

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 24, 2023, 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

14/23 **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 Honke and seconded by Stead

15/23 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on December 22, 2022, 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 Staerk and seconded by McDougald

16/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 23941 to 23966

Electronic Payments EFT 6809 to 6832

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$174,948.09.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

17/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 6833 & 6834

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,551.33.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 17/23, 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.

Activity Coordinator – Report for December, 2022

RCMP "D" Division - Quarterly Report ending December, 2022

Public Works – January 9, 2023 Update

Reports of Committees:

- Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council Inc. – Board report and statistics.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

All members attended a joint meeting with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds; Councillor McDougald on Community Futures Winnipeg River; Councillor Stead on

CNL Decommissioning and Eastman Tourism; Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team and the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee; and Deputy Reeve Honke on the Two Rivers Service to Seniors.

Delegation:

1:30 p.m. Prairie By-Law Enforcement representatives attended to provide an overview of the services they offer and responded to inquiries from Council. Tabled to in camera discussion below.

Communications:

1. Brokenhead River Planning District re: Public Hearing. Noted.
2. CP re: primary contact and offer of attendance regarding rail service. Noted.
3. Eastman Snopals Inc. – information. Administration was directed to correspond regarding a possible route change, indicating that Council would like input. Tabled.
4. Stars – thank you for contribution. Noted.
5. Winnipeg River Arts Council re: request for grant
Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead
18/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a grant in the amount of \$500.00 is hereby approved in 2023, for the Winnipeg River Arts Council.
For: All Against: None **CARRIED**
6. North Eastman Municipal Forum re: meeting February 13, 2023.
Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead
19/23 **WHEREAS** the North Eastman Municipal Forum will be held in Victoria Beach on February 13, 2023;
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**
7. RM of Lac du Bonnet re: Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding.
Tabled for input from our Municipal Emergency Coordinator.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon update – Noted. Tabled.
2. Whitemouth Municipal Childcare Committee update and Council selected the Traditional Star Blanket Pattern for the entrance hallways. Tabled.
3. By-Law Officer Position – Tabled to in camera discussion below.
4. Snow Policy – draft for Council review to include private works. Referred to Public Works meeting, safety works to be continued.
5. Manitoba Hydro Pointe du Bois Project – meeting notes of July 26, 2022. Refer to Public Works Committee.
6. Noise By-Law No. 687/19 re: draft fine schedule. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Pandemic Discussion – Tabled.

2. Provisional Estimates

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

20/23 **WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 163 of The Municipal Act requires that an interim operating budget be completed to have effect from January 1, 2023, until the adoption of the operating budget fiscal year is completed; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following interim operating budget by adopted:

Operating Requirement –	
General Government Services	\$ 200,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 50,000.00
Transportation Services	\$ 200,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 20,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$ 10,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 20,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$ 20,000.00
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$ 10,000.00
Fiscal Services –	\$ 100,000.00
Capital Requirements	
Borne by Reserves	\$100,000.00

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

3. Columbarium placed at cemetery and niche price review complete. No change for niche purchase. Noted.
4. Election By-law – draft to reflect date on Schedule “A”. Administration was directed to proceed. Tabled.
5. Council Emergency Training – date set tentatively for March 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
6. 2023 Emergency Plan re: USB (thumb drive) provided to each member of Council. Noted.
7. Municipal Relations re: education sessions available. Noted.
8. Tim Horton’s Camp re: inquiry task completed. The Camp will not be open in 2023, and they thanked us for utility information.
9. Handivan Step information – referred to the Public Works Committee.
10. School Trustee Nichol re: request for representative for the Whitemouth Parent Advisory Committee. Discussed. Councillor Stead was authorized to attend a meeting and report back to Council on same.

In Camera:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

21/23 **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 McDougald and seconded by Stead

22/23 **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

Administration was directed to acquire a draft agreement from Prairie Law
Enforcement for Council's review.

Adjournment:


Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

23/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this
meeting does hereby adjourn at 3:03 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve
Chief Administrative Officer