

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

This meeting was available by Conference Call due to COVID-19.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Bachman, Honke, Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

40/21 **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

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

41/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting on February 23, 2021, and of the Budget meeting held on February 26, 2021, 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 Bachman and seconded by Amerongen

42/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22674 to 22701, Electronic Payments EFT 3525 to 3557;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$66,603.10.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

43/21 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3558 & 3559

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,341.24.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 43/21 Reeve Amerongen and Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Reports of Committees:

- Two Rivers Service to Seniors - report for January & February 2021;
- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: minutes of January 18, 2021; and
- Eastman Tourism provided their Strategic Plan for 2021 to 2023.

Verbal reports were provided by Councillor Honke on Public Works, Councillor Malkose on the Fire Management Committee and attendance with MLA Ewasko, And Councillor Sikkenga on Two Rivers Resource to Seniors and the Fire Management Committee.

Public Works: Update of March 8, 2021

Utility Report: February, 2021

By-Law Enforcement Report: February, 2021

Recreation Report: February, 2021

Communications:

1. Winnipeg River Community Futures re: information from Municipal Forum. Noted.
2. Office of the Fire Commissioner re: Grant Program Contribution Agreement, for the acquisition of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus' (SCBA) Gear.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske

44/21 **WHEREAS** we are in receipt of the Fire Protection Grant Program Contribution, which approves a Provincial Grant for the Whitemouth Fire Department in the amount of \$138,222.07;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be hereby directed to sign this Agreement.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Manitoba Association of Senior Centres – assigned member for our community provided. Noted.
4. Hub Insurance re: Fire Hydrant Information request for insurance purposes. Fire Chief Thomson is providing the required information.
5. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz re: update and notice of a member's resignation. Advertisement to be circulated for a replacement member. It was noted that there will be a minimal overlap as the resigning member provides information to the newly appointed member.
6. Councillor Malkoske – resignation from the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Inc. Councillor Bachman suggested a trade between them for committee appointments. They will discuss same prior to our next regular meeting. Tabled.
7. Rural Municipality of Brokenhead re: Public Hearing. Noted.
8. Viasat Canada Team – request for community support. Administration was directed to provide same.
9. Manitoba Infrastructure – PR408/Bog River Project Update. Noted.
10. Liquor, Gaming & Cannabis – update on public consultation. Noted.
11. Northern Light Memorials – inquiry on granite ledger. Tabled.
12. MLA Ewasko – invitation to Funding Announcement for our Fire Department. Councillors Bachman, Honke and Malkoske advised they will be able to attend.
13. Grant Kurian Trucking Ltd. – request to utilize municipal roads during spring road restrictions. As per other requests, approved on the condition that he provides in writing that he is responsible for any road repairs or restoration that may be required due to this use.

Unfinished Business:

1. Two Rivers Drive – Minister Guillemard re: request for funding denied.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

45/21 **WHEREAS** it is deemed to be in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to pursue the Province of Manitoba for funding of Two Rivers Drive in Seven Sisters Falls, Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Amerongen be hereby authorized to attend meetings, on this initiative in conjunction with MLA Ewasko;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Animal Control By-Law No. 714/21 – Tabled for amended draft from Council's direction from their municipal solicitor.

3. By-Law No. 715/21 – Amend Incentive By-Law No. 620/14 being the Commercial/Industrial/Agricultural Development Incentive. Tabled.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

46/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 715/21, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 620/14 being the Commercial/Industrial/Agricultural Development Incentive, be hereby given first reading.

For: Amerongen, Sikkenga, Bachman & Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

47/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 715/21, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 620/14 being the Commercial/Industrial/Agricultural Development Incentive, be hereby given second reading.

For: Amerongen, Sikkenga, Bachman & Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**

4. By-Law No. 716/21 - Amend Incentive By-Law No. 621/14 being the Residential Development Incentive.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

48/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 716/21, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 621/14 being the Residential Development Incentive, be hereby given first reading.

For: Amerongen, Sikkenga, Bachman & Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

49/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 716/21, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 621/14 being the Residential Development Incentive, be hereby given second reading.

For: Amerongen, Sikkenga, Bachman & Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**

New Business:

1. Draft Drainage By-Law – provided by Public Works Committee for Council feedback. Tabled.

2. Fire Department Vehicle Requirements & Truck already sold. Discussed. Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

50/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 Classic Tradesman 4 x 4 Quad Cab be hereby purchased at a cost not to exceed \$38,500.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Union of Operating Engineers – Classification Letter of Understanding.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

51/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be hereby directed to sign the Letter of Understanding between the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 987 regarding Utility Classifications.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

4. Opening up under new Provincial Guidelines – Council directed that the Administrative Office open commencing March 18, 2021, with only one person at a time allowed entry and two if they are from the same household. It was noted that there is a maximum of 6 allowed for committee meetings in our Council Chambers, complete with masks and adequate social distancing.
5. Budget 2021 Hearing will be held on May 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.


Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

52/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED



D. Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer