

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
April 18, 2017

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at City of Steinbach Council Chambers.

2. Mayor Chris Goertzen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following members of Council present: Councillors Earl Funk, Michael Zwaagstra, Jac Siemens, John Fehr, Cari Penner and Susan Penner. Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, City Clerk, Deb Rempel and Corporate Services Manager, Rhona Dundas.

3. Councillor Earl Funk opened the meeting.

R17-077 4. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.

-Un. Carried-

R17-078 5. Councillor C. Penner, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 4, 2017, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-

6. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Mayor Chris Goertzen. Public Hearing was to consider Variance V-2017-02.

Variance V-2017-02

116/118 and 120/122 Crescentwood Drive

Owner: Goldmark Developments Inc.

Applicant: Three Way Builders

Purpose: To allow a rear yard setback of twenty one (21) feet whereas a setback of twenty five (25) feet is required for the rear yard in the 'RLD' Residential Low Density Zone.

The applicant is proposing to build a duplex on each of the subject parcels.

6.1 City Manager, Troy Warkentin, introduced Variance V-2017-02 and reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.

6.2 No correspondence has been received.

6.3 Mr. Len Neufeld, 62 Granite Park Boulevard, applicant was present at the hearing and provided that the partnership owns the properties behind the subject parcels and should not cause any future issues. This was an oversight made at the time of subdivision. The applicant was prepared to answer questions of council.

6.4 There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 7:39 p.m.

R17-079 7. Councillor Fehr, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve Variance V-2017-02.

-Un. Carried-

8. City Manager, Troy Warkentin provided tender information for 2017 Main Street Intersection repairs project. The tender closed on March 9, 2017, with four tenders received. The tender was issued with the requirement to provide the bid by intersection. In order to meet the City's budget the recommendation is to award the tender on Part A (Kroeker Avenue and Main Street, Part B (Friesen Avenue and Main Street) and Part D (Miscellaneous) of the tender; to Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.; being the low bid.

- R17-080 9. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor C. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach award the tender for the 2017 Main Street Intersection repairs (Pedestrian Crossing Bands) project to Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$311,590.00 (plus applicable taxes), as recommended, Part A,B and D of the tender.

Other tenders received:

Borland Construction Inc.	\$453,790.00
Darco Enterprises Ltd.	\$495,385.00
Bituminex Paving Ltd.	\$635,675.00

-Un. Carried-

- R17-081 10. Councillor Siemens, Councillor C. Penner RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Disbursements (April 12, 2017)	\$505,428.84
Payroll (April 5, 2017)	\$196,532.53
Payroll (April 7, 2017)	\$28,812.36

-Un. Carried-

- R17-082 11. Councillor Fehr, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2017 be accepted.

-Un. Carried-

12. Delegation - Mayor's Task Force - Council Indemnity appeared before Council at 7:45 p.m.

12.1 Member of the Mayor's Task Force - Council Indemnity: Les Magnusson- chair, Sarah Neufeld and John Peters. On behalf of the task force Les Magnusson provided the following:

- This is a sensitive topic and most Councils' find it difficult to give themselves a raise. The future of the City and the future of City Council were taken into consideration with the following report and recommendations:

- After completing meetings with members of Council and reviewing many remuneration by-laws and indemnities it was found that the City of Steinbach Councillors have been paid less than most municipalities.

- A base wage was compared to that of a Manitoba Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) 2016 wage - \$93,000.00/year.

- It is suggested that future compensation be paid as follows:

Full time Mayor - $\$93,000.00 \times 86\% = \$80,000.00 \times 55\%$ of full time = \$44,000.00/year

Full time Councillor - $\$93,000.00 \times 65\% = \$60,450.00 \times 30\%$ of full time =

\$18,135.00/year

(To use suggested formula and have an increase of remuneration at time of MLA's increase.)

- Deputy Mayor - additional \$200.00/ month = \$2,400.00/year

- Each council member to receive a \$100.00 technology allowance per month.

- Per Diem to remain indexed as currently is.

- Mileage to continue to follow provincial guidelines.

- It is suggested that the Mayor be available at City Hall one to two half days a week.

12.2 The task force was prepared to answer questions of Council.

12.3 Mayor Goertzen thanked the Task Force for the time they provided in preparing the report and they will take the report under advisement.

12.4 The delegation left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

- R17-083 13. Councillor Fehr, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the building permits as issued during the month of March 2017 be accepted. (list attached)

-Un. Carried-

R17-084 14. Councillor Siemens, Councillor C. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the following approved business licences. (list attached)

-Un. Carried-

15. Councillor M. Zwaagstra asked City Manager, Troy Warkentin if larvaciding for mosquito control program has started in the City?

15.1 City Manager, Troy Warkentin provided that the larvaciding program typically begins the first to third week of May, weather conditions will determine when larvaciding can begin. Larvaciding is currently scheduled for the first week in May.

16. Councillor M. Zwaagstra asked City Manager if the City was taking any steps in larvaciding areas around the water as suggested in a larvaciding study research released.

16.1 City Manager, Troy Warkentin provided that City receives training, direction and recommendations on how to use and apply the larvaciding product from Manitoba Health.

16.2 Councillor M. Zwaagstra asked that the City inquire with Manitoba Health if the new procedures are being implemented in 2017.

17. Correspondence was acknowledged from the Canadian Heritage regarding Steinbach’s 2017 Canada Day Celebration informing that a grant application has been approved for \$5,000.00.
Received as information.

18. Correspondence and a grant payment (\$14,404.97) were acknowledged from the Minister of Indigenous and Municipal Relations for the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program.
Received as information.

19. Councillor Fehr, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment: 8:03 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager