

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 13, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald, Staerk, Stead and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

163/23 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as amended.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

164/23 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on May 23, 2023, have been submitted to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these minutes be adopted as presented.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts:

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

165/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 24165 to 24210

Electronic Payments EFT 7128 to 7154

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$187,576.75.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

166/23 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7155 & 7156

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,532.18.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 166/23, Reeve Amerongen and Deputy Reeve Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

167/23 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7157 to 7171

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$6,391.04.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 167/23, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

168/23 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment for the Childcare Pilot Project:

Cheque Numbers 10 and 11

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved, as per progress payment 6 information approved by JQ Built, for an amount not to exceed \$375,787.47.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Financial Statements ending May 31, 2023.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

169/23 **WHEREAS** the financial statements as at May 31, 2023, have been circulated to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED they be adopted as circulated.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Public Works: Update of June 5, 2023

Activity Coordinator: May 2023 Report

Reports of Committees:

- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: support resolutions sent to Association of Manitoba Municipalities for consideration;
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: receipt of support resolutions;
- North Eastman Community Health Committee – agenda for June 1, 2023;
- Two Rivers Service to Seniors – minutes of September 20, 2022;
- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility – minutes of June 7, 2023 noting succession planning;
- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility – information for June 7, 2023, meeting;
- Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. re: June 14, Agenda package; and
- Whitemouth District Health Committee Foundation re: financial information ending March 31, 2023.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Council McDougald and Deputy Reeve Honke provided additional Public Works information; Councillor Stead and Reeve Amerongen on the AECL Decommissioning Meeting; Reeve Amerongen on the North Eastman Community Health Committee.

Delegations:

2:30 pm Stephanie Richardson, on behalf of Nichelle Lavoie re: Stop Work Order at 2 CoEm Drive. Verbal requests were made to Council regarding structures on the property. Ms. Richardson will be providing a request in writing for Council to review. Tabled.

Communications:

1. Workplace Education Manitoba re: increasing success of businesses. Noted.
2. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: Municipal Golf Tournament. Noted.
3. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Aquatic Invasive Species Update. Noted.
4. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: draft Strategic Plan for Council's Review. Council accepted this plan as presented.
5. Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society re: thank you. Noted.
6. Workplace Education Manitoba re: services available. Noted.

7. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: presentation on aquatic invasive Species. Noted.
8. Linda Altstadt – request for zoning amendment to allow electric fences on properties that have livestock. Tabled.

9. Province of Manitoba Assessment re: Supplemental taxes.

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

170/23 **WHEREAS** as per Section 326 of The Municipal Act the Municipal Assessor has provided updates for addition or cancellation to Roll numbers in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth dated May 17, 2023;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added/cancelled from the Tax Rolls:

2022	2022
524.18	1664.40

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

10. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers – request for advertisement. Noted.

11. Whitemouth Municipal Museum – request for Canada Day Cake.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

171/23 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. to purchase a cake to hand out free at their Annual July 1st Event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in perpetuity the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth will contribute cake for this event hosted by the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. annually.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

12. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: District Director Elections. Noted.

13. Community Futures Winnipeg River – Annual General Meeting.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

172/23 **WHEREAS** Community Futures Winnipeg River will be holding their annual general meeting and awards banquet on June 19, 2023, in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor McDougald, Reeve Amerongen, and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson are hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

14. Valley Fiber re: broadband infrastructure.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

173/23 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Valley Fiber for a letter of support to secure additional funding for broadband infrastructure in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to provide the request letter of support.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

15. Whitemouth Recreation Association – request for Community Event to Annual Sports dates.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

174/23 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Recreation Association has requested that their annual Sports Days on August 5 and August 6, 2023, be declared a Community Event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby declare this as a Community Event;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT on August 5, 2023, certain Streets be blocked off in conjunction with Public Works staff to accommodate a parade.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

16. Minister of Municipal Relations re: 2023 Municipal Operating Grant. Noted.
17. Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre – copy of letter of support for funding application. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon update – land acquisition update. Noted.
2. Whitemouth Childcare Pilot Project re: update of release of funds & Provider Lease received and appliance information. Referred to In Camera.
3. Twin Rivers Church – request to connect to municipal water. Ongoing, tabled.
4. Fire Department By-Law – Tabled.
5. Thompson Dorfman Sweatman re: Provincial Offences Act draft by-law inquiries. Tabled.

6. Rural Municipality of Stuartburn re: request for resolution support.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

175/23 **WHEREAS** rural municipalities welcome, value and benefit from local businesses being established within the Municipality;
WHEREAS to ensure businesses are able to thrive in these challenging times;
WHEREAS it is in the best interest of both rural Municipalities and the Province of Manitoba to strengthen local, Made in Manitoba businesses;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we request the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to lobby the Province of Manitoba to ensure when provincial work is being completed within a municipality, local businesses within that Municipality be given first preference as the Contractor, pending they meet the requirements to complete the work;
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to lobby the Government of Canada on behalf of all Canadian Municipalities to ensure the federal Government give the same consideration when Federal work is done within Canadian Municipalities.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

176/23 **WHEREAS** rural Municipalities have Endangered Species and Noxious Weeds within their boundary lines;
WHEREAS both the Endangered Species and Ecosystems Act (ESEA) and the Noxious Weed Act (NWA) control the Municipalities on actions such as mowing/cleaning ditches and roadways, improvement to drainage, farming/use of land within the Municipality;
WHEREAS the restrictions and rules of the Acts cause major concerns and dangers within the Municipalities;
WHEREAS wildlife is endangered due to the restrictions and rules;
WHEREAS the results of the restrictions and rules have great cost to both Municipalities and the Province of Manitoba, MPI;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we request the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to lobby the Provincial Government to cause a review of both Acts and implement amendments for a more harmonious relationship for all affected;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities be included in that review and amendments;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Reeve of any Municipality directly affected or that has Rate Payers directly affected be included in the review and amendments.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

7. Riverbend Manor Update – MLA Ewasko has received and will get back to Council. Tabled.
8. Office of the Drinking Water – request for compliance reports response. Noted.
9. Review of Schedule “A” to offer to purchase residential properties in the Whitemouth Industrial Park.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

177/23 **WHEREAS** Schedule “A” for the offer to purchase residential properties in the Whitemouth Industrial Park has been circulated to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this Schedule “A” be hereby adopted as circulated.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Valley Fiber re: request for direction on quarterly updates. The consensus of Council was that this was no longer required as we have had contact information provided for all ratepayers to utilize.

2. Manitoba Hydro re: connecting services without building permits.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

178/23 **WHEREAS** it has been brought to Council’s attention by Building Inspector Ruta that Manitoba Hydro is connecting services to buildings without Building Permits having been issued from the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is hereby directed to request Manitoba Hydro ensures appropriate Building Permits have been issued prior to connecting any service/s.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Zoning By-Law Amendment for 12 residential lots re: Public Hearing Notice. Noted.

4. BDO re: Audited Financial Statements

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

179/23 **WHEREAS** BDO Canada, our Municipal Auditor has presented Council with their Audited Consolidated Statements for 2022;

AND WHEREAS all available information has been provided to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby accept same.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. Sidewalk Tender

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

180/23 **WHEREAS** requests for sidewalk tenders have been advertised and received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender be hereby awarded to Honcho Concrete Construction Corporation in the amount of \$28,980.00, which includes all taxes.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. Entrance Signs re: request Community Development Corporation provide same. Referred to Councillors Staerk and Stead.

7. 2023 Grade Twelve Bursary

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

181/23 **WHEREAS** a Grade Twelve Bursary has been established;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth offers two bursaries’, being one for a College applicant and one for a University student;

AND WHEREAS an application has only been received for the College Bursary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the successful applicant for 2023, is Christina Dumas.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

In Camera:

At this time Council went In Camera to discuss Unfinished Business 2.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

182/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item: Negotiation

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

183/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council

does hereby now re-open the meeting to the public.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Council came out of camera to accept their 2:30 pm Delegation, see above.

Council went back into camera to further discuss Unfinished Business 2.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

184/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item: Negotiation

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

185/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does hereby now re-open the meeting to the public.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Council directed Administration to send to the Provider the Lease as received from the Province of Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Division Education and Early Childhood Learning, only adding the municipal civic address and name of Provider.

Adjournment:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

186/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 3:44 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer