

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 7, 2022, at 1:00 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 McDougald and Malkoske (conference call), and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

### Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

67/22 **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 Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

68/22 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on February 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 Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

75/22 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 23309 to 23319

Electronic Payments EFT 6085 to 6106

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$91,837.30.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by McDougald

76/22 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 6107 & 6108

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,488.53.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 76/22, 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.

**Public Works:** Update of March 1, 2022

**Utility:** February 2022 Report

**By-Law Enforcement:** February 2022 Report

### Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor Honke reported on the Public Works Committee; Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility; Councillor Malkoske on Community Futures Winnipeg River and the 200 acres in Seven Sisters Falls owned by Manitoba Hydro; and Reeve Amerongen on the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee.

## Communications:

1. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: Budget and requested levy for 2022.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

69/22 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District has provided their 2022 Budget request of \$4,000.00;  
**AND WHEREAS** they have requested half (\$2,000.00) of the funds now;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this request be hereby approved.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

2. Valley Fiber re: Agreement for review and deliverables required.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

70/22 **WHEREAS** a request for Agreements to be signed has been received from Valley Fiber;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration is hereby directed to acquire a legal opinion on the documents.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

3. Municipal Relations re: 2022 General Municipal Election to be held on October 26, 2022. Noted.

4. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Zebra Mussels meeting with the Director of Aquatic Invasive Species. Noted.

5. Sturgeon Bay Resort – request for Council input on proposed development. Referred to “In Camera” discussions.

6. Manitoba Hydro – request to present on March 16, 2022.

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Amerongen

71/22 **WHEREAS** Manitoba Hydro has requested a meeting with Council to present their plan of the Seven Sisters Townsite Sewage Treatment Plant Demolition, on March 16, 2022;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this request be hereby approved.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

7. Seven Sisters Falls Community Club – request for letter of support for a grant initiative.

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Honke

72/22 **WHEREAS** the Seven Sisters Falls Community Club has submitted a grant application for an all-inclusive eco-friendly Playground;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth are of the opinion that this would be beneficial;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby support this application for funding.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

8. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Fiscal impact from COVID. It was noted that the majority of funding went to the larger areas, such as Winnipeg, Brandon and Steinbach.

9. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: February 25, 2022 update. Noted.

## Unfinished Business:

1. Manitoba Water Services Board re: Land for Lagoon – Update and drill map received. Revised drill plan approved and referred to Public Works. Tabled.

2. Municipal Fire Inspector – Reeve Amerongen is awaiting responses from members of the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee.
3. Recreation Director Position – Ongoing. Tabled.
4. By-Law No. 726/22 Fee Schedule for Zoning Purposes – Tabled for zoning information.
5. Website content – Member of Council will review other websites for ideas.

#### **New Business:**

1. Pandemic Discussion – Province will not require masks to be worn in Schools and child care facilities as of March 15, 2022. Council directed that they will continue to utilize the Provincial Guidelines, and change procedures accordingly. Tabled.
2. Election Candidate Session – will be held on Monday, July 25, 2022, at the Whitemouth Recreation Center. Noted.
3. Office Electrical - Referred to "In Camera" discussions.
4. By-Law No. 728/22 Re: Use of Municipal Resources during a general or by-election.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

73/22 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 728/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth establishing rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources during the 42 day period before a general election;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby provide first reading for By-Law No. 728/22.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

74/22 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 728/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth establishing rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources during the 42 day period before a general election;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby provide second reading for By-Law No. 728/22.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

5. Seven Sisters Commercial Lot RE: Offer to Purchase - Referred to "In Camera" discussions.
6. Liquor Outlet in Whitemouth – negative response from Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries. Administration advised that letter of disappointment have been sent to our MLA and MP with Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries response. Direction was provided to contact the Minister responsible for Liquor and Lotteries as well as our Premier.
7. Council meeting times were discussed, as well as recording of Council meetings. Tabled.

#### **In Camera:**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

77/22 **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 Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

78/22 **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 advise Mr. Tines that a Conditional Use would have to be applied for to create a Planned Unit Development. (Communications No. 5)

Office plumbing and electrical information referred to Building Inspector Ruta for evaluation and recommendation. Should a tender be recommended that is not the lowest, it will be referred back to Council.

Lot Offer Seven Sisters (New Business No. 5) Administration was directed to acquire additional information from the prospective purchaser for Council's review.

Financial Assistant to be directed to finalize Budget 2022 documentation with no changes from our last budget meeting.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Sikkenga

79/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration is hereby directed to amend our by-law to reflect that commencing April 24, 2022, all regular meetings of Council are to be held at 2:00 p.m. on both the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

For: Amerongen, Sikkenga, Honke, McDougald

Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske

80/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration is hereby directed to amend our by-law to have our rate for kilometrage travelled set at sixty cents (.60), retroactive to March 1, 2022.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

81/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration is directed to research recording devices for our Regular Meetings of Council.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

### **Adjournment:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

82/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 4:12 p.m.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**

**Original Signed in Office**

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**Original Signed in Office**

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Chief Administrative Officer