### **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on August 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present:

Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Honke,

Bachman, Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

# Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

231/20 **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 Sikkenga

232/20 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 28, 2020, have been submitted to Council for their review;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these minutes be adopted as circulated.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

#### Financial:

1. Payment of accounts.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Honke

233/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22304 to 22327

Electronic Payments EFT 3085 to 3121;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$164,251.62

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

234/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Payments EFT 3122 & 3123;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,288.44.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 234/20 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

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

235/20 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending July 31, 2020, have been circulated to Council for their review;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these statements be adopted as circulated.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

# **Reports of Committees:**

Verbal reports were provided by Councillor Honke and Councillor Malkose on the Public Works Committee, and Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Whitemouth Childcare Centre Committee.

Public Works: Minutes and update of August 10, 2020.

## **Public Hearing:**

6:45 p.m. A public hearing was held on a transferring a 2020 budgeted expenditure from a capital expenditure to road expenditures.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

236/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider an expenditure change for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth 2020 Financial Plan/Budget.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

237/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the Public Hearing is now completed and is now closed and that Council return to their regular order of business of the Council meeting.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

238/20 **WHEREAS** a Public Hearing has been held in regards to re-allocating \$75,000.00 in funds to accommodate required road repairs to Two Rivers Road from the 2020 Financial Plan funds allocated for a road into the Industrial Park;

AND WHEREAS there were no representatives;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby approve that this change be made;

**AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT** Administration be hereby directed to have this change made.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

## Communications:

- 1. Valley Fiber CFO request for reconsideration. Discussed. Council directed Administration to provide a letter of support in principle, noting any other request from a provider would also receive a letter of support.
- 2. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz re: request attendance at conference by Alternate Municipal Emergency Coordinator. Approved as it is a budgeted expense.
- 3. Councillor Bachman re: drone pictures over the Whitemouth Industrial Park. Referred to Reeve Amerongen, as he may have access to a free service for this initiative should it be required.
- 4. RCMP Quarterly Report statistics & Association of Manitoba Municipalities update on reporting templates to Council. Noted.
- 5. BDO Canada LLP 2019 Auditors' report for the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility. Noted.
- 6. Tree Canada request for municipal lands to plant trees. It was noted that there are presently no municipal lands that require trees.
- 7. Manitoba Housing re: Riverbend Manor response. Noted.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. By-Law No. 705/20 – Rescind previous Recreation Agreement. Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

239/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 705/20 being a by-law to rescind previous Recreation Commission By-Law No. 640/15 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 2. Fire Guard/Bog update from PWS Tolpa. Discussed. Administration was directed to correspond with the Trans Canada Trail Committee to see if we could work together on this initiative. Copies of correspondence to be provided to MLA Ewasko and Conservation and Climate representative Curtis Kline.
- 3. Lagoon Response from Manitoba Water Services Board to inquiries. Noted.
- 4. Document Storage Research ongoing. Tabled.
- 5. Zoning By-Law No. 706/20 Discussed. Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman
- 240/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 706/20, being the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Zoning By-law be hereby given first reading.

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

- 6. Manitoba Health re: Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority sprinkler system awaiting agreement. Tabled
- 7. 200 Acres Councillor Malkoske and Administrative Assistant Arndt will work on this initiative of research collection.

#### **New Business:**

1. Recreation Director

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

241/20 **WHEREAS** applications for a recreation director have been requested, received, evaluated, and interviews held;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Courtney Bangert be hereby hired to commence work on September 8, 2020, for a 37.5 hour work week;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** she be paid at the rate of \$21.00 per hour for the initial year, with a increase of 3 percent for the second year and a 3 percent increase for the third year.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- Sun Gro Horticulture Canada Ltd. re: Environmental Act, Peatland Development, Evergreen 1 Bog sub-area proposal. No concerns were addressed.
- 3. Public Works Equipment

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Honke

242/20 **WHEREAS** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth wishes to purchase a piece of equipment for the Public Works Department; **WHEREAS** Section 162(3) of The Municipal Act states, "A council may revise its financial plan after the public hearing, but public notice must be given and another public hearing conducted if the revision (a) increases the estimated amount of a transfer referred to in clause

(a) increases the estimated amount of a transfer referred to in clause 164(2)(a) or the estimated revenue from a tax referred to in clause 164(2)(c) (operating budget); or

(b) increases any of the amounts referred to in section 166 (capital budget)."

**AND WHEREAS** there will be no increase to the tax levy, a public hearing is not required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby agree to expend up to \$90,000.00 out of their Public Works

Equipment Reserve Fund.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED** 

# **Adjournment:**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

230/20 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular business has concluded and this

meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED** 

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer