

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 11, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Bachman, and Honke and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson. Councillor Malkoske arrived at 6:16 p.m. from an Emergency Workshop.
Fire Protection

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

172/19 **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 Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

173/19 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 28, 2019, 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 Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

174/19 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 21533 to 21561 and

Electronic Payments EFT 2149 to 2191

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$59,466.32.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

175/19 **WHEREAS** the following item have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Payment EFT 2192

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$867.76.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 175/19 Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until the resolution was completed.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

175/19 **WHEREAS** the following item have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Payment EFT 2193

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,449.46.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 176/19 Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until the resolution was completed.

Reports of Committees:

Verbal reports were provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on Childcare; Reeve Amerongen on Childcare and Public Works; Councillor Honke on Public Works and Councillor Malkoske on the Emergency Workshop held in Brandon.

Public Works: Minutes of June 11, 2019. Noted.

Utility: May 2019. Noted.

Delegation:

6:45 p.m. Bernice Sitar attended regarding a subdivision inquiry. She was advised that the subdivision process initiates at Community and Regional Planning in Beausejour and was provided the contact information.

Communications:

1. Manitoba Department of Finance re: request for input on Easement No. 72912.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

177/19 **WHEREAS** a request has been received for input on Easement No. 72912;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has no present concern with placement of this caveat by the Province of Manitoba.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

2. Manitoba Ombudsman – 2018 Annual Report. Noted.

3. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Eastern District Update. Noted.

4. Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. – request for letter of support for funding application.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

178/19 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. for a letter of support in their initiative to request funding from the Building Sustainable Communities Program;

AND WHEREAS the funding would be utilized to restore a log cabin to resemble an old country store to display artefacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby direct Administration to provide the requested letter of support.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

5. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – resolutions for Eastern District Meeting. Noted.

6. Provincial Announcement regarding Police now being able to transfer care of patients to trained persons at health care facilities. Noted.

7. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – request for direction on application for funding. Council will provide Administration direction once the project has been verified.

8. Whitemouth Library – thank you for silent auction prize. Noted.

9. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission – reminder of Co-op Community Trail Grand Opening. Noted.

10. Happy Hours Seniors Club – request for letter of support for funding application.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

179/19 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Happy Hours Seniors Club for a letter of support in their initiative to request funding from the New Horizons Grant Program for a project outside the Whitemouth Recreation Centre;

AND WHEREAS the funding would be utilized for renovating the outdoor area to include a pad to put a pergola on, complete with a picnic table and shrubbery enhancement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby direct Administration to provide the request letter of support.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

11. CN re: 100th Anniversary Press Release. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sandy Lane – update. Tabled.

2. Mike and Lori Bachman – request for sewer. Tabled.

3. Municipal Asset Management Proposals – Overview of tenders.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

180/19 **WHEREAS** tenders were requested to provide a Municipal Asset Management Plan for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

AND WHEREAS review of all tenders received has now been completed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender be awarded to Urban Systems in the amount of \$36,500.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

4. Handivan – Information provided to Committee Members Amerongen and Malkoske. Tabled.

5. Dale Toews – request to purchase municipal lane. It was noted that interest from the adjoining property is being confirmed. Tabled.

6. Harms Sikkenga – request for permission to provide his surveyor access on municipal lands to adequately take shots for him. The consensus of Council was to approve same at no cost to the municipality.

Prior to any discussion on Unfinished Business No. 6 Deputy Reeve Sikkenga requested permission to be excused from all discussions. She vacated her chair and did not return until the discussion was completed.

7. Monument Quote Research. Additional suppliers to be approached.

8. Wayne Klepatz – drainage request. Administration was directed to advise that 9 beavers have been removed and that equipment has been hired to break the actual beaver dam.

9. MEC Dowbyhuz re: Template for Emergency Plan

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

181/19 **WHEREAS** Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz has requested permission to proceed with a new template for our Emergency Plan which would take approximately 40 to 50 hours;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this request to be provided over the 2019 and 2020 Budget for our 2020 Emergency Plan.

For: Amerongen, Honke Against: Sikkenga, Bachman, Malkoske **DEFEATED**

New Business:

1. Fire Fighters – Appointment & Congratulations to Fire Chief Thomson on his 45 year bar - acknowledgement as a member of the Whitemouth Fire Department.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

182/19 **WHEREAS** additional Fire Fighters are required for the Whitemouth Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS Fire Chief Thomson has provided recommendations from our Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Justin Giesbrecht, Bryson Penner, and Stanley Crowthers be and are hereby appointed as Fire Fighters to the Whitemouth Fire Department.

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

2. Whitemouth School Bursary – 2019

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Bachman

183/19 **WHEREAS** a grade twelve bursary has been established;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does two bursary's being one for a college applicant and one for a university applicant;

AND WHEREAS no applications were received for a university applicant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT two College bursaries be awarded for 2019;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the successful applicants are Ramona Hodel and Alicia Laba.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

3. Grass cutting of CP Property – Administration was directed to inquire about the following items: their grass cutting policy, removal of debris from tree trimming; and removal of the island building up against the bridge pier.
4. Letters of Support for Community Organizations – Noted.
5. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz reminder of WEB EOC training. Noted.
6. Manitoba Good Roads re: nominations. Noted.

In Camera:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

184/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go into "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item: Personnel/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 Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

185/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Council approved the first and second readings of By-Law No. 694/19 being a housekeeping item for the exemption of taxes.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

186/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 694/19 being a by-law to exempt the Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre Taxes be hereby given first reading.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

187/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 694/19 being a by-law to exempt the Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre Taxes be hereby given second reading.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Council directed that an alternate Employee Health Plan be approved at their employee's request.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

188/19 **WHEREAS** the Union Employees of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth have requested Council provide different Health Benefits; **AND WHEREAS** Council is receptive to amending the Collective Agreement in this regard; **AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby approve inclusion of their employees to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Health Plan "Plan I Plus" program; **AND WHEREAS** the employees have indicated that they would like to upgrade to the "Plan II Plus" which they will be responsible to pay the upgrade; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve said Employee Benefits; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** once these new benefits are in effect all current health benefits cease to ensure no duplication of same.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Administration reported that she received Public Works Supervisor Pasco's resignation. She was directed to advertise the position.

Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

189/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer