

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

This meeting was available by Conference Call.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Honke, Malkoske (conference call) and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

217/21 **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

218/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 24, 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 Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

219/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 23007 to 23038, Electronic Payments EFT 3902 to 3926;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$112,000.00.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

220/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3979 and 3980;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,880.03.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 220/21 Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

221/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3977 and 3978;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,858.55.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 221/21 Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

2. Financial Statements for August, 2021

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

222/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Statements ending August 31, 2021, are hereby adopted as circulated.

For: Amerongen, Honke, Malkoske Abstained: Sikkenga **CARRIED**

Public Works: Update of September 7, 2021.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor Honke reported on Public Works, Waste Management and The Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District; Councillor Malkoske reported on Public Works, The Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District and Fire Management; Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on Childcare; and Reeve Amerongen on Public Works, Waste Management and Fire Management.

Communications:

1. Whitemouth Emergency Response Team re: Alternate Municipal Emergency Coordinator's request for a one year leave of absence.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

223/21 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Whitemouth Emergency Response Team, Alternate Municipal Emergency Coordinator Rudie Friesen for a one year leave of absence from this position;
AND WHEREAS member Glenn Humeny has agreed to replace Mr. Friesen as the Alternate Emergency Coordinator for this one year period;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this interim position change.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. CN re: Rail Safety Week proclamation request.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

223A/21 **WHEREAS** Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 20 to 26, 2021;
WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;
WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;
WHEREAS CN has requested the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 20 to 26, 2021.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Harry Pluchinski re: request permission to hunt/trap on municipal lands.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

224/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** authorization be hereby granted to Harry Pluchinski to hunt and trap until August 31, 2022, on the following municipal properties:

Roll No.	Description
137300	NW 13-12-12 EPM
141600	NE 23-12-12-EPM
143500	SE 26-12-12 EPM
59200	SW 24-11-11 EPM
134725	NE 2-12-12 EPM
113500	NW 4-12-11 EPM

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this authorization may be revoked at any time at the discretion of Council.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

4. Minister of Infrastructure re: seeking input for a proposed grid of trade and Commerce routes across Manitoba. Administration to inquire if this takes in all of Old Highway 15. Tabled.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 20 to 26, 2021.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. NorthStar Communications Inc. – Agreement sent August 13, 2021, to NorthStar. Discussed. Tabled.
2. Manitoba Water Services Board re: Lagoon. Verbal property update from prospective vendors. Administration was directed to contact them to inquire about municipally owned property for a lagoon. Tabled.
3. Administration Building re: update from Building Inspector Ruta. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Pandemic Protocol Update - Municipal Services Officer re: mask inquiry response by Order 27 & Solicitor Input & PWS Tolpa request for guideline/s. Deferred to In Camera discussion.
2. Water System Connection Policy – request to add Seven Sisters Townsite fees.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

228/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** our Water System Connection Policy Schedule be amended to include connection fees for the Seven Sisters Townsite as follows:

Waterline

Disconnection Charge	\$50.00
Reconnection Charge	\$50.00

Waterline Connection

non refundable deposit	\$500.00
Water connection	\$ 9,000.00 \$ 9,500.00
Sewer connection	\$ 4,000.00 \$ 4,500.00
<i>if water and sewer done together</i>	
<i>one deposit required</i>	\$ 13,500.00

Seven Sisters Townsite

non refundable deposit	\$ 500.00
Water connection	\$ 3,500.00
Sewer connection	\$ 1,500.00

The installation of the waterline, from the main line is the responsibility of the owner.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Administration lease for photocopier (2015 machine returned)

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

229/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the upgrade and lease for the Ricoh

Photocopier from WBM Technologies Inc. be approved at a cost of \$589.83 per quarter for up to 60 months.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

4. Senior Utility Operator Campbell re: camera information and alternative. Deferred to In Camera discussion.

In Camera:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

230/21 **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: 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 Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

231/21 **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**

Communications No. 13) Whitemouth Emergency Response Team

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

232/21 **WHEREAS** our Whitemouth Emergency Response Team is preparing for an exercise (mock disaster) on September 18, 2021;
AND WHEREAS with the current pandemic and changing Provincial Health Orders they are requesting direction on whether or not to postpone the event;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby direct our Whitemouth Emergency Response Team to cancel the September 18, 2021, exercise and postpone until the spring of 2022, should Provincial Health Orders allow.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

New Business No. 1) Pandemic Protocol Update and Public Works request for guidelines. In addition, discussion was held on Fire Department Training, direction was provided to go back to platoon training.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske

233/21 **WHEREAS** our Whitemouth Fire Department would like to hold a fundraiser on September 25, 2021;
AND WHEREAS with the current pandemic and changing Provincial Health Orders Council has revisited them holding this event and have agreed to approve same with the following conditions:

1. This is held as a drive thru event only; and
2. Any servers of food are fully vaccinated.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

New Business No. 4) Camera information and alternative. Administration was directed to meet with Public Works in this regard. Tabled

Adjournment:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

234/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Original signed in Office
Reeve

Original signed in Office
Chief Administrative Officer