

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
January 7, 2020

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 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 Bill Hiebert, Damian Penner, Jac Siemens, Jake Hiebert, Susan Penner and Michael Zwaagstra. Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, City Clerk, Deb Rempel and Manager, Corporate Services, Adam Thiessen.

3. Councillor Jake Hiebert opened the meeting.

R20-001 4. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.

-Un. Carried-

R20-002 5. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 17, 2019 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 Earl Funk. Public Hearing was to consider By-Law 2132 Local Improvement Plan 2020-02, Clearspring Greens Pathway Construction.

By-Law 2132

Local Improvement Plan 2020-02

Clearspring Greens Pathway Construction

Purpose: To construct approximately 850 lineal meters of asphalt pathway along Park Road East between Carleton Drive and the Aquatic Centre (330 Park Road East), and from Rams Gate to Fairway Close.

6.1 City Manager, Troy Warkentin, introduced By-Law 2132, Local Improvement 2020-02 and reported that Notices pursuant to The Municipal Act had been completed.

6.2 Project estimates for the development of the pathway indicates a project cost of \$625,000.00 consisting of a 3.0 meter wide asphalt surface, lighting and fencing to serve the Clearspring Greens and Rams Gate neighborhood.

6.3 The work would be funded by a debt issue having a term of 5 years maximum. Based on the estimated cost, each of the 146 benefiting properties will be levied an up-front cash amount of \$4,280.82 or an annual amount of \$1,044.05 for the 5-year term of the debt should they choose.

6.4 Letter of correspondence or objections are on file. Correspondence and objections had been received from the following:

- Darren & Tanis Penner, 14 Carleton Drive, Steinbach MB R5G 0C6
- Derek Stefanyshyn, 37 Carleton Drive, Steinbach MB R5G 0C6
- J. Bueckert, 82 Carleton Drive, Steinbach MB R5G 0C6
- Dennis & Jane Headland, 138 Carleton Drive, Steinbach MB R5G 0W4
- Elmer & Jacqueline Harder, 10 Slater Place, Steinbach MB R5G 0W2
- Dennis Brewster, 18 Slater Place, Steinbach MB R5G 0W2
- *Timo Bullert, 29 Slater Place, Steinbach MB R5G 0W2*
- *Richard & Marilyn Martin, 30 Slater Place, Steinbach MB R5G 0W2*
- *Rob & Joelle Wilcox, 6 Rams Gate, Steinbach MB R5G 0X4*
- Pamela Reimer, 17 Rams Gate, Steinbach MB R5G 0X4
- Jason & Carla Chabot, 9 McFarlane Place, Steinbach MB R5G 0W2
- Jerold Hiebert, 24 Mooney Avenue, Steinbach MB R5G 0W4
- Scott & Laura Masterson, 26 Laing Gate, Steinbach MB R5G 0W4
- Emily & Adam MacDonald, 26 Rams Gate, Steinbach MB R5G 0X4

- Landis Loeppky, 2 Rams Gate, Steinbach MB R5G 0X4
- *Serge Jolicoeur, 126 Carleton Drive, Steinbach MB R5G 0C6*

6.5 Mayor Earl Funk had 5 questions of the City Manager, Troy Warkentin.

1. Why is the interest rate advertised at 7%?
2. How was the Hespeler sidewalk paid for?
3. Why was the pathway left out of the development?
4. Why is the neighborhood asked to pay for the pathway project?
5. What is the City's contribution to the project?

6.6 Serge Jolicoeur, 126 Carleton Drive was present at the hearing objecting to the proposal. Mr. Jolicoeur provided members of Council a handout. He expressed several concerns of the project, some of Mr. Jolicoeur concerns were the location of the pathway, the cost of the pathway being charged to the neighborhood. Mr. Jolicoeur asked if there are any grant provisions for the project.

6.7 Steve Pelland, 13 Mooney Avenue was present at the hearing objecting to the Local Improvement Plan 2020-02. He provided a letter of objection. He reiterated comments of Mr. Jolicoeur and voiced safety concerns and concerns of the financial burden of the project onto the residents of Clearspring Greens.

6.8 Gord Penner, 18 McFarlane Place was present at the hearing objecting to the proposal. He voiced concerns of the cost being charged to the residents and voiced concerns of resale of the property.

6.9 Dave Johnson, 34 Carleton Drive was present at the hearing objecting to the project. He expressed concerns of the decrease in value of the homes, location of the pathway and would have liked neighborhood involvement.

6.10 Barb Friesen, 33 Mooney Avenue was present at the hearing objecting to the project. She reiterated comments made by Mr. Jolicoeur. She asked if a future pathway would lead to Hespeler Street North.

6.11 Derek Belinsky, 53 Carleton Drive was present at the hearing objecting to the project. He voiced concerns that he did not have an opportunity to voice a prior opinion.

6.12 Lisa Clark, 18 Rams Gate was present at the hearing objecting to the project. She voiced concerns of the cost and the impact this extra fee would impose on the families in the neighborhood.

6.13 Shawn Harder, 6 Slater Place was present at the hearing objecting to the project voicing concerns of the cost of the project.

6.14 Edward Froese, 6 McFarlane Place was present at the hearing objecting to the project.

6.15 Len Letkeman, 74 Carleton Drive was present at the hearing objecting to the project. Voiced concerns of safety, and lighting should be included in the project.

6.16 Dean Buhler, 66 Carleton Drive was present at the hearing objecting to the cost of the project. He would be in favor of paying 1/4 of the fees charged.

6.17 Richard Martin, 30 Slater Place was present at the hearing objecting to the project.

6.18 Elma Friesen, 13 Rams Gate was present at the hearing objecting to the project. She expressed concerns of the cost of the project and this project would not increase the value of her property.

6.19 John Bekkering, 86 Carleton Drive was present at the hearing objecting to the project voicing concerns of the high cost. Mr. Bekkering provided comment and suggestions on possible alternatives.

6.20 Timo Bullert, 29 Slater Place was present at the hearing objecting to the project. He voiced concerns of the cost the project would cost.

6.21 Jesse Adams, 5 Slater Place was present at the hearing objecting to the project.

6.22 Christine Dean, 32 Mooney Avenue was present at the hearing objecting to the cost and project design. She voiced concerns of lighting and location.

6.23 Serge Jolicoeur, 126 Carleton Drive returned to the podium and voiced concerns of the project and reiterated that there are safety issues. He asked if there is any funding that the City could use toward this project to lower the cost impact on the neighborhood.

6.24 Arianna Derksen, 70 Carleton Drive was present at the hearing objecting to the project. She had questions regarding the trees along Park Road East and what kind of fence would be installed.

6.25 Joelle Wilcox, 6 Rams Gate was present at the hearing objecting to the project. She reiterated comments made by previous presenters.

6.26 Shannon Friesen, 9 Fairway Close and 94 Carleton Drive was present at the hearing objecting to the project. She voiced concerns of additional taxes for 2 properties.

6.27 There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 8:56 p.m.

7. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2132 Local Improvement Plan 2020-02, Clearspring Greens Pathway Construction.

8. AMENDED by Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach reduce the scope of the project with the following; that the pathway be of limestone, remove lighting component, request Manitoba Hydro to install lighting along Park Road East.

R20-003 9. Vote on AMENDMENT (Item No. 8)

-Defeated-
Voting in Favor: J. Siemens, J. Hiebert
Voting Against: D. Penner, M. Zwaagstra, S. Penner, B. Hiebert, E. Funk

R20-004 10. Vote on Original Motion (Item No. 7)

Carried-
Voting in Favor: D. Penner, M. Zwaagstra, S. Penner, B. Hiebert, E. Funk
Voting Against: J. Siemens, J. Hiebert

R20-005 11. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give second reading to By-Law 2132 Local Improvement Plan 2020-02, Clearspring Greens Pathway Construction.

-Carried-
Voting in Favor: D. Penner, M. Zwaagstra, S. Penner, B. Hiebert, E. Funk
Voting Against: J. Siemens, J. Hiebert

R20-006 12. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (December 31, 2019)	\$880,677.63
Payroll 26 (December 23, 2019)	\$208,821.23

-Un. Carried-

R20-007 13. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2136, being a Secondary Plan.

-Un. Carried-

R20-008 14. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2137, being a rezoning by-law.

-Un. Carried-

R20-009 15. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the building permits as issued during the month of December 2019 be accepted. (list attached)

-Un. Carried-

16. Councillor J. Siemens asked if under the City of Steinbach procedure By-Law 1809, was Council required to pass a resolution to proceed with the Council meeting after 2 hours?

16.1 Item 11. Regular Meeting

11.7 The council shall observe a curfew whereby the item on the agenda under discussion at 10:30 p.m. will be the last item dealt with on that day unless by majority vote the council decide to extend the time of adjournment. In any case, only one half-hour extension is allowed.

17. Minutes of the Jake Epp Library of November 20, 2019 were acknowledged. Received as information.

17.1 Councillor D. Penner provided that the Library Director, Carolyn Graham will be retiring at the end of January 2020. Chrystie Kroeker Boggs has been hired as the Library Director. Councillor D. Penner provided well wishes for Carolyn Graham and thanked her for her commitment to the Jake Epp Library.

18. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

Time of adjournment: 9:50 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager