

Business Operations Relocating to City

The City of Swift Current and Sanjel Corporation have struck a deal that will result in the oil and gas service company relocating one of its operations into the city.

At their meeting Tuesday, City Councilors approved selling a parcel of land in Paterson Park to Sanjel for \$63,630, plus GST.

Councilor Bob Jamieson said the business's interest in the City is a reflection of the healthy condition of the energy sector in the region and possibly could lead to other operations making similar moves.

"Having Sanjel here is a fantastic opportunity and it's indicative I think of the large amount of activity and development that's going on in the oil and gas industry in our area. The fact that they've chosen to relocate here is very positive and I think it's probably just the beginning of any number of companies that will be locating in this area," Jamieson said.

Sanjel is Canada's largest privately owned oilfield services company. It has more than 700 employees and 18 service centers across Canada and the U.S.

In a report prepared by the City's Director of Business Development, Sanjel,

which currently has an office in the RM of Swift Current, wants to expand and needs city services. The report noted the business plans on building a \$400,000 facility and projects its number of employees to double from 20 to about 40 by next spring.

The business purchased the 9.09-acre site for \$7,000 per acre. It also requested and was granted tax concessions based on the City's new business incentive policy, which means Sanjel will receive a 100 per cent exemption in year one, 50 per cent in year two, 25 per cent in year three and will pay full taxes in year four.

Jamieson pointed to the city's low cost of living and last year's changes by the provincial government to the oil and gas royalty structure as signs the city could benefit from other energy sector companies looking to Swift Current to establish facilities.

"I think all the indicators are there that we definitely should see growth in this area and this community. We're open to business, so if people want to come and negotiate with us, please do," he said.

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