

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

**Present:** Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald, Staerk, Stead and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

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

**Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

343/24 **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 Staerk

344/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on November 12, 2024, 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 Staerk and seconded by Stead

345/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25307 to 25342

Electronic Payments EFT 8374 to 8408

ChildCare Cheque Nos. 32 & 33

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$166,320.80, of which \$43,706.33 is Childcare expense.

For All:

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

346/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments EFT 8409 to 8412

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$5,350.05.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 346/24, 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.

2. Financial Statements – October, 2024

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

347/24 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending October 31, 2024, 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**

**By-Law Officer** – October, 2024 Report

**Senior Utility Operator** – October, 2024 Report

**Public Works Update** – November 18, 2024 Report

**Building Inspector** – October, 2024 Report

**Reports of Committees:**

- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: minutes of October 21, 2024; and
- Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: October 2024 statistics and Board Report from September to November 19, 2024.

**Verbal Reports of Committees:**

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on the Two Rivers Service to Seniors and Public Works; Councillor McDougald on Public Works; Councillor Stead on Eastman Tourism; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention.

**Public Hearings:**

1:30 p.m. Gabrielle Gamelin requesting a conditional use to allow for a gluten free bakery/retail establishment for pick up only for Roll No. 40700 in SE 32-10-12 EPM.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

358/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider a conditional use to allow for a gluten free bakery/retail establishment for pick up only for Roll No. 40700 in SE 32-10-12 EPM.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

359/24 **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

360/24 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Gabrielle Gamelin requesting a Conditional Use to allow for a gluten free bakery/retail establishment for pick up only;  
**AND WHEREAS** the application No. is C 21/2024;  
**AND WHEREAS** the property is located in the SE of Section 32, Township 10, in Range 12 EPM, being 20 Second Street in Elma and identified as Roll No. 40700;  
**AND WHEREAS** no representatives attended and no objections were received;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve said Variation Application on the condition that it is utilized within twelve months.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

1:45 p.m. Jonathan and Cynthia Giesbrecht requesting a variance of the site width of Proposed Lot 1 zoned AG from 600 feet down to 485.89 feet for Roll# 29300/28400 SE 23-10-12 EPM/SE 22-10-12 EPM. Being Application No. V05/2024 and Jonathan and Cynthia Giesbrecht requesting a variance of the site width of Proposed Lot 2 zoned AG from 600 feet down to 174.11 feet for Roll# 29300/28400 SE 23-10-12 EPM/SE 22-10-12 EPM. Being Application No. V06/2024



**Communications:**

1. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Board Appointment.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

348/24 **WHEREAS** Community Futures Winnipeg River has requested a Board representative appointment for January 1 to December 31, 2025;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Councillor McDougald be hereby appointed;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** he be paid mileage to attend same as per municipal by-law.

For: Amerongen, Honke, Staerk & Stead Abstain: McDougald **CARRIED**

2. Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corp. re: document provided from Manitoba Hydro which as recent presentation at REMD's Connection Zone's. Noted.

3. Sunrise School Division re: invitation to Budget Consultation this evening. Noted.

4. Operating Engineers 987 re: Memorandum of Settlement

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

349/24 **WHEREAS** negotiations have taken place with Operating Engineers 987 for Public Works for the period August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2027;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Agreement is hereby accepted.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

5. Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: request for resolution of support for Whiteshell Laboratories Community Regeneration Partnership of Small Modular Reactors.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

350/24 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth is a municipality supported by Community Futures Winnipeg River (CFWR);

**AND WHEREAS** CFWR is a member of the Whiteshell Laboratories Community Regeneration Partnership with the mandate to develop economic opportunities for the Whiteshell Laboratories site located in the Local Government District of Pinawa;

**AND WHEREAS** the Whiteshell Laboratories is currently operating under a Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission decommissioning license making it an ideal site for a future nuclear project;

**AND WHEREAS** the development of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) on the Whiteshell Laboratories site would be an excellent economic development activity for the region creating many jobs for the local economy;

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government have stated that it will pursue the development of Small Modular Reactors, primarily to support remote off-grid northern indigenous communities or industrial operations;

**AND WHEREAS** Small Modular Reactors have the potential to have a significant impact on reducing Green House Gas emissions both domestically and in foreign countries;

**AND WHEREAS** StarCore Nuclear is conversing with CNSC concerning the scheduling of the Vendor Design Review process, followed by the licensing process;

**AND WHEREAS** the estimated economic activity for the proposed Demonstration Reactor and Demonstration Remote Community project includes 265 full-time continuing jobs, 450 spinoff jobs, 2,400 man-years of construction work, and an injection of \$600 million of economic development activity into the Eastern Manitoba economy over the first 10 years of a 25-year project;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Council on behalf of its residents, supports the development of Small Modular Reactors at the Whiteshell Laboratories site in the Local Government District of Pinawa;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Council supports the proposed StarCore Nuclear proposal to build their Demonstration Small Modular Reactor at the Whiteshell Laboratories site and the Local Government District of Pinawa's proposal to become the Demonstration Remote Community.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

6. Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: request to approve proposed 2025 Budget. Tabled to In Camera.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Lagoon – Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma with project participants Manitoba Water Services Board and the Rural Municipality of Reynolds to extend to Prawda – Tabled.
3. By-Law No. 758/24 re: utility rates – Tabled.

4. Building By-Law 767/24 – first reading.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

351/24 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 767/24 being a by-law for the regulation and control of construction in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 767/24 be hereby given first reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

5. By-Law No. 765/24 Fire Fighting Agreement with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

354/24 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 765/24, being a by-law to enter into an Fire Agreement with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds has been provided to Council for their consideration;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 765/24 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

6. By-Law No. 766/24 rescinding By-Law No. 756/24 – Building Inspector Services.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

352/24 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 766/24 being a by-law to rescind By-Law No. 756/24 for a building inspector;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 767/24 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

7. Canada Post re: River Hills postal services.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

353/24 **WHEREAS** Canada Post has advised of the River Hills Post Mistress will be retiring and that there are 3 options provided by them;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has circulated these options to the 85 River Hills Post Office users, and with 23 responses received, 15 of those participants selected Option No. 3;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby recommend to Canada Post to amalgamate with the Seven Sisters Post Office.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

8. Natalie Lake Drive – information for subdivision on North side. Administration was directed to move forward with a plan for 20 Commercial Lots. Tabled.

**New Business:**

1. Provisional Estimates

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

355/24 **WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 163 of The Municipal Act requires that an interim operating budget be completed to have effect from January 1, 2025, until the adoption of the operating budget fiscal year is completed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following interim operating budget be adopted:

Operating Requirement –

General Government Services

\$ 200,000.00



Deputy Reeve Honke requested to be excused during the administration wage portion of this in camera session.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

369/24 **WHEREAS** Administration wages has been reviewed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Municipal Finance Officer each be paid at the rate of \$29.90 per hour, and the Administrative Assistant be paid at the rate of \$25.30 per hour, commencing January 1, 2025;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a 3 percent increase be implemented for each of the years 2026 and 2027.

For: Amerongen, McDougald, Staerk & Stead Excused: Honke **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

370/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility has provided their 2025 Budget Proposal in the amount of \$790,726.96, of which our municipal share is \$136,748.94;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Proposed Budget is hereby approved.

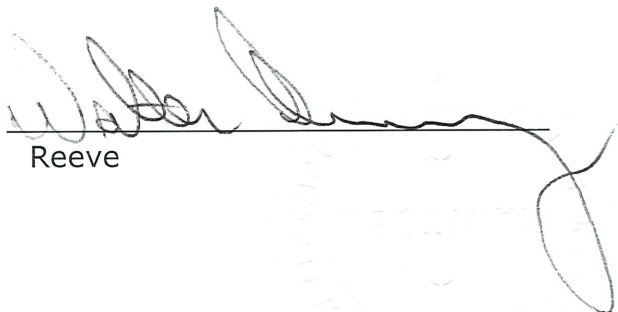
For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

371/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:41 p.m.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer