

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
January 17, 2017

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, January 17, 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 and Susan Penner. Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, City Clerk, Deb Rempel and Corporate Services Manager, Rhona Dundas.

3. Councillor Jac Siemens opened the meeting.

R17-001 4. Councillor Funk, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as amended.

-Un. Carried-

R17-002 5. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 20, 2016, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-

6. City Manager, Troy Warkentin reported that the City has received The *2016 Steinbach Annual Traffic Count Program Report* as submitted by MMM Group Limited. The traffic count and analysis program was conducted at 18 intersections in Steinbach, and included p.m. peak hour traffic volumes, daily traffic volumes (Provincial Trunk Highway PTH 12 and PTH 52 only), intersection analysis, 95th percentile left-turn lane requirements, traffic signal warrants, and pedestrian crossing control warrants.

6.1 The Steinbach Annual Traffic Count Program was acknowledged by City Council and discussion followed.

6.2 It was noted that copies of these annual reports are provided to the Province of Manitoba Infrastructure (MI).

6.3 Summary of the 2016 Traffic count program:

(a) P.M. peak hour traffic volumes at both signalized and unsignalized intersections along PTH 12 have increased at an average annual rate of approximately one to three percent over the past 10 years.

(b) Traffic volumes on portions of PTH 12 decreased when compared to 2015 volumes. This is likely due to construction on PTH 12 between Park Road and Loewen Boulevard which reduced the number of northbound and southbound travel lanes.

(c) Three distinct peaks for traffic occur at the PTH 12 and PTH 52 intersection during a 24-hour period. The traffic peaks occur in the morning (7:30 to 9:30 a.m.), during noon hour (12:00 to 1:00 p.m.), and in the afternoon (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.).

(d) The intersection of Loewen Boulevard at PTH 12 was at LOS E and was the only intersection that did not meet the target overall LOS of D, the cross-street LOS of D, and the through movement of LOS of C.

(e) The majority of the existing turning lanes have adequate lengths for the number of vehicles making left-turns. The exceptions are the southbound approaches on PTH 12 at Park Road and Loewen Boulevard, and the eastbound approach at PTH 12 and Park Road. As these locations, queued traffic is forecast to exceed the storage capacity which could potentially result in turn volumes intruding into the through lane.

(f) The most critical location where turning lanes are needed and not provided is Loewen Boulevard eastbound and westbound at PTH 12.

(g) The MI signal warrant priority point threshold of 50 points is exceeded, combined with more than 75 vph on the cross-street, at PTH 52 and Industrial Road (165 points) and PTH 52 and Lund Road (88 points). This is the third consecutive year that traffic signal warrants were met at PTH 52 and Industrial Road and the fourth time in five years the signal warrants were met at PTH 52 and Lund Road.

(h) Based on TAC's Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide, a half signal is recommended for the unsignalized intersection on PTH 12 and Millwork Drive/Stone Bridge Crossing and a pedestrian corridor is recommended for the unsignalized intersection of PTH 12 and Friesen Avenue/Woodhaven Avenue.

R17-003 7. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor S. Penner

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach forward a copy of the Steinbach Annual Traffic Count Program report (dated December 2016) to Manitoba Infrastructure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach request to have traffic lights installed at the PTH 52 West and Industrial Road Intersection;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach request Manitoba Infrastructure to install a pedestrian crossing at an appropriate location near the intersection on PTH 12 and Millwork Drive/Stone Bridge Crossing and at the unsignalized intersection of PTH 12 (Brandt Street) and Friesen Avenue/Woodhaven Avenue.

-Un. Carried-

R17-004 8. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the 2016 Steinbach Annual Traffic Count Program Report.

-Un. Carried-

9. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:54 p.m., by Mayor Chris Goertzen. Public Hearing was to consider Variance V-2016-23.

Variance V-2016-23

385 Cedar Crescent

Owner: Anne & Peter Harder

Applicant: Terry Loewen of Loewen Henderson Banman Legault LLP

Purpose: To allow an accessory building to be located 1 foot six inches (1'6") from the rear property line whereas a minimum of two feet (2') is required in the "RLD" Residential Low Density Zone.

