

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
January 3, 2012

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at City of Steinbach Council Chambers.

2. Mayor Chris Goertzen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following members of Council present: Councillors Michael Zwaagstra, Jac Siemens, John Fehr, Earl Funk, Cari Penner and Susan Penner. Also present: City Manager, Jack Kehler and City Clerk, Deb Rempel.

3. Councillor John Fehr opened the meeting.

R12-1 4. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Amendment: Public Hearing regarding By-Law 1954

- Un. Carried -

R12-2 5. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor C. Penner RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 20th, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be approved as amended. Amendment being 7.4 should read January 3, 2012.

-Un. Carried-

6. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Mayor Goertzen. Public Hearing was to consider By-Law 1954, being a rezoning by-law.

7. By-Law 1954

Intent: To rezone part (Lot 3, Plan 18574) of the property from "M1" Light Industrial Zone to "M2" Heavy Industrial Zone.

7.1 Public Hearing was adjourned until City of Steinbach receives a report from the Community Planning Branch.

8. Council meeting re-opened at 7:37 p.m.

9. Mayor's Task Force on Public Safety committee appeared before Council at 7:38 p.m.

Members of the Task Force were Councillor Michael Zwaagstra - Chair, Councillor Cari Penner - Vice-chair, Berny Hiebert - former Steinbach Regional Secondary High School principal, Trevor Arsenaault - Social Worker, Rueben Singh - Youth ministry, Director of U-Turn Housing program.

Councillor Michael Zwaagstra and Councillor Cari Penner spoke on behalf of the committee.

Councillor Zwaagstra introduced the report. The recommendations of the committee were focused equally on policing and crime prevention. The following six items were highlights of the recommendations:

Policing

1. Council should consider establishing a police reporting board or commission to provide direct feedback to the RCMP Staff Sergeant. The board could consist of two members of Council and three members from the general public appointed by Council.

2. Council should seek to reduce the ratio of officers per capita from the current 1/1000 to 1/800 within the next three years. To do this, Council should consider adding two RCMP officers in 2012, two in 2013 and an additional two in 2014. The initial two officers would be allocated for the purpose of creating a permanent GIS unit in Steinbach.

3. Council should seriously investigate the feasibility of establishing a Municipal Police force by the time the City's population reaches 15,000. The first step would be to commission a formal third-party study of the initial start-up costs and transition process for setting up a City Police force. This study should be completed by the end of 2012. If this study shows that a Municipal Police force is feasible, Council should begin placing the necessary funding into a protective services reserve fund to cover start-up costs when the force is established.

Crime Prevention

4. Council should establish a small fund for the purpose of providing recognition and incentives to people who volunteer with COPP.

5. Council needs to promote awareness of various organizations providing social support in Steinbach. It should also consider specific ways in which it can provide assistance to those working at-risk persons. (i.e. recognizing volunteers, lobbying the Provincial and Federal Governments and putting information on the City's website).

6. The City of Steinbach should begin the process of implementing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the future development of the City. As part of this process, the following steps should be taken:

a) Train two or three staff members of CPTED and designate one City staff member as the lead person on this file.

b) Council should express its support for eventually incorporating CPTED on the Official Community Plan, Zoning By-law and other relevant planning documents.

c) The City should be guided by principles of CPTED as training and education occurs among City staff, in response to rapid growth and development.

Councillor Zwaagstra thanked the members of the Safety Task Force committee for the time they gave in attending meetings and thanked members of the public for feedback provided to the committee. There were approximately 14 representatives in attendance for the delegation, as well attending was Laurie McLean - COPP Co-ordinator, Randy Hildebrand - Steinbach Task Force on Drugs and Irene Kroeker - Community Outreach worker.

Mayor Goertzen thanked Councillor Zwaagstra and Councillor Cari Penner and the committee for all the work, time and effort involved in compiling the report. Recommendations will be reviewed. Delegation completed report to Council at 8:15 p.m.

10. City Manager, Jack Kehler, reported that he had attended The Highway Traffic Board hearing regarding the speed zone reduction along Hespeler Street North. There was representation from Hanover School Division at the hearing. A decision from the Highway Traffic board should be received in two to three weeks.

R12-3 11. Councillor Fehr, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Disbursements (Dec 14/11)	\$1,107,959.21
Payroll (Dec 23/11)	\$27,498.72
Payroll (Dec 23/11)	\$142,641.05

- Un. Carried -

12. Correspondence was acknowledged from the Hanover Soccer Club, regarding Field Turf Artificial Grass. Received as information. To be reviewed at summer study session.

13. Correspondence was acknowledged from Minister of Public Safety. Received as information.

14. Other business was to review grant applications for grant funding for 2012.

R12-4 15. Anna's House Inc.
Request for 2012: \$16,501.00

15.1 Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach not approve a grant to Anna's House for 2012.

-Un. Carried-

16. Bethesda Wellness Inc
Request for 2012: \$20,000.00

R12-5 16.1 Councillor Fehr, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach provide a grant to the Bethesda Wellness Inc., in the amount of \$20,00.00, for 2012.

-Un. Carried-

17. Eastman Education Centre
Request for 2012: \$88,000.00

R12-6 17.1 Councillor C. Penner, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach not approve a grant to Eastman Education Centre for 2012.

-Un. Carried-

18. Eden East Inc.
Request for 2012: \$20,000.00

R12-7 18.1 Councillor Siemens, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach not approve a grant to Eden East Inc.

-Un. Carried-

19. enVision Community Living
Request for 2012: \$40,000.00

R12-8 19.1 Councillor C. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach provide a grant to enVision Community Living in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 2012.

19.2 Motion lost due to no seconder.

R12-9 19.3 Councillor Siemens, Councillor C. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach provide a grant to enVision Community Living in the amount of \$10,000.00 for 2012.

-Motion Defeated-

Voting in Favor: J. Siemens, C. Penner, C. Goertzen
Voting Against: E. Funk, J. Fehr, S. Penner, M. Zwaagstra

R12-10 19.4 Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach not approve a grant to enVision Community Living.

-Carried-

Voting in Favor: S. Penner, J. Fehr, E. Funk, M. Zwaagstra
Voting Against: C. Goertzen, J. Siemens, C. Penner

20. Happy Feet Early Learning Center Inc.
Request for 2012: Not stated

R12-11 20.1 Councillor S. Penner, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach not approve a grant to Happy Feet Early Learning Centre.

-Un. Carried-

- R12-12 21. Councillor Siemens, Councillor C. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach confirm a one-time capital grant approved on December 8, 2009 to the Happy Feet Early Learning Centre, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be allocated from the Committed Expenditure Reserve.

-Un. Carried-

22. KidSport Manitoba - Eastman Region
Request for 2012: \$100.00

- R12-13 22.1 Councillor C. Penner, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach provide a grant to Kidsport in the amount of \$100.00 for 2012.

-Carried-

Voting in Favor: C. Penner, J. Siemens, C. Goertzen, E. Funk
Voting Against: S. Penner, J. Fehr, M. Zwaagstra

23. Mennonite Heritage Village (Canada) Inc.
Request for 2012: \$77,250.00

- R12-14 23.1 Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach provide a grant to the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum in the amount of \$70,000.00 for 2012.

- 23.2 Motion lost due to no seconder.

- R12-15 23.3 Councillor C. Penner, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach provide a grant to the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum in the amount of \$50,000.00 for 2012.

-Carried-

Voting in Favor: C. Penner, M. Zwaagstra, S. Penner, E. Funk
Voting Against: J. Siemens, J. Fehr, C. Goertzen

24. Opening Doors to Success Inc.
Request for 2012: \$2,000.00

- R12-16 24.1 Councillor Fehr, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach not approve a grant to Open Doors to Success Inc.

-Un. Carried-

25. Royal Canadian Legion Steinbach Branch #190
Request for 2012: \$6,000.00 (In Lieu of Municipal Taxes)

- R12-17 25.1 Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve a grant to the Royal Canadian Legion Steinbach Branch #190 for Grant in Lieu of Municipal Taxes up to \$6,000.00 for 2012.

-Un. Carried-

26. South East Helping Hands Inc.
Request for 2012: \$75,000.00

- R12-18 26.1 Councillor Fehr, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve a grant to South East Helping Hands Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 2012.

-Motion Defeated-

Voting in Favor: C. Goertzen, J. Fehr, E. Funk
Voting Against: J. Siemens, C. Penner, S. Penner, M. Zwaagstra

- R12-19 26.2 Councillor S. Penner, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach not approve a grant to South East Helping Hands Inc.

-Motion Defeated-
Voting in Favor: S. Penner, M. Zwaagstra, C. Penner
Voting Against: C. Goertzen, J. Fehr, E. Funk, J. Siemens

R12-20 26.3 Councillor Siemens, Councillor Fehr RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve a grant to South East Helping Hands Inc. for a Grant in Lieu of Municipal Taxes up to \$5,000.00 for 2012.

-Carried-
Voting in Favor: C. Goertzen, J. Siemens, E. Funk, J. Fehr
Voting Against: C. Penner, S. Penner, M. Zwaagstra

27. Steinbach 55 Plus (Serving Seniors Inc.)
Request for 2012: \$10,000.00

R12-21 27.1 Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor C. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach not approve a grant to Steinbach Serving Seniors Inc.

-Carried-
Voting in Favor: M. Zwaagstra, S. Penner, E. Funk C. Penner
Voting Against: C. Goertzen, J. Siemens, J. Fehr

28. Steinbach Alternative Justice Committee
Request for 2012: \$200.00

R12-22 28.1 Councillor Siemens, Councillor Funk RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve a grant to Steinbach Alternative Justice Committee in the amount of \$200.00 for 2012.

-Un. Carried-

29. Steinbach Curling Club
Request for 2012: \$3,900.00 (In Lieu of Municipal Taxes)

R12-23 29.1 Councillor C. Penner, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve a grant to the Steinbach Curling Club for Grant in Lieu of Municipal Taxes up to \$3,900.00 for 2012.

-Un. Carried-

30. Youth for Christ (Steinbach) Inc.
Request for 2012: \$9,000.00 (In Lieu of Municipal Taxes)

R12-24 30.1 Councillor S. Penner, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve a grant to Youth for Christ (Steinbach) Inc. for Grant in Lieu of Municipal Taxes up to \$4,000.00

-Un. Carried-

31. Councillor Fehr, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

- Un. Carried -

Time of adjournment: 8:50 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager