

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 22, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

Excused: Councillor Bachman

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

308/19 **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

309/19 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 8, 2019, 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 Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

310/19 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque No. 21796 to 21813

Electronic Payments EFT 2473 to 2496

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$98,883.77.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Malkoske

311/19 **WHEREAS** the following item has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Payment EFT 2497

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$833.45.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 311/19 Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until the resolution was completed.

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Honke

312/19 **WHEREAS** the following item has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Payment EFT 2498

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,378.19.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 312/19 Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until the resolution was completed.

2. Financial Statements

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

313/19 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending September 30, 2019, have been circulated for Council's review;

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

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Reports of Committees:

- Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee, information and minutes;
- Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation, minutes;
- Clinical Teaching Unit Task Force minutes;
- Whitemouth Fire Department Officers meeting minutes; and
- Community Futures Winnipeg River minutes.

Verbal reports were provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Whitemouth Child Care Centre Committee and the Whitemouth Fire Management Committee; Councillor Honke on Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. and Eastman Tourism; Councillor Malkoske on Community Futures Winnipeg River and Reeve Amerongen on Two Rivers Service to Seniors and the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee.

Public Works: Minutes of October 22, 2019. Noted.

Delegation:

6:30 p.m. Clint Giesbrecht – attended to request an easement along Stony Creek Road and inquired about implementing a tier of water rates for very large scale agricultural users. He noted that the easement is of the greatest importance to him not the tier rate. In addition he advised that over the years his family has provided easements to the municipality. Referred to Public Works.

Communications:

1. Beausejour Co-op – Community Support Fund (closes November 15th). Noted.
2. Public Utilities Board re: approval Seven Sisters Wastewater 2018 Deficit. Noted.
3. Public Utilities Board re: approval Whitemouth Water 2018 Deficit. Noted.
4. Building Permit Update for 2019. Council appreciated this overview and requested it be provided quarterly.
5. Lac du Bonnet Planning District re: Public Hearing on dissolution. Noted.
6. Royal Canadian Legion – invitation to lay wreath. Council advised that they will be attending their local service in Whitemouth.
7. Mitchell and Tanya Jensen re: public reserve response. Request for 100 feet rather than the 50 feet public reserve frontage which Council offered. Discussed. Once discussions concluded Administration was directed to advise Mr. and Mrs. Jensen that their request was denied and to provide how the footage amount was determined.

8. Manitoba Good Roads – October 2019 Newsletter. Noted.

9. Whitemouth and District Lions Club – request for advertisement in Community Calendar.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

314/19 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Whitemouth and District Lions Club to place an advertisement in their Community Calendar;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a medium ad be hereby purchased at an amount not to exceed \$180.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

10. Manitoba Building Officials Seminar for 2019

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

315/19 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Building Officials Annual Fall Seminar & Trade Show will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on October 23 and October 24, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Building Inspector Ruta be hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he be reimbursed as per municipal policies.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

11. RCMP S/Sgt Meyers – quarterly report. Noted.

12. Manitoba Climate and Green Plan initiative re: grant available. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sandy Lane – Tabled.

2. Culvert – By-Law No. 695/19 Third and final reading.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

316/19 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 695/19 being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth respecting culverts and approaches to private property off of municipal roads within the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 695/19 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

3. Dumping of Debris – Tabled.

4. Paul Steiner – request for culvert and approach to be re-installed. Referred to Public Works for Public Works Supervisor Tolpa to meet with Mr. Steiner.

Prior to discussion on this request both Deputy Reeve Sikkenga and Councillor Malkoske requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They vacated their chairs and did not return until the discussion was completed.

5. Manitoba Hydro re: Work to the Trans Canada Trail, awaiting ad for website. Tabled.

6. Telephone inquiry re: weekend use – information. Discussed. The consensus of Council was for the service to remain as is.

7. General Operating – 2017 Deficit.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

317/19 **WHEREAS** Council requested approval for the 2017 General Operating Fund Deficit of \$32,683.24 by way of Resolution No. 50/18;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Auditors adjusting entries for 2017 resulted in a General Operating Deficit of \$41,240.00;
AND WHEREAS the difference of \$8,556.76 will be levied in the 2020 Budget;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as per Section 165 (1) of The Municipal Act we respectfully request the Minister's written approval for same.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

8. Charitable Donations ie. Christmas Hamper, Sports Teams, Grad Ad.
The consensus of Council was to evaluate requests on an individual basis as they are received.

New Business:

1. Standing Committees and Board Appointments – Resolution 317A/19
Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

COMMITTEE	COUNCILLOR(S)	ALTERNATE
Accounts Payable	Lori Bachman	Tim Honke
CNL Decommissioning	Walter Amerongen	Lori Bachman
Carmine Shiner	Walter Amerongen	
Clinical Teaching Unit	Manny Sikkenga	
Whitemouth Childcare Centre Committee	Manny Sikkenga	
Community Futures Winnipeg River	Glenn Malkoske	
Deputy Reeve	Manny Sikkenga	
Eastman Tourism	Tim Honke	
Fire Management	Glenn Malkoske & Manny Sikkenga	
Handi Van	Walter Amerongen	Glenn Malkoske
Whitemouth District Health Center Foundation	Lori Bachman	Tim Honke
Library	Lori Bachman	Tim Honke
Media Representative	Walter Amerongen	Manny Sikkenga
Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.	Lori Bachman	Tim Honke
Eastman Regional Municipal Committee	Walter Amerongen	Tim Honke
Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District	Glenn Malkoske & Manny Sikkenga	Tim Honke
Public Works	Tim Honke & Glenn Malkoske	
RM of Whitemouth Emergency Response Team	Lori Bachman	Walter Amerongen
Two Rivers Service to Seniors	Manny Sikkenga	
Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility	Tim Honke & Manny Sikkenga	
Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc.	Walter Amerongen & Glenn Malkoske	
Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc.	Lori Bachman & Manny Sikkenga	
Eastman Vocational Training Centre Board	Walter Amerongen	

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

2. Organizational By-Law review – Input was received from Council for Administration to draft into a new Organizational By-Law for their review. Tabled.
3. Procedural By-Law review – Input was received from Council for Administration to draft into a new Procedural By-Law for their review. Tabled.

4. Date for meeting for Strategic Plan review and Budget 2020 – Tuesday, January 21, 2020. The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. with Building Inspector Ruta regarding Planning inquiries.
5. Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society – Update on activities.
6. Tax Sale – report from Taxservice. Noted.
7. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – thank you for storm response. Noted.
8. Public Utilities Board/Castle – inquiry. Council directed Administration to respond to Mr. Castle thanking him for advising Council of his concern.
9. Interlake Eastern Health Foundation – request support for Donor Night
10. Rural Forum – minutes of September 16, 2019 & presentation. Noted. Full package to be circulated to Council.
11. Whitemouth School – October newsletter. Noted.

12. Eastman Regional Municipal Committee – request for resolutions of support for regulation/requirement and purchasing changes on Fire Equipment.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

318/19 **WHEREAS** current National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) standards recommend replacing a fire truck/tanker every 20 years;
AND WHEREAS The Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) Standard S515 was adopted by the Fire Underwriters as the National Standard of Canada in September 2004;
AND WHEREAS if Communities and Municipalities do not replace this equipment, their citizens can be impacted with significant increases in their home insurance premiums;
AND WHEREAS many fire trucks/tankers in smaller municipalities are being well maintained and have lower mileage due to a lesser volume of calls then those in larger municipalities;
AND WHEREAS the age of a firetruck/tanker should not be a determining factor if it is being properly maintained and complying with safety and certification requirements;
AND WHEREAS replacing or purchasing firefighting equipment in smaller municipality can result in very significant costs, especially in times of increasing municipal responsibilities; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Government of Canada and Province of Manitoba and other appropriate agencies and authorities to make changes to the NFPA and ULC standards for fire trucker/tanker requirement in rural and small communities in Manitoba.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

319/19 **WHEREAS** smaller Communities and Municipalities face significant costs when replacing or purchasing firefighting equipment, such as safety clothing, hoses, nozzles, spray foam, and fire pumpers, etc.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities research the feasibility of providing these types of purchases through our Municipal Trading Company, as this would increase purchasing power and potentially reduce costs for members of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

13. Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre – request for fill deposited on municipal lands. On the input provided by Public Works Supervisor Tolpa that Public Works does not have a concern with this request so Council approved same.

14. Probation Period for Public Works Supervisor
Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Honke

320/19 **WHEREAS** Public Works Supervisor David Tolpa has successfully completed his three month probation period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT his per hourly rate of pay be set at \$28.00 effective October 21, 2019.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

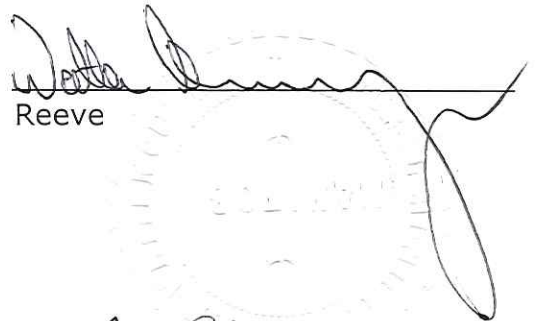
Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

321/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer