

# CITY OF STEINBACH

## Regular Council Meeting

December 16th, 2008

### MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, December 16th, 2008, 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, Art Rempel, Roy Enns, Abe Hiebert, Elbert Toews and Jac Siemens. Also present: City Manager, Jack Kehler; City Treasurer, Troy Warkentin and City Secretary, Wendi Friesen.

3. Councillor Enns opened the meeting.

R08-254 4. Councillor Enns, Councillor Siemens RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as presented.

- Un. Carried -

R08-255 5. Councillor Toews, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 2nd, 2008 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as circulated.

- Un. Carried -

R08-256 6. Councillor Zwaagstra, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 1859, being a by-law amending the Zoning By-Law.

- Un. Carried -

7. Council Meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Mayor Goertzen. Public Hearing was to consider application for Conditional Use CU-08-08.

7.1 CU-08-08 - 261 Main Street  
Evangeline's Flower Hut

Purpose: To construct an addition to the rear of the existing building, consisting of a two car garage and a residential suite, in "C2" Central Commercial Zone.

No objections had been received and no one was present.

There being no further discussion, Council Meeting re-opened and the following resolution resulted.

- R08-257 8. Councillor Toews, Councillor Enns RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve application for Conditional Use CU-08-08.

- Un. Carried -

9. A “2012 Manitoba Summer Games” Bid Committee appeared before Council at 7:45 p.m. The delegation consisted of Trish Enns, Michelle Sawatzky, Jason Peters (Parks & Rec), Russ Dyck (Parks & Rec Dept Head), and James & Adeline Loewen.

9.1 Committee spokesperson, Trish Enns, highlighted the following:

- Manitoba Summer Games is the province’s largest participation event
- The Games would be held in July, 2012, with province-wide media coverage
- Would expect approx 1800 athletes and coaches to live in Steinbach for one week. Age group of participants is 11-16 years old.
- 900 volunteers would be required
- A similar presentation will be made to the Hanover School Division for use of its facilities
- A City grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 would allow for two matching grants, all designated towards the upgrading of facilities
- Pinawa has indicated it would provide the sailing venue. All other facilities would be available in Steinbach for archery, baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, cycling, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, track & field and triathlon.

9.2 Michelle Sawatzky briefly spoke on the benefits of the Manitoba Summer Games, in that it provided an excellent opportunity for youth in the region to compete locally, and move on to competing in other areas of the Province in the future.

9.3 Russ Dyck, Parks & Rec Dept Head, spoke briefly in terms of the City facilities and required upgrades.

9.4 The timetable of the Bid Committee was as follows:

- January / 09 - bid applications available
- April / 09 - bid applications due
- August / 09 - official announcement

9.5 The committee was requesting the following:

- City of Steinbach support of the bid to host the 2012 Manitoba Summer Games
- \$75,000.00 grant (required in 2010)

Mayor Goertzen thanked the delegation for the presentation and they left the meeting at 8:05 p.m. A resolution for Council's consideration will be presented at the January 6th or 20th meeting.

- R08-258 10. Councillor Toews, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Disbursements (Dec 11) \$ 509,241.20

- Un. Carried -

- R08-259 11. Councillor Rempel, Councillor Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give second reading to Plan of Works By-Law 1862.

- Un. Carried -

- R08-260 12. Councillor Toews, Councillor Enns RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to Plan of Works By-Law 1862.

- Un. Carried -

- R08-261 13. Councillor Hiebert, Councillor Toews RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 1861, being a rezoning by-law.

- Un. Carried -

- R08-262 14. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Enns RESOLVED that the Street Lighting Contract presently in force between the City of Steinbach and Manitoba Hydro, be amended as follows:

Install 10 - 150 watt luminaries on 3m arm light standards (shared) on Acres Drive.

Operating cost: \$1,042.50/year

- Un. Carried -

15. Correspondence was acknowledged from Charles Loewen, Board Chair of the Steinbach Campus Foundation, requesting Council's consideration in swapping a ten acre parcel of land owned by the SCF, with land owned by the City north of the Heritage Cemetery. The request is due to pending developments on the SCF campus.

The following resolution resulted.

- R08-263 16. Councillor Rempel, Councillor Hiebert RESOLVED that the City Manager be instructed to further investigate (2009 budget) the possibility of swapping a parcel of land presently owned by the Steinbach Campus Foundation, in exchange for land designated for the Heritage Cemetery.

- Un. Carried -

17. Correspondence was acknowledged from the Minister of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport, advising the City of a \$3,612.48 grant payable to the Jake Epp Library through the Rural Library Technological Sustainability Grant program.

18. Correspondence was acknowledged from Mr. Gordon Barkman, regarding the sale of land to the City in 1973, for the development of the L.A. Barkman Park. The letter acknowledges that the conditions of the sale were by verbal agreement, however, the writer was concerned that the City was now considering selling a portion of the park for development and commercial gain.

This letter was in reference to a "Request for Proposals" that the City released, for the residential development of a two acre strip of land along the north boundary of L.A. Barkman Park, fronting the extension of Woodhaven Avenue. The intent of the residential development was to off-set costs of constructing the Woodhaven Avenue extension.

Mr. Barkman was present at the meeting, strongly urging Council to consider the arrangement made in 1973 and leave the park as recreational.

There was a lengthy discussion, particularly with regard to the fact that there was no written agreement on file outlining any conditions, and no caveat was registered against the title.

The following resolution resulted.

- R08-264 19. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Rempel RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach extend the deadline for the "Request for Proposal for Woodhaven Avenue" to March 30, 2009.

- Motion Defeated -

Voting in favour: J. Siemens, A. Rempel, A. Hiebert

Voting against: R. Enns, M. Zwaagstra, C. Goertzen, E. Toews

20. Correspondence was acknowledged from Ronald Dyck, Program Director / Housing Resources Coordinator of Eden East, requesting Council's consideration in establishing a Mayor's Task Force to address the issue of low-income housing in the City of Steinbach.

General consensus was that the matter be referred to a future Strategic Priorities Committee Meeting, or the January Study Session for discussion.

21. Correspondence was acknowledged from Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs regarding Public Utilities Board Order 151/08 setting out revised financial reporting requirements for water and/or sewer utilities. Received as information only.

22. Councillor Siemens, Councillor Enns RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

- Un. Carried -

Time of adjournment: 9:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Manager