

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 25, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

65/20 **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 Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

66/20 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 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 Honke and seconded by Bachman

67/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22045 to 22062

Electronic Payments EFT 2685 to 2721

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$90,871.77.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Bachman

68/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfer 2748 & 2749

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,287.04.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 68/20 Reeve Amerongen and Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They vacated their chairs and did not return until the resolution was completed.

#### 2. 2019 Year end Financial Resolutions.

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Sikkenga

69/20 **WHEREAS** the General Operating Fund has a cash surplus of \$43,984.58 for the year ending 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this surplus amount of \$43,984.58 be hereby transferred to the Fire Equipment Reserve.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

70/20 **WHEREAS** the Water Utility Fund has a cash surplus of \$279,489.71 for the year ending 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this surplus amount of \$279,489.71 be hereby transferred to the Water Utility Fund Reserve.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

71/20 **WHEREAS** the Seven Sisters Sewer Utility Fund has a cash surplus of \$2,025.85 for the year ending 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this surplus amount of \$2,025.85 be hereby transferred to the Seven Sisters Utility Fund Reserve.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**

### 3. December Financial Statements

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

72/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending December 31, 2019, are hereby adopted as circulated.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**

### Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: minutes;
- Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. re: strategic plan (2017 – 2020) and minutes;
- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: minutes and agenda;
- Two Rivers Senior Resource Council Inc. re: Board Report;
- Summary of Building Permits; and
- Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: service overview.

Verbal reports were provided by Councillor Bachman on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc., and on the InterAgency meeting coordinated by the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc.; Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on MLA Ewasko's informational evening on Forest Management Licenses, Whitemouth Childcare Centre Committee; Two Rivers Service to Seniors and the Whitemouth Fire Management Committee; Councillor Honke on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. and Eastman Tourism; Councillor Malkoske on the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc.; and Reeve Amerongen advised he will be reporting at Communications Item No. 21.

**Public Works:** Updates of February 25, 2020

### Delegations:

Michael Becker attended to advise Council that he received an email that the maintenance on Homestead Road will remain the same as 2019. He reported that no maintenance at all was done in 2019 despite his attendance at a last years Council meeting. He then noted that he contacted the Public Works Supervisor last year and did then get the grader down there once and that before he would get gravel every second year. Tabled for Public Works input.

### Communications:

1. Community Planning Services re: Zoning By-Law draft. Reeve Amerongen advised that the Municipal Solicitor is reviewing same to ensure that the truck haul aspect is incorporated into the Zoning By-Law. Council directed this task be completed.
2. JA Manitoba – request for funding for school program. Discussed. The consensus of Council was that this is an education request that should be sent to the Sunrise School Division or the Whitemouth School direct.



3. Emergency Measures Organization re: 2020 Manitoba Community Emergency Preparedness Award. Council directed Administration to nominate the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team.
4. All Net Training on April 30, 2020 & Website discussion  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke  
73/20 **WHEREAS** All Net will be providing training on April 30, 2020, in Winnipeg, Manitoba;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT** Councillor Bachman be hereby authorized to attend same;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that she be reimbursed as per municipal policies.  
For: All      Against: None      **CARRIED**
5. Manitoba Celebrate 150 Grant for Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. re: grant denied. Noted.
6. Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. re: request for Manitoba 150 Funding. Tabled.
7. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: proposed lease land option to accommodate sprinkler system. Noted.
8. MP Falk re: Childcare Funding possibilities. This email was forwarded to the Child Care Committee.
9. Assessment Services re: appointment of District Supervisor Rene Coulombe. Noted.
10. Accessibility for Manitoba Act – notification of new regulation. Noted.
11. Province of Manitoba re: consultations on electronic logging devices. Noted.
12. Municipal Noxious Weed Act – annually appoint weed inspector.  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke  
74/20 **WHEREAS** information has been received from Manitoba Agriculture that each municipality in Manitoba must appoint a Weed Inspector;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby appoint Public Works Supervisor David Tolpa as their Weed Inspector.  
For: All      Against: None      **CARRIED**
13. Manitoba Housing – request for proposals. Reeve Amerongen noted that this information has been sent to entrepreneurs which have made inquiries about development in our municipality.
14. MLA Ewasko – invitation to Forest Management License presentation at South Beach Casino.  
Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Bachman  
75/20 **WHEREAS** an invitation has been received from MLA Ewasko to attend a Forest Management License Area meeting and presentation at the South Beach Casino on February 18, 2020;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Deputy Reeve Sikkenga be hereby authorized to attend same;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** she be reimbursed as per municipal policies.  
For: All      Against: None      **CARRIED**
15. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – thank you and offer to utilize their Membership logo on our Municipal Letterhead. The consensus of Council was to incorporate the logo on our Municipal Letterhead.

16. Manitoba 150 – approved grants. It was noted that it does not seem that there were any approvals in our area.
17. Marilyn Ruta re: Agenda additional information request. Tabled.
18. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz re: team member. Council agreed to the total team number of twelve. Tabled for resolution of all Members.
19. Municipal Minister of Municipal Relations re: appointment of new Municipal Services Officer Ann Ransom. Noted.
20. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Eastern Directors Update. Noted.
21. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: EMS/Emergency Response Services Shared Health Update and Recruitment & Retention Program Updates. Reeve Amerongen reported on a conversation with their Management and that there will be a follow up conference call on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Tabled.
22. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Federal Advocacy Efforts. Noted.
23. Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators – request for Chief Administrative Officer to be a panel participant at their convention. Council directed she attend same.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Dumping of Debris – Zoning. See Communications No. 1 above.

2. Organizational By-Law 697/20

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Honke

76/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 697/20 being a by-law to govern the organization of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 697/20 be hereby given second reading.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

77/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 697/20 being a by-law to govern the organization of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 697/20 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

3. By-Law No. 698/20 Lane Closure & Sale of Land. Tabled.
4. Whitemouth Happy Hours re: Handi Van Rates. Discussed. Tabled.
5. Budget 2020 (& Fire Department Radio Transition) Discussed. Council agreed to have the 2020 budget prepared with a .3 mill increase.

#### **New Business:**

1. By-Law No. 699/20 re: Building Inspection Services

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

78/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 699/20 being a by-law to appoint a Building Inspector for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** By-Law



No. 699/20 be hereby given first reading.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

2. Tax Due Date – commencing 2021 the due date for taxes will be September 30<sup>th</sup>. Information to be placed on our website and newsletter from now until then.
3. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority update. Reeve Amerongen reported on a conversation with their Management and that there will be a follow up conference call on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Tabled.
4. Farm Credit Corporation re: Agrispirit Fund. Deputy Reeve Sikkenga requested that funding flow through the municipality for the Whitemouth Childcare Committee and Council approved same.

**In Camera:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

79/20 **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: Union/Labour Issue

**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 Malkoske

80/20 **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**

Prior to any in-camera discussion Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not participate in the in camera discussion.

Council directed Administration to move forward with termination as per the the Collective Agreement.

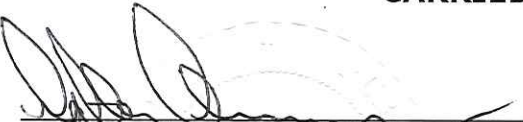
**Adjournment:**

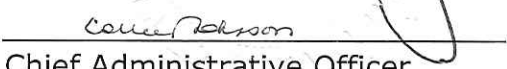
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

81/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

  
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Chief Administrative Officer