

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 25, 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: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Bachman, Honke, Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

110/21 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

111/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting on May 11, 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

112/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22797 to 22820, Electronic Payments EFT 3706 to 3728;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$541,328.18.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Bachman

113/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3729 & 3730

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,341.25.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 113/21 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 ending April 30, 2021

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

114/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending April 30, 2021, be hereby adopted as circulated.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor Honke reported on Public Works and Eastman Tourism; Councillor Bachman on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.; Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on Two Rivers Service to Seniors and the Clinical Teaching Unit; Councillor Malkoske on the Winnipeg River Community Futures; and Reeve Amerongen on the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee.

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Emergency Response Team re: training exercise overview; Radio Inquiry & Exercise Date; and
- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes of March 22, 2021.

Public Works: Update of May 10, 2021

Moved by Honke and Malkoske

115/21 **WHEREAS** a review has been completed on the costs paid to trappers per beaver in our area;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cost per beaver trapped be increased to \$60.00.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Communications:

1. Bill Brenner Consulting – services available. Noted.
2. Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach – request resolution of support to implement a plan regarding zebra mussels.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

116/21 **WHEREAS** zebra mussels are not only having a very significant and negative impact on the condition of Lake Winnipeg but are also a serious impediment to recreational users' enjoyment and detrimental to all other stakeholders;
AND WHEREAS zebra mussels continue to accumulate extensively on shorelines and beaches along Lake Winnipeg;
AND WHEREAS there does not appear to be a federal or provincial plan in place to mitigate the reproduction of zebra mussels and the deleterious effects they have on Lake Winnipeg;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth urge the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to lobby the two levels of senior government to implement a plan of action to proactively deal with zebra mussel infestation in Lake Winnipeg.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Province Partnering With Xplornet to improve high speed internet services. Noted.
4. MP Falk – request resolution of support to establish a National Suicide Prevention Hotline to a three-digit number (988).

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

117/21 **WHEREAS** the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;
AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;
AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;
AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, and the CRTC.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. Jim Castle – Sound Quality on Teleconference Meetings. Reeve Amerongen advised that numerous inquiries had been made to meeting participants whom advised that they did not have any difficulties hearing. He noted that this will be monitored and thanked Mr. Castle for sharing this information with Council.
6. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Virtual District Meeting – registration. Administration to register Reeve Amerongen, Councillor Honke and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.
7. Community Planning Branch re: amendment to Zoning By-law (signage) By-Law No. 719/21.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

118/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 719/21 being a by-law to amend our Zoning By-Law No. 706/20 regarding signs be hereby given first reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

8. Manitoba Good Roads Association re: 2021 Judging Competition. Noted.
 9. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show
- Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

119/21 **WHEREAS** the Federation of Canadian Municipalities will be holding it's 2021 Convention virtually from May 31, 2021, to June 4, 2021;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Amerongen, and/or Councillor Honke and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal by-law.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. Two Rivers Drive – Reeve Amerongen provided an update from the May 5, 2021, teleconference meeting. Tabled.
2. Rural Municipality of Reynolds re: Fire Agreement. Tabled.
3. Vacant and Derelict Building and Unsightly Property By-Law No. 712/20 - introduce By-Law No. 718/21 to repeal By-Law No. 712/20.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

120/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 718/21 being a by-law to repeal the Vacant and Derelict Building and Unsightly Property By-Law No. 712/20 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke & Sikkenga Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**

4. Whitemouth Fire Department – new member. Tabled.
5. NorthStar Communications Inc. – request for draft agreement quote provided last week. Awaiting further direction from NorthStar Communications Inc. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Sanitization Fogger for Administration Building, Public Works Facility, Recreation Equipment etc.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

121/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a Vector C125 Fogger be purchased to assist sanitization efforts with the current pandemic situation;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this is an approved expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$684.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. 2021 Bursary – Tabled.

3. Driving Tour – request for link to site (Museum)

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

122/21 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Recreation Commission Inc. was tasked with rejuvenating our “Driving Tour”;

AND WHEREAS this will be available to access electronically;

AND WHEREAS a request has been received from the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. to have this accessible from their website;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT requests such as this that have a Council Member Representative(s) on a municipal board/committee be hereby approved.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

In Camera:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske

123/21 **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

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 Honke and seconded by Amerongen

124/21 **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

Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

125/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Original signed in Office

Reeve

Original signed in Office

Chief Administrative Officer