

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
March 5, 2024

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at City of Steinbach Council Chambers.

2. Deputy Mayor Michael Zwaagstra called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following members of Council present: Councillors Damian Penner, Jake Hiebert, Susan Penner, Bill Hiebert & Jac Siemens Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, Manager, Corporate Services, Adam Thiessen and City Clerk, Amanda Dubois.

3. Councillor S. Penner opened the meeting.

R24-047 4. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.

-Un. Carried-

R24-048 5. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 20, 2024, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-

R24-049 6. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that Mayor Earl Funk be excused from the meeting.

-Un. Carried-

R24-050 7. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (February 28, 2024)	\$	428,723.60
Monthly Pay Period No. 03 (February 29, 2024)	\$	45,233.41
Bi-weekly Pay Period No. 05 (February 27, 2024)	\$	277,521.61

-Un. Carried-

R24-051 8. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending December 31, 2023 be accepted.

-Un. Carried-

R24-052 9. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens

WHEREAS Section 11(1) of *The Noxious Weeds Act* requires that Council appoint by resolution, a “municipal noxious weeds inspector”;

BE IT RESOLVED that Grant Ryland, Community Services Officer, be appointed as City of Steinbach Weed Inspector for 2024.

-Un. Carried-

10. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Deputy Mayor Michael Zwaagstra. Public Hearing was to consider Variance V-2024-01.

Variance V-2024-01

Owner: TCK Holdings Ltd.

Applicant: Three Way Builders Ltd.

Civic Address: 76 PTH 12 North

Legal: Lot 2 Plan 33430

Purpose of Variance V-2024-01: To permit a south side yard setback of five feet whereas the “C3” Commercial Corridor Zone requires a minimum setback of fifteen feet.

10.1 Troy Warkentin, City Manager, introduced Variance V-2024-01, and reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.

10.2 There being no further discussion Council meeting re-opened at 7:38 p.m.

R24-053 11. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve Variance V-2024-01 subject to the execution of a development agreement.

-Un. Carried-

12. Troy Warkentin, City Manager, reported that the City has received The *2023 Steinbach Annual Traffic Count Program*, as submitted by WSP Canada Inc. The traffic count and analysis program were conducted at 21 intersections in Steinbach along PTH 12 North & Brandt Street and PTH 52 West & Main Street. The traffic counts were conducted on Thursday, October 19, Friday October 20, Thursday October 26 and Friday, October 27 during the weekday peak period from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m

12.1 Mr. Warkentin Highlighted the following sections:

- 1) Traffic volume trends
- 2) Traffic signal warrant analysis
- 3) Recommendations

- Recommendations for Unsignalized Intersections

- Signals are warranted at the intersection of PTH 52 West and Giesbrecht Street. Signalization work should be completed by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure in the 2024 construction season.

- Recommendations for Signalized Intersections

- PTH 12 North at Superstore Access/Co-op Access intersection be subject to improvements, which the City would continue to monitor.

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

R24-054 13. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor D. Penner
BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the 2023 Steinbach Annual Traffic Count Program as presented.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach forward a copy of the Steinbach Annual Traffic Count Program report (dated February 13, 2024) to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure;

-Un. Carried

14. Delegation: Michelle Bezditny, Director of Economic Development, and Christine Beaumont were present at the meeting to provide an update on the Steinbach Economic Development Corporation.

14.1 Ms. Beaumont spoke to the Steinbach Economic Developments continued vision and explained one of the reasons they became incorporated was to be eligible for funding not accessible by the Chamber of Commerce.

14.2 Ms. Bezditny identified the four key priorities of economic development, defined agribusiness and explained why it was a focus for the SEDC for Steinbach. Ms. Bezditny gave a detailed description of the advanced agribusiness ecosystem.

14.3 Ms. Bezditny presented the 2023 outcomes, including the Can Export grant funding they have received from Global Affairs Canada. She then reviewed the Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corporation Municipal Investment Readiness investment factors, both for what the City requires and what potential investors are seeking.

14.4 Ms. Beaumont explained that the newly elected board has completed a strategic planning session to determine short and long-term goals. They will proceed with creating an operational plan. She stated that one of the active projects for 2024 was to complete a business audit for existing businesses. The delegation was prepared to answer questions of council.

15. The Deputy Mayor thanked the delegates for their presentation.

R24-055 16. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 2239, Lift Station #2, Debt Issue.

-Un. Carried-

R24-056 17. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 2240, Barkman Avenue Water Renewal, Debt Issue.

-Un. Carried-

18. Minutes of the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District of December 19, 2023 and January 16, 2024 were acknowledged.
Received as information.

R24-057 19. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Hiebert
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's Doctor Recruitment Task Force be created and its constitution be approved as presented.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appointments to the Doctor Recruitment Task Force be ratified:
Susan Penner, Jac Siemens, Michelle Bezditny, Dr. Christo Minnaar, Dr. Karen Toews,
Dr. Curtis Krahn (Task Force)
Fred Pauls & Robert Steeves (Special Advisors)

-Un. Carried-

R24-058 20. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach ratify the following appointment to the Jake Epp Library Board for a term of two years.

Jennifer Funk

-Un. Carried-

21. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager