

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Dowbyhuz, Deputy Reeve Saxler, Councillor Bachman, Councillor Nichol, Councillor Sikkenga and Interim Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Also Present: Recording Secretary Marion

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by L. Bachman

342/15 WHEREAS the agenda for the regular meeting has been reviewed by Council and items have been added;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

Reading and Confirming of Minutes

Moved by M. Sikkenga and seconded by R. Nichol

343/15 WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 7, 2015 have been submitted to Council for review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

Delegations

6:30 p.m. S/Sgt Gerbrant attended to present the quarterly police report to Council. He was advised that Council is considering an ATV by-law, S/Sgt to provide information regarding same. Discussion was held on Communications Number 20.

Moved by R. Nichol and seconded by M. Sikkenga

344/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT a yield sign replace the stop sign West bound on Railway Avenue at the intersection of Water Street.

CARRIED

7:00 p.m. Rudie Friesen attended to request to consolidation of two lots into one title. Referred to Interim CAO Johnson to communicate with the Assessment Branch in this regard. Discussion was also held on road maintenance which was referred to Mr. Friesen to communicate with Kendall Friesen and report back to Council.

7:15 p.m. Tim Horton's Representative Colleen McLean – cancelled. Referred to Reeve an Interim CAO to meet on October 28, 2015, and report back to Council.

Communications

- 1) Association of Manitoba Municipalities – thank you regarding initiate for Provincial Handivan resolution.
- 2) Western Financial Group – municipal insurance programs. Revised Certificate of Insurance adding instructors of Whitemouth River Recreation Commission programs.
- 3) Whitemouth School – October newsletter.

- 4) Canadian Nuclear Laboratories re: "First Step" – information from meeting held on October 9, 2015, from Pinawa Mayor Skinner and our Councillor Bachman. Request for representative to committee and designate.

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by M. Sikkenga

345/15 WHEREAS Blair Skinner, LGD of Pinawa Mayor, has requested a representative and alternate to the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories decommissioning committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve B. Dowbyhuz be hereby appointed as representative and Councillor L. Bachman as his alternate to said committee.

CARRIED

- 5) Manitoba Tourism Education Council – Experimental Excellence Tourism Workshop.
- 6) Association of Manitoba Municipalities – newsletter.
- 7) Manitoba Assessment – an overview of services.
- 8) Associated Engineering – Seven Sisters Falls Town Road Condition Assessment.
- 9) Eastman Tourism – Celebrations, Awards & Tourism Development October 2015 Newsletter. First Place Winner for the Manitoba Photo Contest Jeff Cowan picture of Whitemouth Falls. Referred to Interim CAO to research rights/use of the picture.
- 10) Requests from residents for information – Council confirmed the process is to utilize the Freedom of Information process.
- 11) Quote from GoDaddy.com for email.

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by R. Nichol

346/15 WHEREAS Council has requested that all emails be synchronized with the RM of Whitemouth website;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this project be completed by GoDaddy.com

CARRIED

Discussion was also held in regards to the website. Interim CAO directed to have website turned off until all current correct information is imported.

- 12) Conditional Approval – Subdivision in SE ¼ 20-13-11 EPM – Whiteshell Holdings.
- 13) Conditional Approval – Subdivision in NW ¼ 32-10-11 EPM – K. Desorcy.
- 14) Rural Handi-van Services – Biannual meeting Nov 4, 2015.
- 15) October 14, 2015 – Association of Manitoba Municipalities - News Bulletin.
- 16) Eastman Tourism 2016 Guide Advertisement

Moved by L. Bachman and seconded by M. Sikkenga

347/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT an ad be placed in the Eastern Visitors 2016 Guide at a cost not to exceed \$1,095.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Members present and a record of their vote:

For: Councillors Saxler Sikkenga, and Bachman, Reeve Dowbyhuz

Against: Councillor Nichol

17) Ad for Lions 2016 Community Calendar

18) Whitemouth Library Annual General Meeting Report of October 13, 2015 and request for use of Council Chambers which was denied.

19) Munisoft Equipment Maintenance Agreement with office equipment

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by R. Nichol

348/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve the reinstatement of Equipment Maintenance Agreements with Munisoft for office equipment. **CARRIED**

20) STOP signs on Railway Ave at CPR yard – see S/Sgt delegation above.

Unfinished Business

1) Promotional Items and Banquet Skirt. Council directed the layover banner be purchased.

2) Whistle Cessation – request for Council representative. Reeve Dowbyhuz agreed to meet with officials as required.

3) By-Law No.640/15 – establish recreation commission. Second and Third readings - Resolutions

Moved by R. Nichol and seconded by L. Bachman

349/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 640/15 be read for the second time. **CARRIED**

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by M. Sikkenga

350/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 640/15, being a by-law of The Rural Municipality of Whitemouth for the creation of a Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. be read for the third and final time. **CARRIED**

4) Tree Pruning and Removal – The consensus of Council was not to proceed with this initiative. Contractors to be advised accordingly.

5) Trapping of Beavers – Tabled

6) Manitoba Wildlife Federation – request to ban night hunting.

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by M. Sikkenga

351/15 WHEREAS representatives of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation have requested Council support their initiative to ban Night Hunting in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of Council that there is no safe area in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to Night Hunt;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby support the Manitoba Wildlife Federation initiative to lobby Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to deem night hunting an unsafe practice and ban same throughout the Province of Manitoba. **CARRIED**

7) ATV by-law research – Tabled

8) Carpenter Work at Water Treatment Plant – Tabled

9) Stucco for Office Building – referred to 2016 Budget

10) Closing of Public Walkway by Witches Hut – Manitoba Hydro has advised this not be presently proceeded with.

New Business

1) Payment of Accounts

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by R. Nichol

352/15 WHEREAS the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque No. 18506 to 18541

Electronic Payments 2355 to 2385

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$50,162.47. **CARRIED**

2) Financial Statements for August, 2015

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by R. Nichol

353/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Reports for the period ending August 31st, 2015 be hereby adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

3) Snow Removal – ad to be placed in The Clipper to ensure no vehicles are in the way for snow removal equipment.

4) Monthly Utility Invoicing – a survey to be placed in the next mail out to see if ratepayers would like this and if they would like online invoicing. In addition to ensure everyone is aware that any monthly payments are acceptable.

5) Thompson and Wilma Cowell request for reduction on utility invoice due to leaking hot water tank. Denied.

6) Whitemouth Library AGM and request to use Council Chambers see communications 18

7) Budget 2016 Meeting Date – October 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

8) Zoning Amendment re: railway yard. First Reading

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by M. Sikkenga

354/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 642/15, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 633/15, (R.M. of Whitemouth Zoning By-law) be hereby given first reading. **CARRIED**

9) Associated Engineering – drainage plan for commercial subdivision received.

10) Wood Carvings at Hall. Noted.

11) Date for Utility Rate Study Review – October 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

12) Brushing Work – Resolution

Moved by R. Nichol and seconded by L. Bachman

355/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT brushing be done by a skid steer with rotary drum brushing mower attachment from contractor Hoes n More Rental Ltd. at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 be hereby approved. **CARRIED**

In Camera

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by R. Nichol

356/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recess the Regular meeting and go into "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item:

Personnel, Legal, Preliminary Contract Negotiations, Investigations, Document Security, Building Security, Other

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

CARRIED

Moved by R. Nichol and seconded by M. Sikkenga

357/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Moved by M. Saxler and seconded by M. Sikkenga

358/15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the business of the Regular Meeting is complete and Council adjourns at 8:37 pm.

CARRIED

"Original signed by B. Dowbyhuz"

"Original signed by C. Johnson"

Bill Dowbyhuz, Reeve

Colleen Johnson, Interim C.A.O.