

CITY OF STEINBACH
Regular Council Meeting
April 15, 2025

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of City of Steinbach Council held on Tuesday, April 15, 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, Michael Zwaagstra, Bill Hiebert, Jac Siemens, Susan Penner & Damian Penner. Also present: City Manager, Troy Warkentin, Manager, Corporate Services, Adam Thiessen and City Clerk, Amanda Dubois.

3. Mayor Earl Funk opened the meeting.

R25-077 4. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.

-Un. Carried-

R25-078 5. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor M. Zwaagstra RESOLVED that the minutes of April 1, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

-Un. Carried-

6. Council meeting recessed and Public Hearing was called to order at 7:39 p.m., by Mayor Earl Funk. Public Hearing was to consider Variance V-2025-08.

Variance V-2025-08

Owner/Applicant: Greg & Theresa Vogt

Civic Address: 896 Main Street

Legal: Lot 3, Plan 4652 Excl Road 14514

Purpose: To allow a property in the “RR” Rural Residential Zone to have an overall lot width of 77.75 feet whereas a minimum of 100 feet is required.

6.1 Troy Warkentin, City Manager introduced Variance V-2025-08 and reported that notices pursuant to The Planning Act had been completed.

6.2 1 item of objection to the application had been received from Edwin Sonsona, 902 Main Street, and 1 item supporting the application had been received from Tim Froese of 890 Main Street.

6.3 Greg Vogt of 886 Main Street was present at the hearing and explained that he would like to subdivide the lot. They are currently living a few doors over, having built quite a large house 5-6 years prior. He would like to downsize, subdivide, build a smaller home with a secondary suite, which is permitted in the RR Zoning. Mr. Vogt was prepared to answer questions of council.

7. There was no one present at the public hearing with questions or concerns.

8. There being no further discussion, Council meeting re-opened at 7:42 p.m.

R25-079 9. Councillor D. Penner, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach approved Variance V-2025-08, subject to subdivision approval and the execution of a development agreement.

R25-080 10. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable (April 9, 2025)	\$	2,349,138.61
Monthly Pay Period No. 04 (April 4, 2025)		52,165.43
Bi-Weekly Pay Period No. 08 (April 8, 2025)	\$	294,454.04

-Un. Carried-

R25-081 11. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor J. Siemens

RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach request grant funding for 50% of the cost of Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades, Primary Lift Station Building Upgrades, and Installation of Second Wastewater Force Main project through the Direct delivery stream of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) program with the project having an estimated total eligible project cost \$132,475,000, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the City of Steinbach support the project and that the City commit to source and provide the balance of funding of \$65,447,500 for the project.

-Un. Carried-

R25-082 12. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor B. Hiebert

WHEREAS the City of Steinbach, at its meeting on March 4, 2025, passed Resolution R25-048, to approve the 2025 Financial Plan in Principle;

AND WHEREAS the Education Requisitions have been received;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Financial Plan for 2025, be hereby adopted.

-Un. Carried-

R25-083 13. Councillor M. Zwaagstra, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2263, being the 2025 Realty and Education Tax Levy by-law.

-Un. Carried-

R25-084 14. Councillor S. Penner, Councillor J. Siemens RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach give first reading to By-Law 2264, being the 2025 Business Tax Levy by-law.

-Un. Carried-

R25-085 15. Councillor J. Hiebert, Councillor D. Penner RESOLVED that the building permits as issued during the month of March 2025 be accepted. (list attached)

-Un. Carried-

R25-086 16. Councillor B. Hiebert, Councillor J. Hiebert RESOLVED that the City of Steinbach accept the following approved Business Licence.

Lic. No.68 - Hamel's Income Tax & Accounting - 5 Rosewood Place - Accounting

-Un. Carried-

R25-087 17. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor D. Penner

WHEREAS the member municipalities of Southeast Manitoba have formed the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee - Southern Sub-Committee to identify and address shared challenges and opportunities;

AND WHEREAS a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement has been developed to assist in the collaboration among the partner municipalities with the aim of promoting growth, enhancing quality of life, and ensuring sustainable development in the region through shared initiatives and joint action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Steinbach hereby authorize and approve that the City of Steinbach enter into the MOU Agreement as presented.

-Un. Carried-

18. Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations regarding the Mobility Disadvantage Transportation Program for 2024 were acknowledged.
Received as information.

19. Correspondence and a request for Sponsorship from the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba were acknowledged.
Received as information.

- 20. Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District spring newsletter were acknowledged.
Received as information.

- 21. Correspondence from the Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures regarding Dutch Elm Disease Management were acknowledged.
Received as information.

- 22. Correspondence and a request for school zone safety improvements from Southwood School were acknowledged.
Council reached a consensus to refer the matter to administration, with a request that a report be prepared and presented at a future meeting.

- 23. Councillor J. Siemens, Councillor B. Hiebert RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

-Un. Carried-

Time of adjournment 8:17 p.m.

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Mayor

City Manager