

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

July 14th, 2026@ 1:00 pm

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 14th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

Excused: Deputy Reeve Honke

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

Reading and Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

196 /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 Stead and seconded by McDougald

197 /26 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on June 23rd, 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 Stead

198 /26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 26279 to 26312

Other 0668 to 0687

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$235,712.26

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

199 /26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0688 to 0689

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3,234.86

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 199/26, Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

200 /26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0690 to 0709

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$4,916.07

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 200/26, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

2 . Financial Statements

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

201 /26 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending June 30th, 2026, have been circulated to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these financial statements are adopted as circulated.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Department Reports:

- 1 . Public Works: Meeting of June 23rd, 2026
- 2 . Utility: June
- 3 . Bylaw: June
- 4 . Building: June

Reports of Committees:

- 1 . Eastern Regional Municipal Committee
- 2 . North Eastman Community Health Committee
- 3 . Fire Management
- 4 . Two Rivers Service to Seniors

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Reeve Amerongen: Whitemouth Museum, Eastern Regional Municipal Committee

Councillor McDougald: Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District- restructuring

Public Hearings:

None

Delegation:

None

Communications:

- 1 . Nature Conservatory of Canada re: Work within RM of Whitemouth - Information
- 2 . Winnipeg River Arts Council re: Newsletter June 2026 - Information
- 3 . CN re: Rail Safety Week proclamation request

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

202 /26 **WHEREAS** Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 21st to 27th, 2026;

AND WHEREAS 252 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2025; resulting in 69 avoidable fatalities and 60 avoidable serious injuries;

AND WHEREAS educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 4 . Manitoba Municipal Administrators re: AMM Toolkit addressing Harrassment and Hate - Information

- ## 5 . Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre re: 2026 Harvest Party

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

203 /26 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Seven Sister Falls Community Centre to consider sponsoring and/or volunteering time for their Harvest Party on September 12th, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality contribute \$200.00 for this event.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6 . Elma Community Centre re: request for support of Family Day Event
Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

204 /26 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Elma Community Club for a letter of support and snow fencing for their Family Day Event to be held August 15th, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT administration send a letter of support;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that snow fencing be provided for use during the event.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

7 . Beausejour Community Planning re: Subdivision File No. 4203-26-7891 request for comments - Comments to be sent to Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District

8 . Community Future Winnipeg River re: Update Letter - Noted

9 . Ratepayer request re: Municipal Water and Sewer connection Roll 172536

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

205 /26 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water and sewer has been received from Gary Boriskewich;

AND WHEREAS this property is located at Lots 1/2 Block 2 Plan 15079 WLTO in NE-21-13-11-E, and identified by assessment roll number 172536;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these requests are hereby approved;

AND FURTHER BE IT 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**

10 . Stewardship Manitoba re: MMSM 2025 Annual Report - Information

Unfinished Business:

1 . Lagoon re: Borrowing By-Laws -Tabled - continue to seek additional grants and funding

2 . Waterline South of Elma - Tabled

3 . Zoning By-Law – Tabled

4 . Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District: Restructuring - Bylaw Review

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

206 /26 **WHEREAS** a request from the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District for review and support of By-law 57-26 Procedural, By-law 58-26 Remuneration and By-law 59-26 Secretary-Treasurer has been received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT same be hereby supported.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

5 . 2026 General Election - Next Pre-Election Info Session August 26th, 2026

6 . Land Sales - Ongoing - Counter Offer Accepted

New Business:

1 . 2026 MMA Conference – Manitoba Municipal Administrators

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

207 /26 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Municipal Adminitrators Annual Conference willl be held in Winnipeg from September 13th-16th, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chief Administration Officer, Lacey Smith, is hereby authorized to attend same;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT she be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

2 . 2025 Audit

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

208 /26 **WHEREAS** BDO Canada LLP has provided Council with the Audited Financial Statements for 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these statements are hereby accepted as presented.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

3 . Whiteshell Parks Fire Service Pilot Project

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

209 /26 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Fire Department has been given the opportunity to join the Whiteshell Provincial Park Fire Service Pilot Project through the Pinawa Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS this opportunity supports our neighbors, and allows experience to be gained;

AND WHEREAS all cost associated with the program and response within the Whiteshell Provincial Park shall be recovered;

AND WHEREAS fire service for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth and Mutual Aid commitments will remain priority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Whitemouth Fire Department is hereby authorized to participate in the Pilot Project;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council deems it in the best interest of the Municipality that a minimum crew of (2) and a maximum of (6)members of the Whitemouth Fire Department attend to Whiteshell Provincial Park at any given time;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT authorization to participate in the program may be withdrawn at anytime.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

4 . Chip seal: Quotes requested and received

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

210 /26 **WHEREAS** quotes have been requested and received for chip seal work in Elma, Seven Sisters Falls and Whitemouth;

AND WHEREAS up to \$200,000.00 for chip seal is included in the 2026 Financial Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Bayview Construction Ltd. be the successful contractor for mobilization and chip seal at a cost of \$164,023.51 excluding gst;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED any additional excavation and backfill would be an additional cost.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

In Camera:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

211 /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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

212 /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

A Legal update was discussed.

Adjournment:

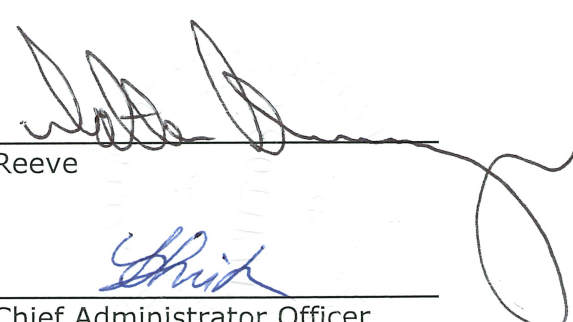
Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

213 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:02 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrator Officer