

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 10, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

Excused: Councillor Malkoske

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

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

262/19 **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 Bachman

263/19 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 27, 2019, 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 Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

264/19 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheques No. 21706 to 21733 and
Electronic Payments EFT 2376 to 2375

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$72,669.94.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

265/19 **WHEREAS** the following item has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Payment EFT 2405

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$833.46.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 265/19 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 Honke and seconded by Bachman

266/19 **WHEREAS** the following item has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Payment EFT 2406

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,291.95.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 266/19 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 River Recreation Commission Inc. re: minutes of July 16, 2019
- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management re: minutes of June 24, 2019
- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes of July 8, 2019

Verbal reports were provided by Councillor Bachman on the Whitemouth Museum, Whitemouth Library, Whitemouth Emergency Response Team and the Website; Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Child Care Committee, Whitemouth Recreation Commission, Two Rivers for Seniors and the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District; and Councillor Honke reported on Public Works.

Public Works: Minutes of September 10, 2019.

Delegation:

6:45 p.m. Whitemouth Fire Department Representatives attended to provide Council with an overview of the specifications for a new fire pumper truck. They went through each item which could be upgraded and explained why, the majority was to address safety issues.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

274/19 **WHEREAS** it is deemed to be in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to purchase a new Pumper Truck for our Whitemouth Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT tender specifications be prepared and advertised in accordance with our Procurement Policy with responses to be in prior to December 31, 2019.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Communications:

1. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – notice of Annual General Meeting. Noted.
2. Manitoba 150 – funding opportunities. Ideas for deadline November 12, 2019. The consensus of Council was to proceed with utilizing same for the 2020 Heritage Day. Referred to Administration to meet with Board Member Porth and continue to plan the event and select grant recommendations for Council to consider.

3. North Eastman Municipal Forum – agenda for September 16, 2019.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

267/19 **WHEREAS** an invitation has been received to attend Rural Forum on September 16, 2019, in Powerview, Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

4. Murray Barkman – request for gravel. The consensus of Council was to confirm that gravel will be placed on our public road up to the Quonset as previously done. It was noted that this has no bearing on payment of taxes.

5. Harry Pluchinski – request to hunt and trap on municipal property.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

268/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** authorization be hereby granted to Harry Pluchinski to hunt and trap until August 31, 2020 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 anytime at the discretion of Council.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

6. Operating Engineer Local 987 – grievance withdrawn. Noted.

7. Don Malkoske – pooling of water in front of his property. Administration was directed to advise Mr. Malkoske that this is a Manitoba Infrastructure concern. Councillor Honke to assist in crafting a response.

8. Seven Sister Sewer Utility – Deficit 2018.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

269/19 **WHEREAS** for the year ending 2018 there is a deficit in the amount of \$5,208.00 in the Seven Sisters Sewer Utility;

AND WHEREAS funds are available in the accumulated surplus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby direct Administration to take \$5,208.00 out of their Utility Accumulated Surplus to cover this 2018 Utility Deficit;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval from the Public Utilities Board be requested in regards to same.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

9. Whitemouth Water Utility – Deficit 2018.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

270/19 **WHEREAS** for the year ending 2018 there is a deficit in the amount of \$97,964.00 in the Whitemouth Water Utility;

AND WHEREAS funds are available in our Reserve Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby direct Administration to take \$97,964.00 out of their Utility Reserve Fund to cover this 2018 Utility Deficit;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval from the Public Utilities Board be requested in regards to same.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

10. Nickel Ventures Inc. – invitation to Open House. Administration advised that they called this afternoon and requested that Reeve Amerongen to cut the ribbon for them. Reeve Amerongen confirmed his attendance.

11. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – 2019 Convention.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

271/19 **WHEREAS** the 21st Annual Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention will be held in Brandon, Manitoba, from November 25 to 27, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

12. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – 2018 Audited Financial Statements. Noted.
13. Community Futures – August 2019 Newsletter. Noted.
14. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – receipt of Councils' recommendation regarding burn permits and information that they have forwarded this on to Sustainable Development for their input. Noted.
15. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – Family Medicine Resident Retreat opportunities. Noted.
16. RCMP D Division re: attendance at AMM Convention. Noted.
17. Blair Skinner re: Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority's Family Medicine Residents Retreat noting he will distribute promotional items for the municipalities. Deputy Reeve Sikkenga will provide municipal magazines from our region.
18. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: minutes of February, April, and July 2019 & notice of task force meeting on September 5, 2019. Noted.

19. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: appointment of Manny Sikkenga to the Task Force.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Honke

272/19 **WHEREAS** Deputy Reeve Sikkenga is the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth's representative to the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority Task Force Member;
AND WHEREAS they have submitted a request to have her appointed to the new board of 10040899 Manitoba Association Inc.;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality does hereby approve Manny Sikkenga being appointed as a Board Member for 10040899 Manitoba Association Inc.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

20. CPR Follow Up of Meeting – Reeve Amerongen provided a verbal report on the meeting held which included information on tree removal, fire-fighter response training in Colorado and emergency training in Winnipeg. Councillor Bachman requested that Administration inquire if this training could be extended to Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz and the consensus of Council was to approve same.

21. RM of Victoria Beach – request resolution of support regarding the raw water quality of Lake Winnipeg.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

273/19 **WHEREAS** the raw water quality of Lake Winnipeg has deteriorated significantly over the past several decades and continues to deteriorate at an exponential rate that will inevitably result in the "death of the Lake" with dire consequences for all stakeholders unless there is timely intervention from all three levels of government;
AND WHEREAS the high levels of phosphorus in the Lake are a significant contributing factor to the increased frequency and severity of algae blooms developing along many beaches during the summer season;
AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is discharging sewage that contains high levels of phosphorus that do not meet its provincial operating licence increasing the nutrient load and further exacerbating the deterioration of the raw Lake Winnipeg water quality;
AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's decision to reject the Lake

Winnipeg Foundation and International Institute for Sustainable Development's proposal to use ferric chloride to reduce the substantial amount of phosphorus being dumped into Lake Winnipeg by up to 70% will result in the continued discharge of high levels of phosphorus by the City into Lake Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Lake Winnipeg is of vital importance to all stakeholders including indigenous peoples, fishers, cottagers, residents, as well as communities that use the lake as a source of economic growth or stability, and many other user groups who are presently negatively impacted by the unacceptable and unsustainable condition of the Lake;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Council request the Association of Manitoba Municipalities' support to strongly urge the City of Winnipeg to immediately reconsider the Lake Winnipeg Foundation and International Institute for Sustainable Development's proposal to use ferric chloride to substantially reduce the amount of phosphorus being discharged into Lake Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth consider this an Aquatic Emergency on Lake Winnipeg as a result of the increasing issue with blue-green algae and the lack of action to deal this this issue;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the provincial and federal governments to devise a plan of action to immediately mitigate the discharge of high phosphorus levels contributing to the deteriorating condition of Lake Winnipeg and to seek and obtain the City of Winnipeg's cooperation and compliance with its operating licence issued pursuant to The Environment Act.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

22. Fire Chief Lussier re: Office of the Fire Commission Elected Officials Presentation on September 11, 2019, has been cancelled.
23. Nickel Ventures – invitation to Open House and request for Reeve to cut ribbon. Reeve Amerongen advised he will be available to attend same.
24. Whitemouth Child Care Centre Committee – minutes of September 4, 2019. Verbal overview provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga.
25. Corie Koch re: Santa Parade/Fireworks 2019. Tabled.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sandy Lane – Tabled.
2. Handivan – policy. Tabled.
3. Dale Toews – confirmation received that Mr. Toews is proceeding and has already hired a surveyor.
4. Tax Incentive By-Laws and usage update. Administration was directed to request Building Inspector Ruta's opinion on these by-laws. Tabled.
5. Reynolds and Whitemouth Chamber of Commerce – invitation and request for rsvp's. Administration was directed to advise that no Council members will be attending and request information on the initialization and composition of their committee. They noted that once that information is received they would consider a Spring Meeting.
6. Culvert – draft By-Law. Tabled.
7. Engineer Information – Tabled.

New Business:

1. Administration request to have municipal building inspected by Manitoba Hydro for energy saving ideas. Administration was directed to start with our Office Building.
2. Hauling of debris – Administration was directed to provide our Regional Environmental Officer with this information.

Prior to any discussion on New Business 2, Councillor Bachman requested permission to be excused from all discussions. She vacated her chair and did not return until the discussion was completed.

3. Eastern Regional Lobby Committee re: monthly meetings in our Council Chambers. Being that this conforms to our policy regarding same the request was approved.
4. Fire Lane at the Whitemouth Community Centre – It was noted that concerns have been received. Referred to Public Works Supervisor Tolpa to meet with a representative of their board.
5. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – invitation for Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to attend Executive Director Masi's Retirement Reception.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

275/19 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities for Reeve Amerongen and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson to attend Executive Director Masi's Retirement Reception on October 2, 2019, in Winnipeg, Manitoba;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT they are hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

6. Council Meeting of November 12, 2019, to commence at 5:00 p.m.
Noted.

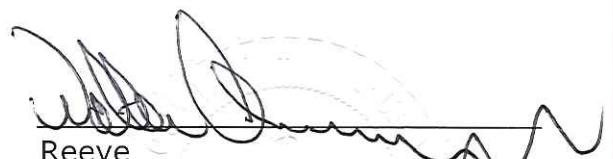
Adjournment:


Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

276/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve


Colleen Olson
Chief Administrative Officer