

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 28, 2020, 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 Honke, Bachman(on the call), Malkoske (on the call) and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

135/20 **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 Amerongen and seconded by Honke

136/20 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2020, have been submitted to Council for their review;

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

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Bachman

137/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22109 to 22154

Electronic Payments EFT 2818 to 2827 & EFT 2830 to 2881:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$155,226.82.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenqa and seconded by Bachman

138/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Payments EFT 2828, 2829, 2882 & 2883;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$4,409.09.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 138/20 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.

2. Financial Statements –

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

139/20 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending February 29, 2020, have been circulated to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these statements be adopted as circulated.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees:

- Community Futures Winnipeg River re: draft minutes of February 24, 2020.

Public Works: Update of April 24, 2020. Discussion was held on a road closure to accommodate moving cattle. Prior to any discussion on this particular request Deputy Reeve Sikkenga requested permission to be excused from all discussions. She did not return to the meeting until this portion of the discussion was completed. Public Works Supervisor Tolpa to be directed to work on sale of old grader and backhoe.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

140/20 **WHEREAS** a temporary, casual, on-call labourer is required for our Public Works Department;

AND WHEREAS applications have been requested, received and reviewed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bradly Schultz be hereby accepted as the successful applicant;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he be paid as per our Collective Agreement.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Communications:

1. Subdivision Application/Response – Notice of Motion to rescind Resolution No. 122/20 was received from Councillor Malkoske. Tabled.
2. Cory Helbrecht re: drainage and road allowance works request. As per the Public Works Committee recommendation
3. S/Sgt Meyers re: Update on RCMP Response regarding COVID-19. Noted.
4. Taxservice re: COVID-19 & Tax Sale Proceedings.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Malkoske

141/20 **WHEREAS** Manitoba has declared a state of emergency as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the pandemic is causing financial difficulties for many businesses and individuals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT proceedings to offer properties for sale at tax sale auction be placed on hold for a period of 4 months.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. Fran Giesbrecht – request to hook onto municipal utilities.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

142/20 **WHEREAS** a request to hook onto our municipal water and sewer utility has been received from Frances Giesbrecht;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Giesbrecht's property is located at Lot 2, of Block 3, of Plan No. 34834, being #12 Mandzuk Street;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that this request is hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she pay the appropriate fees in full to the municipality prior to installation of the connection.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. Al Besel re: thank you to Council for peat moss burning decision. Noted.
7. Public Utilities Board re: pandemic information to all municipally owned water and wastewater utilities. Noted.

8. Federation of Canadian Municipalities/Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: update to Head of Council. Reeve Amerongen reported on the Conference Call advising the main points were that they are requesting the gas tax continue to be doubled the amount as in 2019 permanently and Border Crossing information was also reported on.
9. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: wastewater removal response. It was noted that they are receptive to accept wastewater from our Municipality and have supplied an agreement they utilize presently for our review. Awaiting responses from other municipalities. Information obtained to be shared with Developer Peter Tines. Tabled for additional information from other municipal corporations.
10. Minister Squires re: pressure from pandemic. Noted.
11. S/Sgt. Meyers re: Annual Performance Plan
Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga
143/20 **WHEREAS** S/Sgt Meyers, Lac du Bonnet Area Commander for D Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has provided Council with the Annual Performance Plan for Community Policing for their review;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the 2019/2020 Annual Performance Plan as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

12. Manitoba Conservation re: copy of burn permit issued noting our Fire Chief's contact information. This is what we requested that the Lac du Bonnet Office had already incorporated on their burning permits. Unfortunately it was the only one received and Fire Chief Thomson has already received 6 calls from ratepayers which had received permits from the Rennie Office. Another call was made to their office to have this done as per written direction. We are now in receipt of the additional permits and they have been provided to Fire Chief Thomson. This process alleviates our Fire Department utilizing resources that are not required. Administration was directed to continue monitoring this initiative.
13. Proposal to Subdivide: NE1/4 6-13-11 EPM
Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga
144/20 **WHEREAS** an application of subdivision has been received from Municipal Relations Community Planning Branch regarding Proposal to Subdivide Pt. NE ¼ of 6-13-11 EPM;
AND WHEREAS their recommendation confirms that this subdivision proposal conforms to both our Development Plan and Zoning By-Law;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this subdivision being Community Planning Branch File No. 4203-20-7499 without conditions.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. Hauling on Municipal Roadways – the actual hauling by-law from Municipal Solicitors DD West LLP to be prepared for our next regular meeting. Tabled.
- 1.a Zoning By-Law discussion – Administration was directed to incorporate the information from the Municipal Solicitor and Council's input to the Municipal Planner for incorporation into our Zoning By-Law. In addition, discussion was also held on allowing chickens in an urban setting. This will also be sent as an inquiry to our Municipal Planner on how it may be incorporated into our Zoning By-Law. Tabled.

2. Waste Management By-Law will be concluded once the Agreement has been completed.
3. Manitoba Water Services Board re: lagoons.
Final report received for the study of a joint lagoon with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds. It was noted that neither municipality was currently proceeding.

Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Lagoon – revisit location/s for Manitoba Water Services Board to test. Administration was directed to compile information on the 3 test site areas discussed and acquire information on a sewer treatment plant. Once compiled a meeting is to be arranged with the Manitoba Water Services Board for Council. Tabled.

4. Dynamite Magazine – Awaiting a response from the Federal Government.
5. Update on 200 acres – report and research to date. Councillor Malkoske referred to the information he provided to Council which included a time-line of events. Discussed. Administration was directed to correspond with MLA Ewasko to request that he make inquiries with our Provincial Government to see if he could assist in acquiring ownership of same. Tabled.

6. By-Law No. 700/20 re: By-Law Enforcement Services
Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

145/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 700/20 being a by-law to appoint a By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 700/20 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Budget 2020 Hearing Date – Administration was directed to hold the Hearing on May 26, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with the Provincial Guidelines regarding COVID-19.
2. Utility Connection User Update – Reeve Amerongen reported on the funds received from the new customer base and that the water loss difference is now less than ten percent. Works continuing on this initiative.
3. Municipal Road Tour – postponed until the Fall.

Adjournment:

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

146/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer