

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
July 18, 2023

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at City of Steinbach Council Chambers.

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

3. Councillor Susan Penner opened the meeting.

R23-144 4. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as amended.

-Un. Carried-

R23-145 5. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-

R23-146 6. Councillor S. Penner, J. Hiebert RESOLVED that Councillor B. Hiebert and Councillor D. Penner be excused from the meeting.

-Un. Carried-

R23-147 7. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (July 5, 2023)	\$ 2,251,868.82
Bi-weekly Pay Period No. 14 (July 5, 2023)	\$ 333,801.40

-Un. Carried-

R23-148 8. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending June 30, 2023 be accepted.

-Un. Carried-

9. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Mayor Earl Funk. Public Hearing was to consider Variance V-2023-10.

Variance V-2023-10

Owner: Sommerfeld Mennonite Church of Manitoba
Applicant: Loewen Henderson Banman Legault LLP.
Civic Address: 420 Hespeler Street South
Legal: Lot 54, Plan 11504

Purpose: 1. To permit an overall site area of 5.22 acres whereas the “DR1” Development Reserve 1 Zone requires a minimum site area of 20 acres;

2. To Permit an overall site width of 264 feet whereas “DR1” Development Reserve 1 Zone requires a minimum site width of 600 feet.

9.1 Troy Warkentin, City Manager, introduced Variance V-2023-10 and reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.

9.2 Ernest Schroeder, on behalf of the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church of Manitoba, was prepared to answer questions of Council.

9.3 There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 7:44 p.m.

R23-149 10. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve Variance V-2023-10, subject to an approved lot grading plan being submitted and accepted by the City.

-Un. Carried-

11. Delegation: Christine Beaumont, President of the Steinbach Chamber of Commerce, 284 Reimer Avenue, was present at the meeting.

11.1 Ms. Beaumont highlighted the growth of the organization including Chamber of Commerce Staff, Eastman Immigrant Services, and the Steinbach Economic Development Corp. A review of current office space and the possibility of relocating to accommodate all three in the same space is being conducted.

11.2 Leading growth and connecting people continues to be the vision of the Chamber. Advocating on behalf of Steinbach and the business community, running Eastman Immigrant Services and the Steinbach Economic Development Corp, and participating at the Provincial level.

11.3 Ms. Beaumont confirmed that the Chamber would be hosting Premier Heather Stefanson in August 2023.

11.4 The Chamber focus also includes bringing people together by hosting events such as the Taste of Steinbach, Burger Days, Mixers, Round Table Mentor Events

11.5 Ms. Beaumont highlighted the Employment Facilitation program thru Eastman Immigrant Services which connects employers with newcomers.

11.6 Mayor Funk thanked Ms. Beaumont and the Chamber of Commerce for their presentation and for their support of the residents of Steinbach.

12. Delegation: Michelle Bezdity, Director of Economic Development, D4-284 Reimer Avenue, was present at the meeting.

12.1 Ms. Bezdity described the significant progress made in the establishment of incorporation, defining their area of focus while leveraging Steinbach competitive advantage, strengths, and opportunities.

12.2 Ms. Bezdity outlined the asset evaluation project done in March-May 2023. She outlined what data was collected, how information was compiled and what they learned. They were able to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

12.3 The Chamber's goal is to transition from an agriculture business attraction as a primary strategy to agribusiness and make Steinbach the center of the advanced agribusiness on the Canadian prairies. To make economic development successful a collaboration between the Economic Development Corporation, the City of Steinbach, the region and beyond is required.

12.4 Mayor Funk thanked Ms. Bezdity and the Economic Development Corporation for their presentation and is looking forward to how their vision is developed in the future.

13. Ms. Beaumont, President of the Steinbach Chamber of Commerce, returned to the podium to present the new "More for You Here" Chamber of Commerce video.

R23-150 14. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the following Business Licences. (list attached)

-Un. Carried-

R23-151 15. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the building permits as issued during the month of June 2023 be accepted. (list attached)

-Un. Carried-

R23-152 16. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2234, being a rezoning by-law.

-Un. Carried-

17. Correspondence from Southern Health-Sante Sud - Physician Recruitment Engagement events were acknowledged.

Council discussion followed with the following resolution resulting.

R23-153 18. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach be involved in the Family Medicine Resident Retreat being held in Steinbach September 22-24, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach authorize funding of a maximum of \$10,000.00 from the 2023 surplus for the purpose of sponsoring various events or promotions in connection with the retreat.

-Un. Carried-

19. Correspondence and a support advertisement request from the Manitoba / NW Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion 15th annual "Military Service Recognition Book" were acknowledged.

Received as information.

20. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment: 8:29 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager