

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 12, 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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

259/23 **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

260/23 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on August 22, 2023, and of the Special Meeting held on September 5, 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 Honke

261/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 24340 to 24375

Electronic Payments EFT 7319 to 7339

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$137,761.87.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

262/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7340 & 7341

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,657.54.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 262/23, 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 Honke and seconded by Staerk

263/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7342 & 7353

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$6,147.22.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 263/23, 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

264/23 **WHEREAS** financial statements ending August 31, 2023, have been provided to Council for their review;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these financial statements are accepted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

**Public Works:** Update of August 28, 2023

**Utility:** July 2023 Report & Completed Water Audit Report & Hydrants

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

265/23 **WHEREAS** Council has received a cost quote of \$95,479.22 plus applicable taxes for the installation of water hydrants;

**AND WHEREAS** the Water Utility Reserve was established to fund water utility projects;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 169(7) of The Municipal Act this expenditure be funded by a transfer from the Water Utility Reserve.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

**Activity Coordinator:** August 2023 Report & Resignation

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

266/23 **WHEREAS** Cory Koch has provided her resignation as Activity Coordinator effective September 19, 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resignation be accepted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

### **Reports of Committees:**

- Eastern Regional Municipal Committee minutes of May 15, 2023 and notes of June 19, 2023.

### **Verbal Reports of Committees:**

Councillor Stead reported on the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc.; and Deputy Reeve Honke on the Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility.

### **Delegations:**

- 1:30 p.m. Manitoba Pork Council spokesperson Grant Melnychuk attended to provide Council a presentation on preventing the spread of wild pigs. Once the presentation was completed Mr. Melnychuk left brochures to have available to the public, and have placed on our municipal website.

### **Communications:**

1. Eastman Tourism – introducing new Executive Director Noel Linsey. Noted.
2. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Highway Traffic Act amendment for driving on a closed road. Noted.
3. Community Futures Winnipeg River – change of Rural Forum date to October 23, 2023. Noted.
4. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: notice of Public Hearing By-Law 08-23. Noted.



5. Manitoba Emergency Management Organization re: Annual Exercise Report approved. Noted.

6. Margaret Arndt – resignation.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

267/23 **WHEREAS** Margaret Arndt has provided her resignation effective December 31, 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resignation be accepted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

7. Elections Manitoba re: Provincial Election called for October 3, 2023. Noted.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Lagoon re: land update/s ongoing. Tabled.

2. Whitemouth Childcare Pilot Project – Completed, grand opening was held on September 10, 2023.

3. Twin Rivers Church re: request to connect to municipal water – Responses are being received from the phone calls and mail outs. Tabled.

4. Insurance inquiry for Western Financial regarding fraudulent activity of Chief Administrative Officer/s. Tabled to In Camera discussion.

5. Air B & B's – Information. Tabled

6. Taxervice re: Reserve Bid – response regarding liens on property & Notice

7. By-Law Enforcement Officer – Personnel – Tabled to In Camera discussions, tabled.

#### **New Business:**

1. Fire Hydrant Tenders

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

268/23 **WHEREAS** requests for installation of four Fire Hydrant Tenders have been advertised and received;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the tender be hereby awarded to Penner Underground in the amount of \$105,265.96 which includes all taxes.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

2. Water Treatment Plant Lighting Tenders

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

269/23 **WHEREAS** requests for the removal and replacement of seven Outside LED wall pak lights for the Water Treatment Plant Tenders have been advertised and received;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the tender be hereby awarded to Full Power Electric in the amount of \$1,790.03 which includes all taxes.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

3. JR Cousin Consultants re: Former Landfill & Groundwater Monitoring Letter Report. Tabled.

4. Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation re: Rural and Remote Stream call for nominations. Tabled.

### **In Camera:**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

270/23 **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: Legal/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

271/23 **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 fill the By-Law Officer position; place advertisements for a Finance Officer and to request Municipal Solicitor Currie provide his opinion on our Municipal Insurer's response to the fraudulent CAO inquiry.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

272/23 **WHEREAS** advertisements have been placed, received and reviewed and interviews held for a By-Law Enforcement Officer;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Kurt Henry be hereby hired for this position as soon as possible.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

273/23 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 750/23, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the entering into of an Agreement with Kurt Henry to provide By-Law Enforcement Services;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 750/23 be hereby given first reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

274/23 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 750/23, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the entering into of an Agreement with Kurt Henry to provide By-Law Enforcement Services;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 750/23 be hereby given second reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

### **Adjournment:**

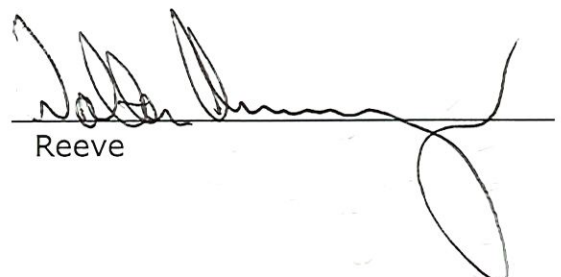
Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

275/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:59 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer