

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
April 2, 2024

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, April 2, 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 Damian Penner, Jake Hiebert, Bill Hiebert, Michael Zwaagstra & Jac Siemens. Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, Manager, Corporate Services, Adam Thiessen, and City Clerk, Amanda Dubois.
3. Councillor M. Zwaagstra opened the meeting.
- R24-070 4. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.

-Un. Carried-
- R24-071 5. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 19, 2024, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-
- R24-072 6. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that Councillor S. Penner be excused from the meeting.

-Un. Carried-
7. Council Meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Mayor Funk. Public hearing was to consider the City of Steinbach 2024 Financial Plan.
- 7.1 Brian Hrehirchuk, Senior Manager, Finance, presented the 2024 Financial Plan. Mr. Hrehirchuk provided information on the annual budget cycle and that City Council, Management and staff have been working on the budget for several months, with Council providing comments at the final review in November.
- 7.2 Mr. Hrehirchuk presented the budget proposing a municipal property tax rate of 14.4 mills for 2024.
- 7.3 Mr. Hrehirchuk provided information on what to expect for 2024 Expenses Programs and Projects and Debt that make up the 2024 budget:
 - \$46.1 million for new capital improvements:
 - Events Centre Construction
 - \$16.5 million capital renewal program for the replacement of equipment and infrastructure:
 - Loewen Boulevard and PTH 12 North Intersection
 - Hanover Street upgrade
- 7.4 Mr. Hrehirchuk provided that the City of Steinbach is in receipt of the Notice of Tax requirements for the Hanover School Division in accordance with Section 187 of The Public Schools Act, under Section 188 for 2024 the amount to be raised by tax levy is \$15,120,196.00.
- 7.5 Mr. Hrehirchuk provided that the City of Steinbach is in receipt of the Notice of Tax requirements for the Manitoba Education and Training - 2024 Education Support Levy in accordance with sections 182 and 183 of The Public Schools Act, 2024 Other Property to be raised by tax levy is \$3,246,419.00.
- 7.6 Mr. Hrehirchuk stated that there was strong development in 2023 and property value growth of 4.4%. Supplementary property taxes of \$675,000.00, a 4.6 million provincial per capita tax sharing grant and Federal Gas Tax Grant \$890,500.00 are expected.
- 7.7 Mr. Hrehirchuk provided a long-term overview for expected requirements in future years.

- 7.8 Mr. Hrehirchuk completed his presentation at 7:46 p.m.
- 7.9 Mr. Hrehirchuk was prepared to answer questions of council.
- 7.10 There was no one present with questions or concerns at the meeting.
- 7.11 Mayor Funk thanked Mr. Hrehirchuk for a well-prepared presentation.
- 7.12 There being no further discussion the Public Hearing closed and the Council meeting re-opened 7:47 p.m., and the following resolutions resulted.

R24-073 8. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Hiebert
WHEREAS Section 162 of The Municipal Act, SM 1996, c.58 states:
“Every council must adopt a financial plan for each fiscal year in a form approved by the minister and consisting of (a) an operating budget; (b) a capital budget; (c) an estimate of operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year; and (d) a five-year capital expenditure program.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the financial plan for the City of Steinbach for the year 2024 as set out in the manner and form approved by the Minister be and the same is hereby adopted, and that the said plan information shall be incorporated in and form part of the 2024 Tax Levy By-Law.

-Un. Carried-

9. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 8:01 p.m., by Mayor Earl Funk. Public Hearing was to consider Subdivision 4451-2021-8575.

Subdivision 4451-2021-8575

Owner: 10104053 Manitoba Ltd.
Applicant: HTFC Planning and Design
Civic Address: 195 Park Road West
Legal: Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 15225

Purpose of Subdivision 4451-2021-8575: To allow for the creation of one additional lot and to widen Blind Creek Boulevard to create a turning circle.

9.1 Troy Warkentin, City Manager, introduced Subdivision 4451-2021-8575, and reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.

