

CITY OF STEINBACH  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 06, 2023

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, June 06, 2023 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 Jac Siemens, Damian Penner, Jake Hiebert, Bill Hiebert, and Michael Zwaagstra. Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, Manager, Corporate Services, Adam Thiessen and City Clerk, Amanda Dubois.
3. Mayor Earl Funk opened the meeting.
- R23-103 4. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.  
-Un. Carried-
- R23-104 5. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be approved.  
-Un. Carried-
- R23-105 6. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that Councillor S. Penner be excused from the meeting.
- R23-106 7. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (May 31, 2023)	\$ 3,109,112.95
Bi-weekly Pay Period No. 11 (May 24, 2023)	\$ 312,471.44

  
-Un. Carried-
- R23-107 8. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending January 31, 2023 be accepted.  
-Un. Carried-
- R23-108 9. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending February 28, 2023 be accepted.  
-Un. Carried-
- R23-109 10. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending March 31, 2023 be accepted.  
-Un. Carried-
- R23-110 11. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending April 30, 2023 be accepted.  
-Un. Carried-
- R23-111 12. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the following approved excavator's licence as issued by the Operations Department.  

Lic. No. 23-12 - OB1 Contracting Ltd. - Michael O'Brien - Utilities

  
-Un. Carried-

- R23-112 13. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the December 31, 2022 Audited Financial Reports as prepared by Reid and Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc. be accepted.
- Un. Carried-
- R23-113 14. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve application for Subdivision 4451-2023-8820 as applied for by Jack Kehler on behalf of Reimer Agencies Ltd.
- Un. Carried-
- R23-114 15. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach deny application for Subdivision 4451-2023-8813 as applied for by Greg and Raschel Loeppky.
- Un. Carried-
- R23-115 16. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to Official Community Plan By-Law 2211.
- Un. Carried-
- R23-116 17. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to rezoning By-Law 2212, subject to the execution of a Development Agreement.
- Un. Carried-
- R23-117 18. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to rezoning By-Law 2213, subject to the execution of a Development Agreement.
- Un. Carried-
19. Correspondence and a request for support from the City of Winkler regarding a Building Sustainable Communities Program was acknowledged with the following resolution.
- R23-118 20. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor D. Penner
- WHEREAS The Building Sustainable Communities Program was developed to foster thriving and sustainable communities, help provide a high quality of life for Manitobans by responding to neighbourhood, municipal and regional priorities and strengthen the non-profit sector and promotes capacity, sustainability, and resilience in our communities;
- AND WHEREAS The Building Sustainable Communities Program currently requires applicants to match eligible BSC project funding on a 50% basis including 10% from non-government funding sources for all projects except planning projects. (Provincial funding includes support provided by any provincial department or agency including Manitoba Hydro, organizations funded by the Province such as School Divisions, as well as the Trails Manitoba Grant Programs);
- AND WHEREAS Municipal governments have limited revenue sources outside of government funds. The 10% nongovernmental funding requirement of this program creates barriers to municipalities seeking funds to improve the quality of life for Manitobans and discourages municipalities from submitting applications;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to eliminate the 10% non-government funding criteria from the 2023 Building Sustainable Communities Program.
- Un. Carried-
21. Correspondence and a request for support regarding the Fair Allocation of the Costs of Policing were acknowledged resulting from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Cities Caucus on April 4, 2023.
- Received as information.

22. Correspondence and a request for support regarding an Emergency Medical Service Responsibilities resolution were acknowledged resulting from a meeting of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Cities Caucus on April 4, 2023 with the following resolution.

- R23-119 23. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Siemens  
WHEREAS Manitoba Municipalities have identified an increasing amount of “lift-assist” calls coming to municipal fire departments; and  
WHEREAS a “lift-assist” call requires municipally funded fire response personnel and equipment to attend and provide services when emergency medical service (EMS) responders lack the available resources to lift a patient for transport; and  
WHEREAS lifting and mobilizing a patient for transport is a core function and responsibility of emergency medical services; and  
WHEREAS emergency medical services are a responsibility of the Province of Manitoba via Shared Health; and  
WHEREAS municipalities are not responsible for the delivery of health care services, including EMS response; and  
WHEREAS attendance at “lift-assist” calls is increasingly becoming a financial and human resource burden on municipalities;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to end the practice of “lift-assist” calls, which is downloading EMS responsibilities on to municipal fire departments and transferring the costs of this health care service onto municipalities.

- R23-120 24. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the Mayor’s Library Board appointment of Walter Fast be ratified.

-Un. Carried-

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

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment: 8:17 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Manager