

City approves sale of property for strip mall development

City Council gave the thumbs up Tuesday to sell a land in the Westmount commercial area to a local businessman.

Councilors approved selling the .642-acre parcel of land on the North Service Rd. W. for \$29,178.90, plus GST, to Cory Wiebe, the owner of the Fire and Safety Centre and Lawrence's Lock and Key Service.

Wiebe plans to construct a facility to house his operations and have enough space to rent to two additional businesses, explained Marty Salberg, the City of Swift Current's director of business development.

Council also approved tax concessions under the City's "existing businesses expanding policy", which includes 100 per cent exemptions in years one and two with a 50 per cent exemption in year three and a 25 per cent exemption in year four before full taxation begins in year five.

Because the development includes renting space to other businesses, it classifies as a "strip mall" under the City's zoning bylaw, which requires amending for such a project to proceed in the zone it's situated.

Wiebe's offer is subject to Council approving the amendment, an issue that is expected to come before City Councilors next month.

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