

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
November 4, 2025

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, November 4, 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, Senior Manager, Corporate Services, Adam Thiessen and City Clerk, Amanda Dubois.
3. Councillor Bill Hiebert opened the meeting.
- R25-207 4. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted, as amended:

Add Item 9E Road Widening By-Law 2269 Friesen Avenue 2nd & 3rd Reading.

-Un. Carried-
- R25-208 5. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the minutes of October 21, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-
6. Adam Thiessen, Senior Manager, Corporate Services, presented an update on the contracted security program.
 - At the public meeting held on June 17, Council authorized administration to explore and procure contracted security services to enhance monitoring and deter criminal activity within the City.
 - Steinbach Security Services was subsequently contracted to deliver services on a pilot project basis, operating month-to-month beginning July 2 and continuing to November 25, 2025.
 - Funding for this initiative was drawn from the unspent portion of the RCMP budget allocation. The estimated budget required to continue the program in 2026 is \$145,000.
 - Feedback from the RCMP and several local developers has been positive, with reports of reduced theft and vandalism, and the RCMP noting an increased ability to focus on higher-priority matters.
 - Administration recommends the continuation of the Overnight Security Patrol Pilot Program for the remainder of 2025. For 2026 and subsequent years, it is recommended that the program be reviewed as part of the City's annual budget discussions and continued until such time that RCMP staffing levels adequately address overnight property crime concerns such as theft and vandalism.
- 6.1 Mr. Thiessen was prepared to answer questions of council.
- R25-209 7. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the overnight security patrol program be continued to the end of 2025, and that it be included in the 2026 budget for consideration by council.

-Un. Carried-
8. Adam Thiessen, Senior Manager, Corporate Services, presented the Lift Station 1 generator request for approval.
 - Generator replacement is part of the planned 2026 project to upgrade Lift Station No. 1 and twin the force main from Lift Station No. 1 to the lagoon.
 - The existing generator will be upgraded to a 1,500-kilowatt unit. Due to extended equipment lead times, which exceed the typical capital project tender schedule.
 - Administration requests council's approval to procure the associated engineering services from Toromont CAT at a cost of \$670,600.00 plus applicable taxes, to ensure installation aligns with construction progress scheduled for next summer.

8.1 Mr. Thiesen was prepared to answer questions of council.

R25-210 9. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the city proceed with the purchase of a 1500 kW generator unit from Toromont Cat in the amount of \$670,600.00 plus applicable taxes.

-Un. Carried-

R25-211 10. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (October 29, 2025)	\$	1,890,545.36
Bi-Weekly Pay Period No. 22 (October 21, 2025)	\$	353,141.83

-Un. Carried-

R25-212 11. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the Financial Statements ending September 30, 2025 be accepted.

-Un. Carried-

R25-213 12. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give second reading to By-Law 2267, being a Plan of Works by-law.

-Un. Carried-

R25-214 13. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 2267, being a Plan of Works by-law.

-Un. Carried-

R25-215 14. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach request a deadline extension for completion of the Southeast Event Centre project under the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program - Community Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream to September 30, 2026.

-Un. Carried-

R25-216 15. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give second reading to By-Law 2269, being a Road Widening by-law, subject to the execution of an expropriation by consent agreement.

-Un. Carried-

R25-217 16. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give third reading to By-Law 2269, being a Road Widening by-law, subject to the execution of an expropriation by consent agreement.

-Un. Carried-

17. Minutes of the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District of September 16, 2025 and September 24, 2025 were acknowledged.
Received as information.

18. Correspondence and a participation request from Agape House for the Ribbons of Hope Campaign for Domestic Violence Awareness Month were acknowledged.
Received as information.

19. Correspondence and a request from the Manitoba Crime Stoppers 2026 Fundraising Campaign were acknowledged.
Received as information.

20. Correspondences and an environmental licence application from the Sio Silica Corporation were acknowledged.

21. Consensus of council was to refer the matter to administration for review and to report back to Council at the November 18th meeting if further action is required.

22. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor S. Penner RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment 7:59 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager