

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on August 22, 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 McDougald

246/23 **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 Stead

247/23 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on August 8, 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 Staerk

248/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 24306 to 24339

 Electronic Payments EFT 7284 to 7302

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$88,325.44.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

249/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7303 & 7318

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3,238.32.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 249/23, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

250/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment for the Childcare Pilot Project:

 Cheque Numbers 18 & 19

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved, as per progress payment 9 information approved by JQ Built, for an amount not to exceed \$336,442.50.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Reynolds Waste Management Facility re: August 9 meeting package.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor McDougald and Deputy Reeve Honke on the Whitemouth-Reynolds Waste Management Facility and Public Works; and Reeve Amerongen on the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee.

Communications:

1. Jason Langlois – offer to purchase land. Council directed Administration to advise this land is not for sale.
2. Minister of Municipal Relations re: Basket Funding from Province. Noted.
3. Municipal Capacity Building Fund request for funding of stationary generator to enhance public safety was denied.
4. Eastman SnoPals re: requests for municipality to pay for moving of Hydro lines or to change route back. Council will not absorb the cost of moving Hydro Poles, only allow crossing of their property annually until it is no longer municipally owned or otherwise required for municipal purposes.
5. Carlin Giesbrecht re: RV Park update. Noted.
6. Taxervice re: Reserved bid. Referred to In Camera.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon re: Environmental Approvals Advertisement in the Clipper. Noted. Tabled.
2. Whitemouth Childcare Pilot Project – lease and date of opening. Referred to In Camera.
3. Twin Rivers Church re: request to connect to municipal water – Tabled.
4. Insurance inquiry for Western Financial regarding fraudulent activity of CAO Re: Association of Manitoba Municipalities Response. Tabled.
5. Seven Sisters Drainage Report – Drainage report received and reviewed. Council directed that since the report identifies the drainage is working appropriately no works will be completed in this regard.
6. Air B & B's – Information. Administration was directed to request our solicitor opinion if we should be addressing. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Annual Veterans Dinner – invitation for Reeve.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

250A/23 **WHEREAS** Reeve Amerongen was invited to the Annual Veterans Dinner in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba on September 23, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT he be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Supplemental/Added Taxes

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

251/23 **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 August 15, 2023;

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

2022	2023
\$7,526.81	\$31,835.08

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Reeve Amerongen re: 44 Million Dollar Grant, request for project/s. Council provided three potential requests for funding for lagoon (if eligible), Elevator Road and Wardrop Way.

4. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – Administration request for direction.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

252/23 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. has not been utilized for two years since being replaced by an Activity Coordinator;

AND WHEREAS Council would like to have the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. dissolved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to have same completed.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. By-Law Enforcement Services – Referred to In Camera

In Camera:

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

253/23 **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: Negotiations/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 and seconded by Stead

254/23 **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 acquire additional information from Taxservice regarding Revenue Canada implications and table to the next regular meeting.

To advise the Whitemouth Child Care Inc. that the municipal legal opinion has been received and that the heading in the lease will remain as is and that they can sign at any time now and once Provincial approvals are received the Municipality will countersign, the Grand Opening will be held on September 10, 2023.

The closing date for By-Law Officer applications will be on September 4, 2023, for review at a Special Meeting to be held on September 5, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

255/23 **WHEREAS** a contract was entered into with Prairie By-Law Enforcement Ltd. to provide our municipality by-law enforcement services;

AND WHEREAS the service provided is not adequate for our municipal needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as per said contract, Council enact Section 4.6.2 and terminate same.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Adjournment:


Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

256/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve
Chief Administrative Officer