

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

**Present:** Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga (6:11 pm), Councillors Bachman, Honke, Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

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

### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

82/20 **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: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke, Malkoske Excused: Sikkenga **CARRIED**

### **Reading and Confirming of Minutes:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

83/20 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 2020, have been submitted to Council for their review;

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

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke, Malkoske Excused: Sikkenga **CARRIED**

### **Financial:**

1. Payment of accounts.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

84/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22063 to 22086

Electronic Payments EFT 2750 to 2788

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$77,496.04.

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke, Malkoske Excused: Sikkenga **CARRIED**

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Malkoske

85/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfer 2789

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$910.83.

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke, Malkoske Excused: Sikkenga **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 85/20 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 Bachman

86/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfer 2790

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,309.01.

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke, Malkoske Excused: Sikkenga **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 86/20 Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until the resolution was completed.

### Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes. Noted.

Verbal reports were provided by Councillor Honke on the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility; and Councillor Malkoske on the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District Inc.

**Public Works:** Update of March 10, 2020. Administration advised that Public Works Supervisor Tolpa has the information to respond to Mr. Becker re: Unfinished Business No. 8; Weed Inspector Seminar attendance approval; Road Tour 2020 to be arranged; River Road signage; and that the Whitemouth Recreation Association has submitted a thank you for services provided during their Chase the Ace event.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

87/20 **WHEREAS** the 2020 Manitoba Weed Supervisor's Association will be held in Russell, Manitoba, from April 6 to April 9, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Public Works Supervisor Tolpa be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke, Malkoske Excused: Sikkenga **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

88/20 **WHEREAS** a Road Tour of our municipality that was completed by Council and Staff in May of 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council and Staff as selected be hereby authorized to do a Road Tour in 2020;

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

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke, Malkoske Excused: Sikkenga **CARRIED**

### Hearing:

6:30 p.m. By-Law No. 698/20 Lane Closure & Sale of Land in the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 10, Range 12 East.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

93/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing for the purpose of receiving representation/s on By Law No. 698/20 being a by-law to close portions of a public lane.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

94/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the Public Hearing is now completed and the Public Hearing closed.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

95/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By Law No. 698/20, being a by-law to close portions of a public lane be hereby given second reading.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske

96/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By Law No. 698/20 being a by-law to close portions of a public lane be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

### Delegations:

6:45 p.m. Amanda and Brad Mayer as spokesperson attended to request that Council cancel their penalties on outstanding taxes and expressed their dismay on the municipal mill rate. Administration was directed to advise that the penalties will not be cancelled.



7:00 p.m. Kevin Chickowski and Christine Putschker as spokesperson attended to advise Council of their property line and tax concern. It was noted that since this situation was addressed and not followed through with they should contact the Municipal Solicitor. Administration was directed to correspond with the ratepayers directing that they contact the Municipal Solicitor providing all contact information.

#### **Communications:**

1. Assessment Services – confirmation of 2021 Board of Revision date.  
Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

89/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2021 Board of Revision will be held on October 21, 2020;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this be held in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

2. Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors – 2020 Annual Register. To be placed on the Administration Bulletin Board for easy access to ratepayers.
3. Community Futures Winnipeg River – workshop available on Upscale Reports & Presentations. Noted.
4. Emergency Measures Organization re: Emergency Plan Review. Noted.
5. Manitoba Conservation and Climate re: 2019 Annual Compliance Audit. Noted.
6. Manitoba Infrastructure (Highways) re: copy of proposed sign permit in the SE ¼ of 19-13-11E. Noted.
7. Manitoba Planning Conference – Building Inspector attendance.  
Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga  
90/20 **WHEREAS** the 2020 Manitoba Planning Conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from May 13 to 15, 2020;  
**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.
8. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Rural Forum. Noted.  
Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Honke  
97/20 **WHEREAS** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth is a member of Community Futures Winnipeg River and have become aware that Federal funding has not been increased in twelve years which will detriment provision of services;  
**AND WHEREAS** Community Futures is an asset in our Municipality which to name a few instances has provided their expertise with our Strategic Planning, Implementation of Childcare program complete with a business plan, regularly assists in applying for Funding opportunities, and assists business developments with plans and even financing options;  
**AND WHEREAS** this affects many municipal corporations;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities be hereby requested to lobby the appropriate Government Agencies to have funding increased to Community Futures.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