9.1 City Manager, Troy Warkentin, introduced Variance V-2016-23 and reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.

9.2 No correspondence has been received.

9.3 There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 7:56 p.m.

R17-005 10. Councillor Funk, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve Variance V-2016-23.

-Un. Carried-

11. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:57 p.m., by Mayor Chris Goertzen. Public Hearing was to consider Variance V-2016-24.

Variance V-2016-24

178 PTH 12 North & 182 PTH 12 North

Owner: 5326151 Manitoba Ltd. T/A Clearspring Centre

Applicant: Bob Frey

Purpose: 1. To allow a commercial building to have a five (5) foot front yard whereas a minimum of twenty five (25) feet is required in the "C4" Commercial Regional Zone and;

2. To allow an accessory building to be placed at the property line whereas a minimum setback of fifty (50) feet is required in the "C4" Commercial Regional Zone.

- 11.1 City Manager, Troy Warkentin, introduced Variance V-2016-24 and reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.
- 11.2 No correspondence has been received.
- 11.3 Applicant Bob Frey, Centre Manager on behalf of the applicant was present at the hearing prepared to answer questions.
- 11.4 There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 8:00 p.m.

R17-006 12. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve Variance V-2016-24.

-Un. Carried-

- 13. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 8:02 p.m., by Mayor Chris Goertzen. Public Hearing was to consider Variance V-2016-25.

Variance V-2016-25
115 Park Road West
Owner: 5326151 Manitoba Ltd. T/A Clearspring Centre
Applicant: Bob Frey

Purpose: To allow a sign to be placed at property line whereas a minimum of two (2) feet is required for the side yard in the “C4” Commercial Regional Zone.

- 13.1 City Manager, Troy Warkentin, introduced Variance V-2016-25 and reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.
- 13.2 No correspondence has been received.
- 13.3 Applicant Bob Frey, Centre Manager on behalf of the applicant was present at the hearing prepared to answer questions.
- 13.4 There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 8:04 p.m.

R17-007 14. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve Variance V-2016-25.

-Un. Carried-

R17-008 15. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Disbursements (January 11, 2017)	\$1,788,329.24
Payroll (December 28, 2016)	\$178,156.57
Payroll (January 5, 2017)	\$30,883.21

-Un. Carried-

R17-009 16. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2075, being a rezoning by-law.

-Carried-
Voting in Favor: J. Siemens, M. Zwaagstra, E. Funk, C. Goertzen
Voting Against: S. Penner

R17-010 17. Councillor Funk, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the following approved Business Licences. (List attached)

-Un. Carried-

R17-011 18. Councillor Funk, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the approved Excavator’s Licence.

Licence No. 17-01 Southwood Ventures Inc.

-Un. Carried-

19. Councillor S. Penner asked what the speed limit was along PTH 52 West (from First Street to Industrial Road).

19.1 Discussion of Council followed. It was noted the speed limit is 80 km/hr along PTH 52 West from Giesbrecht Street to west of Industrial Road.

R17-012 20. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor Funk
BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach make application to the Highway Traffic Board to amend the following speed zone:

PTH 52 West: Reduce the 80 km/hr speed zone to a 50 km/hr speed zone by extending the present 50 km/hr speed zone to a point to the west of Industrial Road.

-Un. Carried-

R17-013 21. Councillor Funk, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that Councillor C. Penner and Councillor J. Fehr be excused from the meeting.

-Un. Carried-

22. Correspondence and a grant payment (\$365,189.78) were acknowledged from the Minister of Indigenous and Municipal Relations for the Federal Gas Tax Fund.
Received as information.

23. Correspondence was acknowledged from the Minister of Infrastructure to congratulate the City on receiving the Manitoba Community Emergency Preparedness award for 2016.
Received as information.

24. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment: 8:12 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager