

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 24, 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 and Stead, and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

311/23 **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 Honke and seconded by McDougald

312/23 **WHEREAS** the minutes of both their Board of Revision and regular meeting held on October 10, 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 Stead

313/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 24528 to 24558

 Electronic Payments EFT 7416 to 7441

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$418,848.13.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

314/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7442 & 7443

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,717.94.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 314/23, 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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

315/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7444 & 7462

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$6,141.85.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 315/23, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

2. Financial Statements

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

316/23 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending September 30, 2023, have been circulated to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these statements are approved as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Utility Report: September, 2023. Noted.

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. re: minutes of August 8, 2023; and
- Eastern Regional Municipal Committee re: minutes of September 25, 2023.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor Staerk on the Parent Advisory Committee; Deputy Reeve Honke on Two Rivers Service to Seniors; Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.; Council Stead on the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc.; and Councillor McDougald on the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility.

Communications:

1. S/Sgt Meyers re: RCMP Quarterly Report. Noted.
2. CPKC Holiday Train re: 2023 Invitation – Tabled.
3. Interlake Eastern Annual General Meeting Material of October 10, 2023. Noted.
4. JohnQ Daycare re: confirmation no modifications or additions. Noted.

5. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Available Training

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

317/23 **WHEREAS** Community Futures Winnipeg River is hosting Board Training Modules on November 17, 2023, in Oakbank, Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council 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

6. Manitoba Good Roads Association re: October, 2023 Newsletter. Noted.
7. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: news and updates of October 13, 2023. Noted.
8. Brokenhead River Planning District re: notice of public hearing. Noted.

9. Brokenhead River Planning District re: Building Inspector Services

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

318/23 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth requires Interim Building Inspector services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this service be provided by the Brokenhead River Planning District on Tuesday's as required;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed at the rate of \$60.00 per hour plus 54 cents per kilometer.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

10. S/Sgt Meyers re: Information on the Community Safety Officer Program. Noted.
11. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: proposed by-law change for the positions of President and Vice President. Noted.
12. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: 5 grant draws of \$5,000.00. A draw application is to be sent in by Administration.
13. Municipal Board re: subdivision appeal for information. Noted.
14. Manny Sikkenga re: Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. – referred to In Camera.
15. Thompson Dorfman Sweatman re: Dissolution of Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. has now been received. Noted.
16. Way To Go Consulting re: extension of Disaster Financial Assistance Claim. Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke
319/23 **WHEREAS** the 2022 DFA program has a deadline of November 15, 2023;
AND WHEREAS there are still some outstanding invoices pertaining to the completion of the claim;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby direct Administration to submit a letter to Emergency Management, Disaster Financial Assistance requesting an extension.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon – meeting request sent for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention. Noted – Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma – Senior Utility Operator Campbell's estimate. Noted. Funds are and will continue to be pursued from both the Federal and Provincial Governments. Tabled.
3. Insurance inquiry for Western Financial regarding fraudulent activity of CAO – Tabled
4. Air B & B initial works - Tabled
5. Rural Municipality of Reynolds re: Fire Fighting Retainer - Tabled
6. Whitemouth Fire Department re: pagers and radios - Tabled
7. Procedural By-Law Updated
Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald
320/23 the procedural by-law for the Rural Municipality has been amended by By-Law No. 753/23;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 753/23 be hereby given first reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

321/23 the procedural by-law for the Rural Municipality has been amended by By-Law No. 753/23;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 753/23 be hereby given second reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

8. By-Law No. 751/23 re: Building Inspector Services

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

322/23 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 751/23, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to rescind by-law No. 699/20;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 751/23 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

9. By-Law No. 752/23 re: Trailer Fees

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

323/23 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 752/23, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to rescind by-law No. 742/23;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 752/23 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolutions 321/23, Councillor McDougald requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolutions had been completed.

New Business:

1. Finance Officer

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

324/23 **WHEREAS** advertisements have been placed, applications received, and interviews held for the position of Finance Officer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lacey Smith be hereby selected as the successful applicant with work commencing on November 13, 2023;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be paid at the rate of \$24.00 per hour.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Sunrise School Division re: change of meeting date.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

325/23 **WHEREAS** the Sunrise School Division is inviting Council to their special strategic planning presentation on October 24, 2023, in Beausejour, Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council 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

In Camera:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

326/23 **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: personnel

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 Staerk/Stead

327/23 **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

Administration was directed to respond to Communications No. 14 that the correspondence was received.

Adjournment:


Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead


328/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this
meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer