THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

October 13th, 2026@ 1:00 pm

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 13th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

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

Reading and Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

282 /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 Honke

283 /26 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on September 22, 2026, the special meeting held October 9th, 2026, and the Board of Revision held October 6th, 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

284 /26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 26436 to 26467

Other 0864 to 0889

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed $79,493.25

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

285 /26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0890 to 0891

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed $3,485.26

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 285/26, Reeve Amerongen and Deputy Reeve Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Department Reports:

1 . Public Works: Meeting of September 22nd, 2026

2 . Bylaw August:

Reports of Committees:

1 . Whitemouth Two Rivers Service to Seniors

2 . Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District

3 . Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Reeve Amerongen: North Eastern Municipal Forum

Public Hearings:

1 . 1:30 p.m. To allow for the required Rural mixed front yard allowance setback of 75' from the property line to be reduced to 10 ft and the side yard setback to be reduced from 25 feet to3 feet to place a 12 x 22 metal shed.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

295 /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. V06/26 Roll No.: 173700, 74133 Brookfield Road to vary the front yard setback from 75 feet to 10 feet and the side yard setback from 25 feet to 3 feet.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

296 /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.

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 Stead

297 /26 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Percy Woytiuk to reduce the front yard setback from 75 feet to 10 feet and the side yard setback from 25 feet to 3 feet, and the distance from the building be reduced to 2 feet;

AND WHEREAS the application is Variation V06/26;

AND WHEREAS the property is located at 74133 Brookfield Road, Roll No. 173700;

AND WHEREAS representations were made with conditions recommended from the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Building inspector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Council does hereby approve this Variation Application on the following conditions:

1. Property Survey pins are located by a legal surveyor; and
2. The Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Building inspector verifies the building distances from the property lines; and
3. That the property owners acknowledge and sign a letter assuming the fire risk and all responsibility for the non conforming building separation; and
4. This approval is utilized within twelve months.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Delegation: None

Communications:

1 . Manitoba Wildlife Federation re: Response from Minister Department to Manitoba Wildlife Federation 2026 - Noted

2 . Beausejour Community Planning re: Subdivision File No.: 4230-26-7870 Certificate of Approval - Noted

3 . Province of Manitoba Emergency Management Quarterly Newsletter Issue Sept - Noted

4 . Municipal Governance and Advisory Services re: MNR OFC Public Consultation of the Adoption of the Manitoba Fire Code 2025 - Noted

5 . Emergency Management Organization re: community recovery planning cohort opportunity invitation - Received late

6 . Winnipeg River Arts re: September Newsletter - Noted

7 . Beausejour Community Planning re: Conditional Approval Letter File No.: 4203-26-7891 - Noted

8 . Xplore-No Limits re: Letter of Termination of Agreement (Fire Dept Tower Equipment)

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

286 /26 **WHEREAS** Bylaw 661/16 is an Agreement between Xplore-No Limitsand the RM of Whitemouth and expires November 1st, 2026;

AND WHEREAS Xplore-No Limits has requested termination of said agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Tower is the property of the RM of Whitemouth

and will remain on the property with all equipment located on the tower as well as any ground equipment will be removed by Xplore;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve the termination of Agreement;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby direct Administration to complete the termination.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

9 . Species At Risk re: proposed Amendments for comments

10 . Beausejour Community Planning re: Subdivision File No.: 4203-26-7905 Report to Council

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

287 /26 **WHEREAS** a subdivision application has been submitted by Blaine Roy Nichol owner of CT No. 3314077/1, to subdivide Part S ½ of NE ¼ 12-11-1 EPM being File No. 4203-26-7905, and has been received by Council;

AND WHEREAS the Community Planning Branch has determined this subdivision is consistent with the Development Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this subdivision application on the following conditions:

1) That a Declaration of Right of Way be obtained for the proposed shared access onto Stoney Creek Road;

2) That variance orders be obtained as necessary to ensure compliance with the Zoning By-law;

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

11 . Manitoba Building Official Association Annual Fall Seminar held in Winnipeg October 21st-22nd, 2026

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

288 /26 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Building Official Association Annual Fall Seminar is being held in Winnipeg on October 21-22, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Building Inspector Richard McKay be hereby authorized to attend same.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Unfinished Business:

1 . Lagoon re: Borrowing By-Laws -Tabled

2 . Waterline South of Elma - Administration provided update

3 . Zoning By-Law – Tabled to November

4 . Indemnity Bylaw - Tabled to November

New Business:

1 . Handi-Van Driver

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

289 /26 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has put out an advertisement for Handivan Drivers;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Carl O'regan be hereby accepted as Handivan Driver.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

2 . First Responders

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

290 /26 **WHEREAS** the Fire Fighters First Responders program requires annual renewal of licencing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT administration be directed to complete the said licence application annually.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

3 . GRO Grant

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

291 /26 **WHEREAS** Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities Program (GRO) is an application based program designed to address critical infrastructure needs for Manitoba municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of R.M. Whitemouth supports submitting an application for GRO funding to assist with the estimated cost of $370,000 for the purchase of a Fire Tanker Truck;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the funding application including the municipal commitment of $185,000 to come from the Fire Equipment Reserve;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED Council approves including the municipal commitment of approximately $185,000 in the 2026 Financial Plan

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

4 . Loader Tires

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

292 /26 **WHEREAS** quotes were received and reviewed for new Loader tires;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT (4) Westlake CB385 E3/L3 Snow Grip 20.5R25 tires be purchased from Denrey Tire at a cost not to exceed $7596.00 plus taxes.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

5 . Laborer Position - Referred to 'In Camera'

6 . Seven Sisters Falls Wildlife Association & Gun Range culvert replacement

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

293 /26 **WHEREAS** a request was received for the Municipality to supply and install a culvert at the Seven Sisters Falls Wildlife Association & Gun Range at the September 22nd, regular council meeting;

AND WHEREAS the Seven Sisters Falls Wildlife Association & Gun Range is a non-profit community recreation group;

AND WHEREAS Public Works Supervisor has recommended reducing the culvert size from 36 inches to 24 inches and extending the length;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Public Works is hereby directed to arrange the installation of said culvert;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED all costs associated with the repair come from the Recreation Reserve as a one time grant.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

7 . Wardrop Way Road Construction

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

294 /26 **WHEREAS** a request for quotes for the construction of Wardrop Way Road was advertised, received and reviewed;

AND WHEREAS Traxtech is hereby the successful contractor for the construction of Wardrop Way Road;

AND WHEREAS costs are not to exceed $163,000.00 plus taxes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED all funds come from:

1. Wardrop Way Reserve
2. Infrastructure Reserve not to exceed $50,000

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED any funds coming from the Infrastructure Reserve be reimbursed upon further sale of Wardrop Way lots.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

In Camera:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

298 /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/Personnel

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 Staerk

299 /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**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

300 /26 **WHEREAS** advertisements have been placed, applications received, and interviews held for the position of Laborer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chris Werner be hereby selected as the successful applicant;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT he be compensated as per the Collective Agreement.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Adjournment:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

301 /26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Reeve

Chief Administrator Officer