

CITY OF STEINBACH
Special Council Meeting
July 14, 2010

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at City of Steinbach Council Chambers.

2. Mayor Chris Goertzen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with the following members of Council present: Councillors Michael Zwaagstra, Abe Hiebert, Art Rempel, Jac Siemens and Roy Enns. Also present: City Manager, Jack Kehler and City Secretary, Wendi Friesen.

3. The Special Council Meeting had been called in accordance with City of Steinbach Procedure By-Law 1809.

R10-180 4. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Rempel
WHEREAS the City of Steinbach has had an effective program of mosquito control through larviciding and the reduction in standing water that has served its citizens well.

AND WHEREAS the City of Steinbach has experienced a serious spike in nuisance mosquitoes, making it difficult for many residents to participate in outdoor activities;

AND WHEREAS the spraying of adulticide is a generally accepted way of temporarily controlling the mosquito population in a specific location for a period of three to five days.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach authorize the use of adulticiding when staff believes that mosquito levels have reached the point where it is warranted.

a) The guidelines used by staff to make this determination shall closely parallel those currently in place in the City of Winnipeg. Factors considered will include, but not be limited to: weekly mosquito trap counts, presence of culex tarsalis mosquitoes, soil saturation levels, estimated larvae development levels, and citizen complaints.

b) This policy will be in place on an interim basis in 2010 and staff will bring forward a more detailed set of proposed adulticiding criteria and an evaluation of more environmentally sustainable alternatives for consideration by Council no later than March 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach respect the minimum provincial requirements as it pertains to buffer zones for anyone who registers their address with the appropriate authority and that the City also respects a 200 metre buffer zone around any apiary that registers with the City of Steinbach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach clearly inform the public through the local media prior to the commencement of adulticiding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expenditure allocation for adulticiding in 2010 shall not exceed \$7,500.00.

- Carried -

Voting in favour: M. Zwaagstra, A. Rempel, A. Hiebert, C. Goertzen

Voting against: J. Siemens, R. Enns

5. Councillor Enns, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

- Un. Carried -

Time of adjournment: 9:35 a.m.

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Mayor

City Manager