

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

This meeting was available by Conference Call due to COVID-19.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Bachman, Honke, Malkoske (on the call) and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

264/20 **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 Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

265/20 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 25, 2020, have been submitted to Council for their review;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

266/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22349 to 22366

Electronic Payments EFT 3085 to 3121;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$40,827.68.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

267/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Payments EFT 3187 & 3188;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,312.85.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 267/20 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.

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility, notes from August 31, 2020; and
- Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility – minutes of July 27, 2020.

Verbal reports were provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Clinical Teaching Unit, Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility, Fire Management and the Whitemouth Library; Councillor Bachman on the Whitemouth Library; Reeve Amerongen on the Fire Management Committee; Councillor Honke and Councillor Malkose on the Public Works Committee.

Public Works: Update of September 8, 2020. Administration was directed to provide payment options for a \$40,000.00 utility expenditure on Elevator Road.

Utility: August 2020 Report. Noted.

Communications:

1. Infrastructure Canada re: Canada Healthy Communities Initiative funding available for needs arising from COVID-19. It was noted that this may be suitable for the Whitemouth Childcare Centre Committee.
2. Public Liaison Committee (CNL Decommissioning) – meeting to be held on October 27, 2020. Noted.
3. Napier Consulting – COVID Human Resource Policy. To be forwarded to the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team for their input.
4. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: Province of Manitoba Road Allowance Maintenance/Grass Cutting.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

268/20 **WHEREAS** Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth and Administration has received numerous complaints about the grass along provincial highways and roads within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS motorists and residents cite that along with being unsightly, it is hazardous as it hides wildlife and subsequently increases wildlife collisions;

AND WHEREAS Council has also received complaints from agricultural producers regarding drainage problems due to the excessive growth which inhibits proper drainage and subsequently damages crops and the spreading of weeds;

AND WHEREAS maintenance of provincial highways as well as their encompassing ditches is the responsibility of the Department of Highways;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth requests that the Provincial Government review its maintenance practices along the provincial highways and roads and increases funding to appropriately deal with grass cutting and encompassing collision liabilities.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. Murray Barkman – request to hook onto municipal utilities.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

269/20 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water and sewer utility has been received from Murray Barkman for a duplex;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Barkman's property is located at Lot 3, of Block 1, of Plan 16186, on Henderson Avenue, Roll 68550;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this request be hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate fees be paid in full, to the municipality for the two connections, prior to installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. Wayne Klepetz re: Road Allowance Maintenance. It was noted that Public Works received this information. Discussed. Administration was directed to advise Mr. Klepetz that this will be mowed this year. Council will provide roads for Administration to incorporate a list of road allowances which may require this service. Deputy Reeve Sikkenga will provide a list which was worked on with a road naming project a few years ago. Once a procedure is in place it was recommended by Councillor Malkoske to incorporate into our Grading Policy.

7. Harry Pluchinski – request to hunt and trap on municipal lands.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

270/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** authorization be hereby granted to Harry Pluchinski to hunt and trap until August 31, 2021 on the following municipally owned properties;

Roll No.	Description
137300	NW 13-12-12 EPM
141600	NE 23-12-12-EPM
143500	SE 26-12-12 EPM
59200	SW 24-11-11 EPM
134725	NE 2-12-12 EPM
113500	NW 4-12-11 EPM

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this authorization may be revoked at any time at the discretion of Council.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

8. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: President Ralph Groening will not be seeking re-election. Noted.

9. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: 2020 Convention.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

271/20 **WHEREAS** an invitation has been received for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities 2020 Convention, to be held virtually on November 23, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all of Council are hereby authorized to be registered for this event;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

10. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Election. Noted.

11. Disabilities Issue Office re: Manitoba Accessibility Awards request for Nominations. Noted.

12. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: 2020 Executive Committee Elections. Noted.

13. Selena Papetti – change in water meter size.

Moved by Honke and seconded by ~~Honke~~ Bachman

272/20 **WHEREAS** Selena Papetti has requested a 1 inch water meter at property located at 37 Elizabeth Crescent, being Lot 46, of Block 2, of Plan 46229, on Roll No. 185964;

AND WHEREAS it has been determined that this will not detrimentally affect our municipal utility and must be installed as per our municipal utility policy;

AND WHEREAS the cost difference will be absorbed by Ms. Papetti;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby approved.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

14. Brent Shabbits & Barb Read – request to hook onto municipal utilities. Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

273/20 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water utility has been received from Barb Read and Brent Shabbits;

AND WHEREAS their property is a combined Certificate of Title for Lots 17, 18, and 19, of Block 9, of Plan No. 1413, at 87 Whitemouth Avenue in Elma, Manitoba, being Roll No. 46200;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this request be hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate fees be paid in full, to the municipality for the connection, prior to installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

15. Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre – utility connection.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

274/20 **WHEREAS** a request has been received by the Seven Sisters

Falls Community Club to “install the sewer and water connections into the new building envelope, rather than using the existing problem plagued connections”;

AND WHEREAS construction on the building has been delayed due to the COVID pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this request be hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the connections must be inspected by the RM of Whitemouth’s Senior Utility Operator.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Guard Road/Bog – MLA Ewasko has provided Administration a Provincial Contact to work with on funding for Twin Rivers Road.

2. Lagoon – Response from Manitoba Water Services Board to funding request, and By-Law No. 707/20 agreement for the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet to accept the dumping of sewage.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

275/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 707/20 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet regarding use of their lagoon, be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Document Storage – Senior Utility Operator Campbell and Administrative Assistant Arndt will be completing this task. It was noted that this be an on-going project commencing with our maps.

4. Manitoba Health/Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: sprinkler system. By-Law No. 708/20

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

276/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 708/20 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority for a reservoir to be placed on Rural Municipality of Whitemouth lands, be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. 200 Acres in Seven Sisters Falls (Manitoba Hydro owned) – Councillor Malkoske advised he will provide a report of the materials he has had photocopied in this regard.

6. Art Alex – Road Allowance Inquiry. Tabled for Public Works Supervisor Tolpa’s input once they has met.

New Business:

1. Window Tender

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Bachman

277/20 **WHEREAS** tenders have been requested, received and reviewed to replace three windows in the Administrative Office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT successful tenderer is Home Hardware at a cost of \$5,065.99 plus applicable taxes.

For: Amerongen, Bachman and Sikkenga Excused: Honke

Against: Malkoske

CARRIED

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