

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

### Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

175/20 **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 Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

176/20 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the 2020 Financial Plan/Budget Hearing and of the regular meeting held on May 26, 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 Bachman and seconded by Honke

177/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22197 to 22226

Electronic Payments EFT 2953 to 2986;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$100,556.59.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

178/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Payments EFT 2987 & 2988;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,213.23.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 178/20 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 Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

179/20 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending May 31, 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:

- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes of March 2, 2020
- Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Annual General Meeting invitation
- Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: minutes, funding and agenda

Verbal reports were provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Two Rivers Service to Seniors, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga and Councillor Bachman on the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc., Councillor Honke on the Eastman Tourism.

**Public Works:** Update of June 9, 2020. Councillors Honke and Malkoske provided an overview.

Spraying of Weeds

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

180/20 **WHEREAS** Council has budgeted for the spraying of weeds;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that Agassiz Weed Control be hired to provide this service under direction of the Public Works Supervisor at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. plus applicable Taxes.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Sewage Disposal

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

181/20 **WHEREAS** alternatives to sewage disposal are being researched;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Public Works Supervisor Tolpa be hereby authorized to meet with the haulers of septic that utilize our lagoon/s.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

#### **Communications:**

1. Manitoba Hydro re: Visitors to Seven Sisters Falls Generating Station over May '20 Long Weekend. The large number of visitors was noted. Council directed that a letter of thanks for this information be sent to Manitoba Hydro.

2. Provincial Assessor re: supplemental taxes for 2019.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

182/20 **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, April 27, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following be added/cancelled from the Tax Rolls:

2019 Cancelled	2019 Added
-\$36.75	\$608.81.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

3. Roll No. 98100 re: Lands for Waste Management expansion. Administration was directed to inquire with the municipal solicitor regarding acquiring for future use.

4. Fire Management Committee re: Standard Operating Guidelines. The draft guidelines as proposed by our Fire Committee were approved by Council.

5. Marilyn Ruta – comments and inquiries were addressed by Administration. In addition the communications regarding property in Seven Sisters Falls, below as Unfinished Business 2 will be provided as per her request.

6. Signage Inquiry re: Home of the Largest 4H Club. The consensus of Council was to keep the sign up to keep the Highways approved spot and for Council to possibly think and/or research for alternative signage topics.

7. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Eastern Directors' update. Noted.



8. Val Bullen re: request to deny motors for the Whitemouth River near Seven Sisters. Administration was directed to advise Ms. Bullen that this is not Municipally administered but Federally thru Fisheries and Oceans or Transport Canada.
9. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – notice of public hearing on June 24<sup>th</sup> , 2020. Noted.
10. Konrad Bachmann re: dispute culvert application fee invoice. Council directed that Mr. Bachman be advised that the fee is due and payable.
11. By-Law Officer Alexander re: cutting of grass on municipal property. Council directed she pursue the offenders.
12. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz – request for direction on the purchase of evacuation safety equipment (approximately \$530.00). Council agreed that due to the present pandemic this safety equipment be purchased.
13. Conservation & Climate, North Whiteshell District – discontinue faxing of burn permits for our Fire Chief and Administration. Council directed Administration to advise a fax is not required just an email would be appreciated.
14. United Way Funding available re: Economic Community Support Fund. This has been reviewed and our Municipality does not meet their criteria.
15. InterGroup Services re: cemetery project update and other services available. It was noted that representative Amber Flett inquired about minimal hand excavations on Municipally owner Property. Council approved same with finds remaining the property of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Dynamite Magazine – Tabled for input from Public Works.
2. Update on 200 acres – Communications received from Manitoba Hydro identifying that this is not presently surplus lands. Should the property become surplus lands the municipality would receive second option to purchase. A meeting will be requested with MLA Ewasko at his convenience.
3. Whiteshell Laboratories Community Regeneration Partnership Development Plan/Local Government District of Pinawa – Council agreed that the summary is very well done and that the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth fully support the Local Government District of Pinawa's initiatives to host one or more Demonstration Small Modular Reactors and become the host community.
4. Province of Manitoba re: Code of Conduct. Tabled for information from the Quarterly Chief Administrative Officer's meeting. Will be placed on our agenda again once the draft is available.
5. Fire Department By-Law No. 703/20  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske  
183/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 703/20 being a by-law of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to establish a Fire Department be hereby given second reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske

184/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 703/20 being a by-law of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to establish a Fire Department be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

6. Drop Off Box – Tabled.

7. By-Laws on website – Referred to Administration.

8. Fire Guard/Bog – Tabled for additional information.

**New Business:**

1. Water at Lions Park – it was noted that the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth absorbs this utility invoice. A key to this is required for municipal purposes and has been requested from the Lions.

2. Library opening – Council provided direction for the opening on Saturdays as the Pandemic Phase 3 is implemented by the Province.

Prior to any discussion on the library opening Deputy Reeve Sikkenga requested permission to be excused from all discussions.

3. Lagoon use from neighboring municipality – Administration was directed to await additional information and once received to provide back to Council for their input.

4. Bicycle Drive for the community – storage is required to accommodate this initiative for about 20 bicycles. Council authorized use of the Old Fire Hall for the month of June, 2020, contingent on space being available. Administration was directed to contact the Public Works Supervisor to ensure space is available to accommodate same.

5. Gravel Haul re: tender

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

185/20 **WHEREAS** tenders have been requested and received for the supply of gravel haul for the 2020 season;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Al Meisner Ltd. is hereby the successful tender in the amount of \$7.92 per Metric Tonne plus GST.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

186/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer