



SUMMER/FALL 2011
CITY OF STEINBACH

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SECURE LOADS REGULATIONS

In accordance with The Highway Traffic Act (Manitoba), section 61(2), the City of Steinbach is now enforcing the securing of loads for all vehicles entering or exiting the Steinbach Landfill. This provision applies to pickup trucks and/or trailers of any size and is intended to facilitate road safety by eliminating risk of loose and flying debris from unsecured loads.

All bulky loads must be tarped or netted and larger items secured with adequate tie-down straps or rope. Failure to properly secure loads entering or exiting the Landfill will result in a \$10 surcharge over and above regular fees. For residents who do not have a tarp to secure their loads, the Landfill will provide 6' x 8' tarps and four bungee straps for the price of \$10 until July 30, 2011.

Questions may be directed to Eldon Wallman at 346-6532 or by e-mail to ewallman@steinbach.ca. Thank you for cooperating to keep our roads safe!

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR PROPERTY TAXES

- 1. By Mail** - Mail (cheque or money order) together with the bottom portion of your tax bill (see mailing address in header). Please ensure payments are received at City Hall on or before the due date. Make cheque payable to City of Steinbach. Cheques may be post dated to the due date.
- 2. In Person** - Bring your tax bill and payment to City Hall, 225 Reimer Avenue, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. ***If paying by debit, ensure you have set up the necessary limit with your bank.*** Pay early to avoid last minute line-ups.
- 3. 24 Hour Drop Off** - Drop an envelope containing your payment (cheque or money order) and bottom portion of your tax bill in the mail slot at the main entrance to City Hall.
- 4. Web Banking** - The City of Steinbach is registered as an electronic banking payee with Steinbach Credit Union, Royal Bank, CIBC, TD Canada Trust, and Scotia Bank. If you subscribe to this service, simply log on to make your electronic payment by the due date.

PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS

Property tax statements for Steinbach have been mailed and are due September 30, 2011. Tax statements are mailed to the current owners at time of printing. It is the property owners' responsibility to obtain a copy should they have recently purchased a property and not received a tax statement.

Tax bills issued this year total approximately \$20.8 million, 44 percent (\$9.3 million) of which represents the municipal portion. The municipal portion of your taxes funds a variety of Steinbach projects, including the asphalt resurfacing of Willow Cres. and Chapel Dr., the extensive wastewater lagoon expansion, loader and fire truck replacements, and the replacement of underground and surface infrastructure along Reimer Ave., Spruce Cres., and Pine Cres. It also funds municipal programs, including the City's summer beautification program, street maintenance, policing, and fire protection. The remaining 56 percent of the annual tax levy is forwarded to the Province of Manitoba and the Hanover School Division to fund various school system projects and programs.

If you are expecting a tax statement and have not yet received a copy or if your mailing address has changed recently, please contact City Hall at 326-9877 or e-mail taxes@steinbach.ca.

TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN (TIPP)

The City uses TIPP for the payment of property taxes. TIPP is a payment plan which allows taxpayers to make monthly payments for property taxes rather than a single annual payment in September. The City does not charge interest or services fees for TIPP program. Visit www.steinbach.ca and look under City Services, Property Taxes for more details or contact the Tax Clerk at taxes@steinbach.ca or call 326-9877 for more information.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Did you move or get a new mailing address recently? If your address has changed, please visit City Hall at 225 Reimer Avenue, call 326-9877, or e-mail info@steinbach.ca to update your address info.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE

The City of Steinbach has been authorized by the Public Utilities Board (Order No. 96/09) to increase water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2011. The last increase occurred in 2010, and it is anticipated that these new rates will remain in effect until 2012. The rates, as reflected on the August 1st billing, are as follows (rates prior to July 1, 2011 are provided for comparison):

| | Old Rates | New Rates |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Per cubic meter | Per cubic meter |
| Water | \$ 0.89 | \$ 0.92 |
| Sewer | \$ 0.58 | \$ 0.61 |
| Total | \$ 1.47 | \$ 1.53 |
| Minimum Charge for regular residential meter (15 cubic meters) | \$ 37.30 | \$ 38.20 |
| Basic Charge | \$ 15.25 | \$ 15.25 |

The new rates translate to a \$1.00 increase per month to the average customer. Steinbach continues to enjoy one of the lowest utility rates in Manitoba.

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER

The new position of Community Services Officer (CSO) has been established within the City. The CSO is responsible for the day-to-day administration, public education, and enforcement of the City of Steinbach's by-laws and regulations. This includes duties such as answering public inquiries related to City by-laws, and overseeing functions such as animal control and traffic tickets. The City welcomes Trevor Schellenberg as the new CSO for Steinbach.

BUSINESS LICENCES

Business licences are required for any business or occupation conducted out of your home (day care, financial services, hair styling, landscaping, painting, home repair/renovation, music instruction, photography, etc.) For more information, call Janet at 346-6515 or e-mail jdoerksen@steinbach.ca.

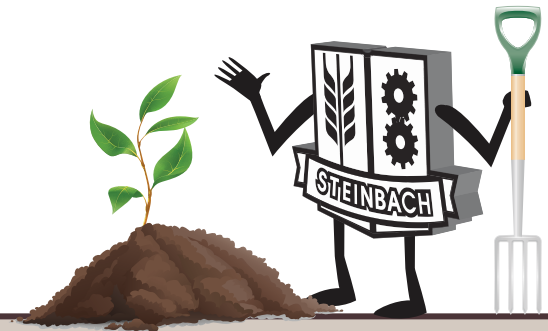
HEDGES & PUBLIC WALKWAYS

If you have a hedge on your property that grows along a public walkway, please ensure it is trimmed back from the walkway to allow for pedestrian traffic.



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COMPOST DEPOTS - NEW IN 2011!



WHO: EVERYONE!

WHAT: Bring leaves, grass, and other garden clippings to Steinbach's Community Compost Depots.

WHERE: Woodlawn School yard (411 Henry St.) and Steinbach Junior High School track (77 Lumber Ave.)

WHEN: Every Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, until mid October.

WHY: This compost material is composted at the Landfill and used in the City's parks and gardens. Compost is also available for the public to pick-up.

AQUATIC CENTRE INFO

- The Aquatic Centre will be open for public swim from 11 am-2 pm and from 3-6 pm on Aug 1 (Civic Holiday) and Sept 5 (Labour Day).
- The facility will be closed for annual maintenance from Nov 29 - Dec 18 and will reopen on Dec 19. The office will not be staffed during this time.
- Fall lesson registration begins Sept 1. Lesson schedules will be available early August at www.steinbach.ca or paper copies may be picked up at the pool. Lessons begin the week of Sept 12.
- The facility will be closed on Oct 10 (Thanksgiving Day). Monday lessons will be extended one week to compensate.
- On Nov 11 (Remembrance Day), the facility will be open for extended public swim from 1-4:30 pm and for evening lessons and public swim. Morning lessons will be extended by five minutes to compensate.

Visit www.steinbach.ca, call 346-6207, or e-mail aquaticcentre@steinbach.ca for more info.

ROAD CREW CONSIDERATION

Please exercise caution when passing City employees and other roadside workers. Thank you for respecting the pylons and other safety signs set up for their protection.