

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
October 7, 2025

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 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 Jake Hiebert, Susan Penner, Damian Penner, Michael Zwaagstra, Bill Hiebert & Jac Siemens. Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, Manager, Corporate Services, Adam Thiessen and City Clerk, Amanda Dubois.
3. Councillor Jac Siemens opened the meeting.
- R25-185 4. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.

-Un. Carried-
- R25-186 5. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the minutes of September 16, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-
6. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:37 p.m., by Mayor Earl Funk. Public Hearing was to consider Variance V-2025-30.

Variance V-2025-30
Owner: Brian & Irma Esau
Applicant: Christopher Ford
Civic Address: 53 Grandview Drive
Legal: Lot 17, Block 1, Plan 56283

Purpose: To permit a rear setback of 0.25 feet for a pool. whereas Zoning By-Law 2100 requires a minimum setback of 5 feet.
- 6.1 Troy Warkentin, City Manager, introduced Variance V-2025-30, reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.
- 6.2 Troy Warkentin, City Manager provided there was no written correspondence on file.
- 6.3 The owner, Brian Esau, 53 Grandview Drive, was present and provided the following:
 - The property was purchased on September 1, 2025. During the purchase process, a zoning memorandum was requested, at which time the setback error was discovered.
 - The setback does not infringe in anyway as there is a swale and park behind the property.
- 6.4 Karen Kovack , 102 4th Street East, Landmark, on behalf of the applicant, Christopher Ford was present and provided the following:
 - Her son had filled out all the forms, applied and was approved. After the pool was installed, it was inspected and passed. The property backs onto an open area and should not infringe on anyone.
- 6.5 There was no one present at the public hearing with questions or concerns.
7. There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 7:39 p.m.
- R25-187 8. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approve Variance V-2025-30.

-Un. Carried-

R25-188 9. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (October 1, 2025)	\$	3,020,122.79
Bi-Weekly Pay Period No. 20 (September 23, 2025)	\$	316,889.04

-Un. Carried-

R25-189 10. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending August 31, 2025 be accepted.

-Un. Carried-

R25-190 11. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2267, being a Plan of Works by-law.

-Un. Carried-

R25-191 12. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach re-appoint Reid & Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc. as the City Auditor for a one-year term (2025) in the estimated amount of \$62,000.00 (plus applicable taxes).

-Un. Carried-

R25-192 13. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the building permits as issued during the month of September 2025 be accepted. (list attached)

-Un. Carried-

14. Minutes of the Jake Epp Library of January 15, 2025, March 19, 2025, May 20, 2025, June 11, 2025 and September 10, 2025 were acknowledged.
Received as information.

15. Councillor J. Siemens highlighted several areas of the Jake Epp Library Summer Usage Library Usage Snapshot including the circulation rate on Saturdays at 163 items per hour with two staff at the circulation desk. He provided it had been extremely busy this past summer.

16. Correspondence from the Jake Epp Library Summer Surge was acknowledged.
Received as information.

17. Correspondence and the final 2025 Municipal Operating Grant Payment (\$542,952.29) from the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations was acknowledged.
Received as information.

18. Correspondence and resolution request to increase the Manitoba Water Services Board capital budget from Manitoba Municipal Administrators were acknowledged.

R25-193 19. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, S. Penner

WHEREAS the vast majority of Manitoba municipalities are in dire need of the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) financial, professional, and/or related subject matter expertise assistance for every aspect of water and wastewater projects and initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the provincial economy, municipal residential and commercial growth, community development opportunities, climate resiliency, public health, and convergent federal or provincial programs are at serious risk of being postponed, cancelled, or sub optimally advanced because the MWSB is critically oversubscribed with projects and at current funding levels has a seriously compromised financial capability to complete even a fraction of the queued projects required to drive local prosperity, health, safety and liveability;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the City of Steinbach fully supports an immediate annual increase to the MWSB’s capital budget, beginning in 2026, to \$100 million from its current \$24 million.

-Un. Carried-

- 20. Minutes of the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District of August 19, 2025 were acknowledged.
Received as information.

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

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment 8:04 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager