#### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present:

Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald,

Staerk, 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

50/24 **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 McDougald and seconded by Honke

51/24 WHEREAS the minutes of their regular and special meeting held on , February 13, 2024, 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

52/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 24816 to 24844

Electronic Payments EFT 7733 to 7762

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$181,201.63.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

53/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of

Electronic Fund Transfers 7763 & 7766

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$5,319.06.

For: All

Against:

None

**CARRIED** 

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 53/24, 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 McDougald

54/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfers 7767 & 7783

None

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,199.67.

For: All

Against:

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 54/24, 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 Stead

55/24 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending December 31, 2023, have been circulated to Council for their review;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these financial statements are hereby adopted.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

# **Reports of Committees:**

- Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council Inc. minutes of January 18, 2024; and

- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes of February 16, 2024.

# **Verbal Reports of Committees:**

Councillor McDougald reported on the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District; Councillor Staerk on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. and the Parent Advisory Committee; Deputy Reeve Honke on Public Works; and Reeve Amerongen on the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee and our 2024 Budget Meeting.

# **Delegations:**

- 1:30 p.m. Allan Caron and Gaylene Poulin as representatives of the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories attended to provide an update on a regional gathering being planned for May 2024, of low-level waste trenches, and to discuss the type of feedback CNL will be seeking on the Land Use End State Plan from Council. The delegation was suspended to hold a public hearing, the public hearing held and the delegation completed their presentation.
- 2:10 p.m. Kim Saxler as representative of the Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre Inc. attended to request an amendment for the tax exemption By-Law 694/19 for their Centre to allow for the sale of liquor on their properties. Tabled.

## **Public Hearing:**

1:45 p.m. Conditional Use Application Order No. C14/2024 re: Hajdarevic for Roll No. 120400.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

65/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider Conditional Use Application C14/2024 for Roll No. 120400, located in the SE ¼ of 15-12-11 EPM to allow for a used dwelling to be located on the property at 63185 PTH 44.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

66/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the public hearing is now completed and the Public Hearing closed;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council now return to their former order of business of this Council Meeting.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

WHEREAS a request has been received from Nijaz Hajdarevic to allow for a used dwelling to be brought into our municipality and to be located on his property;

**AND WHEREAS** the application is Conditional Use C14/2024;

**AND WHEREAS** the property is located in Pt. SE of Section 15, Township 12, in Range 11 EPM, being Lot A of Plan No. 11752, and identified as Roll No. 120400;

**AND WHEREAS** no representatives attended and no objections were received;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve said Conditional Use Application on the following conditions:

- 1. That it is utilized within twelve months;
- 2. That all restrictions from Building Inspector dated February 1, 2024; including
- 3. That the current energy code is met.

For: Amerongen, Honke, Staerk, Stead Against: McDougald CARRIED

## **Communications:**

- 1. Manitoba Municipal Administrators President offering to discuss the alleged theft from a member. Noted.
- 2. Adelene Schultz re: Whitemouth Museum Financial approved. Noted.
- 3. Taxervice re: Tax Sale date and auctioneer Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk
- WHEREAS Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2023 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2022 or prior); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with s. 363 (1) of the Municipal Act, "costs" shall be the actual costs incurred by the municipality for each parcel listed for the tax sale [plus an administration fee of \$50.00 per roll as set forth in Manitoba Regulation 50/97]; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the tax sale be held October 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth's council chambers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth appoint Capital Auctions and Appraisals to conduct the 2024 tax sale auction.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

- 4. Manitoba Water Services Board re: request for 5 year Capital Plan Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk
- WHEREAS Manitoba Water Services Board has provided municipalities with applications for a 5 Year Capital Plan funding request;
   NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby place their requests for #1 Lagoon, #2 Water Extension to Elma, and #3 Sewer Extension to Elma.

For: All

Against:

None

**CARRIED** 

- 5. Public Works re: truck purchase for Fire Department Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead
- 58/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Fire Department requires a truck; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a 2020 Ford F-550

  Dually Flat Deck be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$77,280.00 which includes all taxes.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

6. Operating Engineers Local 987 – new Business Representative is Trevor Yuriy. Noted.

7. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Spring Convention and Change of Meeting Date

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

59/24 **WHEREAS** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Spring Convention will be held in Brandon, Manitoba, from April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** all members of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to attend same; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

60/24 **WHEREAS** Council has a regular meeting conflict due to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities convention;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regularly scheduled Council meeting of April 9, 2024, be hereby rescheduled to April 2, 2024.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

- 8. Rural Municipality of Reynolds re: tentative joint meeting set for September 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Noted.
- 9. Community Planning Branch re: File No. 4203-20-7496 File Closed. Noted.
- 10. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: 2024 levy and request for half installment remittance.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

61/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District has requested that one-half of their \$9,000.00 2024 levy be released for payment; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** \$4,500.00 be hereby paid now with the remaining \$4,500.00 to be paid out in August, 2024.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 11. Community Planning Branch re: File No. 4203-20-7527 File Closed. Noted.
- 12. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Eastern Directors Report. Noted.
- 13. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: resolution criteria for Convention. Noted.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Lagoon response to Minister Bushie and funding search continues. Tabled.
- 2. Waterline South of Elma response to Minister Bushie and draft update of communications being sent to all interested parties with guesstimate of project. Tabled.
- 3. MLA Ewasko re: Childcare Funding Response. Tabled.
- 4. Minister Bushie of Municipal and Northern Relations response to our meeting with him at the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention regarding annexation. Works to proceed on annexation proposal. Tabled.
- 5. Seven Sisters Falls Community Club re: financial. Mrs. Saxler hand delivered Communications for Council prior to this meeting. Tabled.

- 6. By-Law No. 756/24 re: Building Inspector/Development Officer Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead
- 63/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 756/24, being a by-law to authorize the entering into and execution of an Agreement with Nathaniel Windsor to provide Building Inspection Services be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

7. Land Acknowledgement – additional information Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

64/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following land acknowledgement be hereby as implemented as follows:

I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on treaty land, referred to as Treaty 1 and Treaty 3 Territory and that the RM of Whitemouth and all the people here are beneficiaries of these Treaties. Treaties 1 and 3 encompasses the lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Saulteaux, and the Homeland of the Red River Metis Nation. We are dedicated to ensuring the spirit of reconciliation and that Treaties 1 and 3 are honoured and respected. This acknowledgement also reaffirms our relationship with one another, and we are committed to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous Nations in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 8. Fire Marque re: legal quotes and note to Council. Administration was directed to proceed.
- 9. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority Doctor status. Noted.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Councillor McDougald animal by-law regarding dogs. Administration was directed to draft an amending by-law. Tabled.
- 2. Delegation form re: under notation that the word to be changed from will to may. Council directed Administration to have the word changed to may.

### In Camera:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

68/24 **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: 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 Honke

69/24 **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

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## Adjournment:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

70/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 3:14 p.m.

None

For: All

Against:

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Chief Administrative Officer