9.2 The applicant was not present at the public hearing.

9.3 There was no one present at the public hearing with questions or concerns.

9.4 There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 8:03 p.m.

R24-074 10. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor B. Hiebert
RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve application for subdivision 4451-2021-8575 as applied for by HTFC Planning and Design, on behalf of the owners 10104053 Manitoba Ltd.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve the road widening of Blind Creek Boulevard;

-Un. Carried-

11. Delegation: R.C.M.P. Staff Sergeant, Guy Landreville and Heidi Harder-Falk, Headway Program was present at the meeting.

11.1 Staff Sergeant Landreville reviewed statistics from 2022 to 2023, highlighting the following:

- Traffic accidents and impaired infractions have shown an increase.
- Provincial traffic offenses such as speeding, street racing, noise have resulted in fines, suspensions and vehicle impoundment continues to be enforced. The dedicated traffic member is making an impact and suggest a second dedicated member would be even more effective. He confirmed that the numbers for 2024 will continue to increase from 2023.

- The traffic division continues to work out the detachment. He will send requests and they will attend to specific areas, but their main focus continues to be as previously outlined.

- Break and Enter and Mischief to Property has had a significant increase. Addiction to substances such as methamphetamine can drive individuals to commit crimes such as break and enters and theft to support their habits. The revolving door system often fails to address the root cause of these behaviors, resulting in individuals cycling in and out of the criminal justice system without receiving the help they need.

- The Headway Program provides support and resources to individuals aiming to break the cycle of addiction driven crime and helps these individuals rebuild their lives.

11.2 Staff Sergeant Landreville outlined and elaborated on the Council policing priorities and performance plan for 2023-2024 and proposed for 2024-2025.

- a. Communication - Visibility of Police
- b. Crime Reduction - Organized Crime
- c. Crime Reduction - Property Crimes/Break and Enters/Vandalism
- d. Crime Reduction - Traffic
- e. Respectful Workplace

11.3 Mayor Funk thanked the Staff Sergeant for his report and for working together with council to provide a safe community.

11.4 Heidi Harder-Falk, Youth Co-Ordinator, Headway Program, located at the Steinbach RCMP detachment at 100 PTH 12 North and provided the following:

- The youth program works with clients ages 12-19, with the adult restart program, led by Brenda Brown, working with clients ages 18 and older for justice involved adults.

- They partner with the RCMP, Probation Services, Shared Health, (including the Addictions Foundation), Southern Health (including Community Health), the Hanover School Division and Child and Family Services along with other community services.

- They provide a support team who work with the client to deal with substance abuse and mental health issues. Clients are supported and held accountable.

- They have seen a 98% reduction in youth involvement with the justice system after being involved with the program.

- They also work within the community to take preventative or early intervention measures such as the Community Safety and Wellbeing Initiative, Steinbach Alternative Justice Committee and parent support groups.

11.5 Mayor Funk thanked Ms. Harder-Falk for working together with the R.C.M.P. to provide support to the youth of the community.

R24-075 12. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the policing priorities be approved for 2024-2025 as outlined in the presentation by R.C.M.P. Staff Sergeant Landreville.

-Un. Carried-

R24-076 13. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve the purchase of a new 624 John Deere loader from Brandt Tractor Ltd. at a cost of \$358,000.00 (plus applicable taxes).

-Un. Carried-

R24-077 14. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (March 26, 2024)	\$	4,585,623.53
Bi-weekly Pay Period No. 07 (March 26, 2024)	\$	280,409.87

-Un. Carried-

R24-078 15. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the following approved excavator's licence as issued by the Operations Department.

Lic. No. 2024-11- Valard Construction - Alex Grenier - Utilities

-Un. Carried-

R24-079 16. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 2242, being a street renaming by-law.

-Un. Carried-

17. Minutes of the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District of February 20, 2024 were acknowledged.

Received as information.

18. Minutes of the Jake Epp Library of December 20, 2023, January 24, 2024 and February 21, 2024 were acknowledged.

Received as information.

19. Correspondence and 2023 Final Operating Grant payment (\$15,000.00) from the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations - Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation program was acknowledged.

Received as information.

20. Correspondence and a Recycling Rebate for July 1 - December 31, 2023 (\$46,412.26) from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change was acknowledged.

Received as information.

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

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment: 8:41 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager