job remains the same for Managers.

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FACILITY UPDATE

Mayor Philipchuk noted that they are waiting for information. Councillor Martens noted they haven't had many conversations about a future facility, and don't have anything to share at this point. Mayor Philipchuk noted that the two communities will keep each other informed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Martensville.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.