

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 13, 2021, 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 and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

### Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

64/21 **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 Bachman and seconded by Honke

65/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting on March 23, 2021, 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 Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

66/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22731 to 22757, Electronic Payments EFT 3585 to 3633;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$167,432.24.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

67/21 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3634 & 3637

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$4,682.46.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 67/21 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 re: minutes of February 1, 2021;
- Two River Seniors Resource Council Inc re: minutes of March 2, 2021;
- Whitemouth Fire Department re: 2020 Report from Fire Chief; and
- Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – invitation to strategic planning meetings.

**Public Works:** Update of April 12, 2021

**By-Law Officer:** March, 2021 Report

**Utility:** March, 2021 Report

**Recreation Director:** March, 2021 Report

Verbal reports were provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on Fire Department, Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility, and the Eastman Juried Arts Exhibition; Councillor Bachman on the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team and the Whitemouth Library; Councillors Honke and Malkoske on Public Works.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Honke

68/21 **WHEREAS** an invitation has been received from the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority’s Board of Directors to attend strategic planning sessions on May 4 & 7, 2021;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Councillor Sikkenga be hereby authorized to attend same;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** she be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All    Against: None    **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

69/21 **WHEREAS** quotes for a lawnmower have been requested, received, and reviewed;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a 2015 Kubota F2650 lawnmower at a cost not to exceed \$19,000.00 plus applicable taxes be hereby approved.

For: All    Against: None    **CARRIED**

**Delegation:**

6:30 p.m. Jetstream Wireless spokesperson Geordie Wilson, and Paul Eberling attended, via teleconference, to request Tower use for the provision of fiber speed internet. Discussed. Council was receptive to same however, identified that due diligence will have to be completed as there are already agreement/s in place in this regard. Fire Chief Thomson participated in the discussion. Referred to Administration for additional information from the Fire Chief.

**Communications:**

1. Marc and Marilyn Ruta – request for water connection at 62097 PR 307.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

70/21 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water utility has been received from Marc and Marilyn Ruta;  
**AND WHEREAS** Ruta’s property is located at 62097 PR 307, being Roll No. 190600;  
**NOW THEREFOE 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 the installation by the contractor.

For: All    Against: None    **CARRIED**

2. Taxervice – request for designated tax sale year.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

71/21 **WHEREAS** Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2019 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year

2019 or prior); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with s. 363 (1) of the Municipal Act, "costs" shall be the actual costs incurred by the municipality for each parcel listed for the tax sale, plus an administration fee of \$50.00 per roll as set forth in Manitoba Regulation 50/97; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the tax sale be held October, 13, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth council chambers.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

3. Municipal Emergency Coordinator – request for increase to rate of pay. Referred to In Camera discussion.
4. KidSport Manitoba – request for donation. Noted.
5. Manitoba Hydro's Realtor Inquiry re: utility connections in the Seven Sisters Townsite. It was noted that By-Law No. 516/08 affects our fees on certain properties. A copy of this information will be placed in each Roll No. file affected for future reference.
6. Provincial Municipal Relations – reminder that all Council must complete the mandatory Code of Conduct online by May 1, 2021. Chief Administrative Office must be notified that members of Council have completed this training. Noted.
7. Community Futures re: accepting Volunteer of the Year nominations. Noted.
8. Guy and Sherry Thompson – request for water connection at 72100 PR 408. Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga  
72/21 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water utility has been received from Guy and Sherry Thompson;  
**AND WHEREAS** Thompson's property is located at 72100 PR 408, being Roll No. 160400;  
**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 the installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

9. Manitoba Hydro – Update regarding grass fire ban. Noted.
  10. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Insurance Renewal. Noted.
  11. Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program re: one-time top up grant. Noted.
  12. Lac du Bonnet Planning District – Notice of Public Hearing. Noted.
  13. Manitoba Assessment re: 2022 Board of Revision Date. Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen  
73/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2022 Board of Revision for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth be held on October 12, 2021.
- For: All
- Against: None
- CARRIED**
14. Manitoba Water Services Board – minutes of lagoon initiation meeting from March 23, 2021. Administration was directed to inquire with the Manitoba Water Services Board what the additional cost would be to do the study to service Elma. Tabled.
  15. Minister of Municipal Relations – 2021/2022 Municipal Funding Available. Noted.

16. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Healthy Communities Conference. Noted.
17. Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association re: Education Property Tax Phase Out Plan administrative request. Noted.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Two Rivers Drive – Tabled.
2. Animal Control By-Law No. 714/21.  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke  
74/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 714/21, being a by-law for the regulation and control of animals be hereby given third and final reading.  
For: Amerongen, Sikkenga, Bachman, Honke Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**
3. Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Inc. re: Council representative required.  
Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga  
75/21 **WHEREAS** due to a resignation from the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. a Council Member Representative is required;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Lori Bachman be hereby appointed to same.  
For: All Against: None **CARRIED**
4. Drainage By-Law Draft – Council input. Tabled.
5. Collective Agreement re: safety clothing allowance – request for clarification. Council concurs with the intent of the Collective Agreement. If an employee feel the municipalities interpretation is incorrect, they may proceed with the grievance process.
6. Budget/Financial Plan By-Law No. 717/21 – Hearing May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Noted.
7. Zachary and LaVern Dueck re: request to utilize Fire Hall Tower for a business to supply high speed internet services. Tabled.
8. Province of Manitoba re: Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program. Tabled.

**New Business:**

1. Whitemouth Emergency Response Team – new member.  
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Honke  
76/21 **WHEREAS** a team member will be resigning from the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Caroline Delaquis hereby be appointed to the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth, Whitemouth Emergency Response Team member.  
For: All Against: None **CARRIED**
2. Code Red – Recreation Event Idea/s (Drive In). Rec Director to proceed with hosting an event in September.
3. Notice of Motion received from Reeve Amerongen regarding the purchasing of a truck for Public Works. Tabled.

