

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

August 11th, 2026@ 1:00 pm

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on August 11th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald, and Stead and Chief Administrative Officer Lacey Smith.

Excused: Councillor Staerk

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reading and Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

228 /26 **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**

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

229 /26 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on July 28th, 2026, 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 McDougald and seconded by Honke

230 /26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 26335 to 26359

Other 0727 to 0756

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$89,632.48

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

231 /26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0757 to 0758

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$6,212.16

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 231/26, Deputy Reeve Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Department Reports:

1 . Public Works: Meeting of August 10th, 2026

Reports of Committees:

1 . North Eastman Community Health Committee

2 . Two Rivers Service to Seniors

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Reeve Amerongen: Whitemouth Municipal Museum

Public Hearings:

1 . 1:30 V02-26 Roll No 59715, 66006 PTH 44 - To allow for the front yard fence height to be increased from the maximum height of 3.5 feet for a Rural Mixed lot, to 6 feet maximum height.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

236 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider Variation Application No. V02/26 Roll No 59715, 66006 PTH 44 to vary the front yard fence height.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead
237 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the public hearing is now completed and the Public Hearing closed;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council now return to their former order of business of this Council Meeting.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke
238 /26 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Earl Giesbrecht to increase the front yard fence height from 3.5 feet to 6 feet;
AND WHEREAS the application No. is V02/2026;
AND WHEREAS the property is located 66006 PTH 44, Roll No. 59715;
AND WHEREAS representations were made with no objections;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this Variation Application on the condition that this approval is utilized within twelve months.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

2 . 1:45 V03-26 Roll No 72900, 23 Railway Avenue - To allow for the front yard setback to be reduced from the required 30 feet from the property line for a General Development lot, to 18 feet, to build a deck that allows for a functional size of 10 feet X 16 feet.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke
239 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider Variation Application No. V03/26 72900, 23 Railway Avenue Whitemouth to vary front yard setback.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead
240 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the public hearing is now completed and the Public Hearing closed;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council now return to their former order of business of this Council Meeting.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald
241 /26 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Trison Kurian to reduce the front yard setback of 30 feet from the property line to be reduced to 18 feet to build a 10 x 16 foot deck;
AND WHEREAS the application No. is V03/2026;
AND WHEREAS the property is located 23 Railway Avenue, Roll No 72900;
AND WHEREAS no objections were received;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this Variation Application on the condition that this approval is utilized within twelve months.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

3 . 2:00 V04-26 and C03-26 Roll No 180200, 3 South Street, Seven Sisters Falls - To allow a pre-owned tiny house to be moved into the municipality and placed on the property; and to allow for the front yard setback to be reduced from the General Development zone required 30 feet to 20 feet and for the side yard setback reduced from the required 15 feet to 9 feet.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead
242 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider Variation Application No. V04/26 and Conditional Use order C03/26 at Roll No 180200, 3 South Street, Seven Sisters Falls to allow a pre-owned tiny house to be moved into the municipality and placed on the property; and to allow for the front yard setback to be reduced from the General Development zone required 30 feet to 20 feet and for the side yard setback reduced from the required 15 feet to 9 feet.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

243 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the public hearing is now completed and the Public Hearing closed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council now return to their former order of business of this Council Meeting.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

244 /26 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Dean Choinard to move a pre-owned tiny house into the municipality, and to allow for the front yard setback to be reduced from 30 feet to 20 feet and for the side yard setback reduced from 15 feet to 9 feet;

AND WHEREAS the Conditional Use Application No. is C03/2026;

AND WHEREAS the Variation application No. is V04/2026;

AND WHEREAS the property is located 3 South Steet, Seven Sisters Falls, Roll No 180200;

AND WHEREAS representations in support were made and questions were received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this Variation Application and Conditional Use Application on the condition that this approval is utilized within twelve months.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Delegation:

2:15 Aart Amerongen Grass Cutting of Roadways by Contractors

Communications:

- 1 . S/Sgt Meyers re: Lac du Bonnet Detachment Quarterly RCMP Report - Noted
- 2 . Boreal Shores Art Tour August 15th-16th - Noted
- 3 . Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre re: NG9-1-1 Transition Update - Noted
- 4 . Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Upcoming Events- Noted
- 5 . Eastman Tourism re: Late Summer Update- Noted
- 6 . Seven Sister's Community Centre re: Request for Community Event Designation for the 2026 Harvest Days

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

232 /26 **WHEREAS** Council has received a request from the Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre to declare their Annual Harvest Party being held on September 12th, 2026 a Community Event;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

7 . Manitoba Government Department of Innovation and New Technology re: Public Safety Communications Service- noted

8 . Statistics Canada re: Business Community Newsletter July 2026

9 . Manitoba Municipal Insurance Program re: Infrastructure Grants up to \$5000 - Noted

10 . Economic Development Corporation re: Introducing RADAR, a New Way to Explore Manitoba's Economic Regions - Noted

11 . PAA Inc on Behalf of Xplore Inc re: Proposed Project to Build Broadband Internet infrastructure by Xplore Inc - Administration to send comments

12 . Taxervice re: 2026 Tax Sale

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

233 /26 **WHEREAS** Taxervice is requesting direction on the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth 2026 Tax Sale process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT they be directed that Council does hereby, as per Section 762 of the Municipal Act, set a reserve bid on all tax sale properties in the amount of the tax arrears and costs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer, Lacey Smith, is hereby appointed Designate Officer to bid on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

- 1 . Lagoon re: Borrowing By-Laws -Tabled
 - 2 . Waterline South of Elma - Administration to seek legal opinion
 - 3 . Zoning By-Law – Tabled
 - 4 . Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District Restructuring - Tabled
 - 5 . 2026 General Election - Ongoing - Next Pre-Election Info Session
Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 to 9:00 at the Whitemouth Community Club,
61 First Street
 - 6 . Land Sales - Ongoing - Counter Offer Accepted
- Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead
234 /26 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth currently has surplus
lands for sale;
AND WHEREAS council has deemed it no longer is in the best interest
of the Municipality to sell at this time;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the contracted realtor be
directed to remove them from sale;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT land sales within the
Industrial subdivisions will remain for sale.
- For: 3 Abstained: 1 Against: None **CARRIED**

New Business:

- 1 . Fire Department SCBA Bottles
- Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald
235 /26 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Fire Department has requested to
purchase (4) SCBA Bottles;
AND WHEREAS quotes have been provided for review;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Whitemouth Fire
Department is hereby authorized to incur these purchases, not to
exceed \$7,808.00 plus applicable taxes.
- For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

In Camera:

- Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke
245 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go
"In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the
following item:
- Legal
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 Honke and seconded by Stead
246 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act
Council does hereby now re-open the meeting to the public.
- For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

In Camera Item #1: A legal update was provided

In Camera Item #2: A confidential ratepayer concern was discussed

Adjournment:

- Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead
247 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this
meeting does hereby adjourn at 3:25 p.m.
- For: All Against: None **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrator Officer