

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

This meeting was available by Conference Call due to COVID-19.

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

Excused: Reeve Amerongen

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Honke

53/21 **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 Honke and seconded by Malkoske

54/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting on March 9, 2021, 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 Bachman and seconded by Honke

55/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22702 to 22730, Electronic Payments EFT 3560 to 3582;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$84,828.60.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

56/21 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3583 & 3584

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,381.21.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 56/21 Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes of January 18, 2021; and
- Manitoba Age Friendly re: March 2021 Newsletter.

Verbal reports were provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on Whitemouth Childcare Center Committee, Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District, and the Clinical Teaching Unit; Councillor Honke on Public Works; Councillor Malkoske on Public Works and Community Futures Winnipeg River; and Councillor Bachman on the Interagency Meeting, Whitemouth Library, and the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.

Public Works: Update of March 22, 2021. It was noted that quotes were received to move pumps in the Water Treatment Plant which is to be referred to the 2022 Budget; and for a Waterline Intake from the lake to the Water Treatment Plant which is to be referred to the 2023 Budget. Referred to Administration.

Delegation:

6:30 p.m. Zachary Dueck, with LaVern Dueck as spokesperson, attended via teleconference to request use of the new fire hall tower to accommodate a High-Speed Internet Service Company. Discussed. Council was receptive to same however, identified that due diligence will have to be completed as that there are already agreement/s in place in this regard. Referred to Administration for additional information. Tabled.

Communications:

1. Manitoba Hydro re: Business Lighting Program – request to apply for municipal buildings.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

57/21 **WHEREAS** Manitoba Hydro has a Business Lighting Program available offering incentives for installations of eligible energy efficient lighting systems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to make application for both the Fire Halls, the Public Works Facility and Administration Buildings to convert to LED lighting.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Wild Skies Wedding Venue – request for an extension to the municipal Noise By-Law on July 24 and September 25, 2021.

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Bachman

58/21 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from property owners of 71057 Brookfield Road (Wild Skies Wedding Venue) to extend Noise By-Law 687/19 effective quiet hour from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on both July 24 and September 25, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby denied.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Administration was directed to offer our Whitemouth River Valley Visitor and Community Guides to distribute.

3. Eastman Tourism Development Conference – April 12 to 15, 2021. It was noted that this is a free virtual conference that any portions can be taken.
4. Species at Risk – Outreach Invitation. Deputy Reeve Sikkenga will participate, and Reeve Amerongen, depending on availability.
5. Manitoba Hydro re: Seven Sister Falls Foundation/Reinforcement Project. Update has been placed on our website.
6. Province of Manitoba re: Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program. Tabled for Council suggestions at the next regular meeting, Administration recommended a complete future utility plan for the municipality. Tabled.
7. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Displayers for the Spring and Fall Conventions. Noted.
8. Classes of Buildings Designation Regulation – Manitoba Regulation 4/2021. Noted.
9. Office of the Fire Commissioner – Department Training during COVID-19. It was noted that our members are in accordance with regulations.

Unfinished Business:

1. Two Rivers Drive – Tabled.
2. Animal Control By-Law No. 714/21
Councillor Malkoske addressed the number of cats and dogs per urban property should be reduced to 2 of each dog or cat and not 3. Discussed.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman
59/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 714/21, being a by-law for regulation and control of animals, be hereby given first reading.
For: Sikkenga, Bachman & Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**
3. By-Law No. 715/21 – Amend Incentive By-Law No. 620/14 being the Commercial/Industrial/Agricultural Development Incentive.
Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman
60/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 715/21, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 620/14 being the Commercial/Industrial/Agricultural Development Incentive, be hereby given third and final reading.
For: Sikkenga, Bachman & Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**
4. By-Law No. 716/21 - Amend Incentive By-Law No. 621/14 being the Residential Development Incentive.
Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman
61/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 716/21, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 621/14 being the Residential Development Incentive, be hereby given third and final reading.
For: Sikkenga, Bachman & Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**
5. Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Inc. re: Council Representative. Tabled.
6. Northern Light Memorials – inquiry on granite ledger (policy included). Administration was directed to enforce the policy in place and to deny placement of same.
7. Drainage By-Law Draft – Council discussed responsibility of drainage being either municipal or provincial. Administration was directed to prepare the By-Law with a number for the next regular meeting. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Utility Call Outs – Discussion was held on charges to ratepayers. Council agreed not to change the no charge inspection. Administration was directed to advise any inquiry received with regards to flooding of basements, for the caller to contact a plumber direct. These calls are not to be forwarded to personnel.
2. Budget/Financial Plan By-Law No. 717/21 – First Reading.
Councillor Malkoske addressed the funding of a utility initiative.
Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman
62/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 717/21 being the 2021 Financial Plan/Budget for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth be hereby given first reading.
For: Sikkenga, Bachman & Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**
3. Collective Agreement re: safety clothing allowance – request for clarification. Response received from the Union today, to be reviewed by Council. Tabled.
4. Driving Tour – request for \$300.00 for additional advertising. Referred to the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc.
5. Whitemouth Fire Department – request for 4 x 4 box addition. Referred to the next Fire Management meeting.

Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and Sikkenga

63/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Original signed in office

Reeve

Original signed in office

Chief Administrative Officer