9. Whitemouth Emergency Response Team re: 2019 Overview. Noted.
10. Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre Inc. re: FCC AgriSpirit Grant inquiry.  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske
- 91/20 **WHEREAS** the Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre Inc. would like to fill out an application to apply for funding from the FCC AgriSpirit;  
**AND WHEREAS** this granting opportunity requires a local municipal body to partner with them to be eligible to apply for same;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby support Seven Sister Falls Community Centre Inc. in their application for funding to the FCC AgriSpirit;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** upon approval by the FCC AgriSpirit for these funds that they be deposited by the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth and then transferred to the Seven Sister Falls Community Centre Inc.
- For: All      Against: None      **CARRIED**
11. MP Falk re: funding possibilities provided. Noted.
12. Brad Mayer re: property tax concern – see delegations above.
13. Christina Putschker re: property tax concern – see delegations above.
14. Jim Castle re: request for copy of the Reynolds/Whitemouth Lagoon study.  
Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Amerongen
- 92/20 **WHEREAS** Jim Castle, ratepayer of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has requested a copy of the Rural Municipalities of Whitemouth and Reynolds Regional Wastewater Lagoon Study;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this request is hereby approved.
- For: All      Against: None      **CARRIED**
15. Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: draft agreement.  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke
- 97A/20 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 668/17 being a by-law for authority to enter into an agreement with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds and the Province of Manitoba (North Whiteshell) to provide waste management services;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 668/17 be hereby given first reading.
- For: All      Against: None      **CARRIED**
16. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Coronavirus Update & Head of Council conference call information. Reeve Amerongen advised that he participated in this conference call.
17. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: 2020 June District Meetings.
18. Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: request for insert to be placed in with our municipal tax statements.  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke
- 98/20 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility to have a one page insert included in our mail outs when the tax notices are sent in June;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this request is hereby approved.
- For: All      Against: None      **CARRIED**
19. Municipal Newsletter – request to be placed on the agenda. Not required.
20. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – preparing for Coronavirus. Noted.



21. Province of Manitoba re: support for Crimestoppers Campaign against Methamphetamine. Noted.
22. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Primary Care Development Group Board March progress report. Noted.
23. Municipal Emergency Coordinator re: Memorandum of Understandings Tabled for additional information.
24. Whitemouth School re: March Newsletter. Noted.
25. Fire Management Committee re: upgraded firefighters gear.  
Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Sikkenga  
99/20 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from members of our Whitemouth Fire Department to purchase certain upgraded firefighting equipment with their own personal funds;  
**AND WHEREAS** they have advised that any such equipment will remain the property of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this request is hereby approved.  
For: All      Against: None **CARRIED**
26. North Eastman Community Health Committee Meeting re: inquiry from Scott Nowicki. Noted.
27. Manitoba Oat Growers re: condition of secondary roads in Manitoba. Noted.
28. Province of Manitoba re: implement flat \$25 per tonne green levy and Notice Provincial Sales Tax will be reduced to six percent. Noted.
29. Road Naming inquiry – Notice of Motion to rescind Resolution No. 49/20 was received from Deputy Reeve Sikkenga. Tabled.
30. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award. Noted.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Dumping of Debris – Tabled.
2. By-Law No. 699/20 re: Building Inspection Services.  
Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga  
100/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 699/20 being a by-law to appoint a Building Inspector for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 699/20 be hereby given second reading.  
For: All      Against: None **CARRIED**  
Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Amerongen  
101/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 699/20 being a by-law to appoint a Building Inspector for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 699/20 be hereby given third and final reading.  
For: All      Against: None **CARRIED**
3. Whitemouth Happy Hours re: Handi Van Rates. Council agreed that the rates remain unchanged, Administration to advise accordingly.
4. Budget 2020 – Ongoing, draft for Council's review to be provided in the March 24, 2020, regular meeting of Council agenda package.
5. Municipal Website re: advertising inquiry. Any business that is entered in our business section may advertise events which may bring commerce to our municipality.

6. Marilyn Ruta re: Agenda additional information request. Council agreed that the agenda process remain unchanged.

7. Whitemouth Emergency Response Team – members.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

102/20 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team requires a member to replace a member which moved out of our municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the team consists of a total of twelve members;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** presently the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team be as follows:

Municipal Emergency Coordinator Cathy Dowbyhuz, Council Representative Lori Bachman and as members Adelene Shultz, Kelly Broek, Rene Foubert, Deb Sutton, Glen Humeny, Rudie Friesen, Judy Woof, Kim Knopf, Leonard Mueller, and Duncan McDougald.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

8. Michael Becker re: Homestead Road. As per Public Works update above response to be provided on what works were completed in 2019.

9. Reeve Amerongen – Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority update. He reported on conference calls held with Ron VanDennakker and Paul Barnard to ensure quality health care remains, and expands in Whitemouth.

10. Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. – request for Manitoba 150 Funding.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Amerongen

103/20 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. requests funding to assist with their Manitoba 150 Celebration to hire an entertainer and a birthday cake;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby approve this request at a cost not to exceed \$750.00.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

#### **New Business:**

1. Fuel Tenders

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

104/20 **WHEREAS** tenders for providing bulk diesel fuel ending December 31, 2021, have been advertised;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the successful bidder is Beausejour Co-op at a cost of .6847 cents/liter plus 5 percent GST, noting that prices are subject to change as market changes occur.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**

2. Update on 200 acres in Seven Sisters Falls. It was noted that the property is owned by Manitoba Hydro. Administration to do Certificate of Title searches for possible caveats and to look for a plaque received from Manitoba Hydro in this regard. Tabled.

3. Road Restriction – dates.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

105/20 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 653/16 of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth is a by-law for the temporary control and regulation of vehicle traffic over roads;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the dates roads restrictions are implemented and removed are consistent with that of The Province of Manitoba Infrastructure Department.

For: All      Against: None

**CARRIED**



**In Camera:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

105/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go into "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item: Legal

**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 Amerongen and seconded by Honke

106/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**


**Adjournment:**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

107/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

For: All Against: None

**CARRIED**

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer