

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
December 17, 2024

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 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 Jake Hiebert, Susan Penner, Michael Zwaagstra, Bill Hiebert, & Jac Siemens. Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, Manager, Corporate Services, Adam Thiessen, and City Clerk, Amanda Dubois.

3. Mayor Earl Funk opened the meeting.

R24-243 4. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Remove Item 8A: Southeast Event Centre Operating Agreement

-Un. Carried-

R24-244 5. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor B. Hiebert, RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 3, 2024, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-

R24-245 6. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that Councillor Damian Penner be excused from the meeting.

-Un. Carried-

7. Paul Gibson (Donkey) and Lyle Koop, on behalf of the Guardians of the Children, Steinbach attended the meeting as a delegation and provided the following:

7.1 Guardians of the Children is not appearing before council to ask for anything, but to educate and inform the community on what they do, which is work with children who have been sexually, physically or emotionally abused and who are involved in the legal system. They symbolically adopt a family and help them in any way they need. They will provide support to the family until the child is eighteen years old.

- They are a not-for-profit, 100% volunteer organization that's sole purpose is to help a child become a victor, not a victim. Their mission is to recognize and react to child abuse and educate the public to do the same. To serve as advocates to provide strength and stability to families in crisis and to be an answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen for courage, support and protection.

- There are approximately 7800 members in approximately 85 chapters throughout North America. Each member goes through stringent criminal/vulnerable sector checks and have received child abuse awareness training.

- As well as providing support during the judicial process, Guardians of the Children maintain ongoing relationships with the child and their family. Their needs are assessed, and arrangements are made to properly address any identified issues. They actively participate in their lives, attend birthday, graduations and other key milestones, doing what it takes to make them feel safe and in empowered in their own environment.

- Mr. Gibson explained that 1 in 4 children have been abused. Individuals can be given by becoming a GOC supporter, a sponsor or a member. If there are any families in the area that need support or if they can be connected with other organizations to give support they would love to help. They are currently helping 26 families and have 16 members.

7.2 Lyle Koop, a career teacher who worked within the Hanover School division for 37 years, shared his experiences working with the youth in the area, adult teen challenge and since joining Guardians of the Children. He stressed that working with affected youth early, and the ability to build them back up, gives them a better chance as adults.

7.3 Mr. Gibson returned to the podium to list some of the businesses they are working to partner with and encouraged everyone to help out in any way they can, by becoming a member, an advocate or a supporter.

8. Mayor Funk thanked Mr. Gibson and Mr. Koop for their presentation, information and for filling a much-needed gap with their organization's support.

9. Troy Warkentin, City Manager presented a report on the RM of Hanover proposed By-Law 2578-24.

9.1 Mr. Warkentin provided that in the summer of 2024, the RM of Hanover considered an application for subdivision under 4135-24-8943 to subdivide the subject property, located north of Steinbach City limits and along PTH 12 North, which the City of Steinbach provided comments and filed its objection to the proposed application. RM of Hanover Council approved the subdivision.

9.2 Rezoning application By-Law 2578-24 is a further proposed change to the land use policies affecting the same parcel of land. Administration feels that the previous subdivision and the proposed rezoning are both inconsistent with the provisions of the RM of Hanover Development Plan, Provincial Land Use Policies, and the joint Steinbach/Hanover Annexation Agreement, which was entered into July 21, 2015.

9.3 Mr. Warkentin was prepared to answer questions of council.

R24-246 10. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach authorize the filing of a formal objection to proposed RM of Hanover rezoning By-law 2578-24.
-Un. Carried-

R24-247 11. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (December 11, 2024)	\$	3,253,221.33
Bi-Weekly Pay Period No. 25 (December 3, 2024)	\$	322,229.65
Monthly Pay Period No. 12 (December 6, 2024)	\$	57,800.45

-Un. Carried-

R24-248 12. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending November 30, 2024, be accepted.
-Un. Carried-

R24-249 13. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2259, being the Administrative Penalty by-law.
-Un. Carried-

R24-250 14. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that building permits as issued during the month of November 2024 be accepted. (list attached)
-Un. Carried-

R24-251 15. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the following business licences. (list attached)
-Un. Carried-

R24-252 16. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the Minor Subdivision applications as issued by the Planning and Zoning Department from July 1- December 10, 2024. (list attached)
-Un. Carried-

R24-253 17. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the Minor Variance applications as issued by the Planning and Zoning Department from July 1 - December 10, 2024. (list attached)
-Un. Carried-

R24-254 18. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the 2025 Fee Schedule be accepted as presented.

-Un. Carried-

R24-255 19. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2256, being a Debt Issue by-law.

-Un. Carried-

R24-256 20. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give second reading to By-Law 2256, being a Debt Issue by-law.

-Un. Carried-

21. Correspondence and a grant request from the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba were acknowledged.
Received as information.

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

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment: 8:35 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager