

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 24, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Deputy Reeve Saxler, Councillors Bachman, Nichol and Sikkenga
Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Excused: Reeve Dowbyhuz and Recording Secretary Marion

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

46/16 **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

Recording and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

47/16 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 10, 2016, have been submitted to Council for review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

48/16 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque Nos. 18870 to 18893 and electronic payments 2573 to 2594

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$141,039.08.

CARRIED

2. Financial Statements

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

49/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending December 31, 2015, be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Surplus of 2015 to be placed into the Fire Capital Reserve.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

50/16 **WHEREAS** as at December 31, 2015, the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has a surplus in the amount of \$35,260.32;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT said amount be placed into the Fire Capital Assets Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

4. Utility Deficit of 2012 and 2013

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

51/16 **WHEREAS** on July 14, 2015, The Public Utilities Board requested a submission in regards to Utility Deficits;

AND WHEREAS for 2012 the deficit amount was \$23,266.0 and for 2013 the deficit amount was \$24,614.00 for a total deficit of \$47,880.00;

AND WHEREAS the Utility Accumulated Surplus has the funds to cover such a deficit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth hereby direct Administration to take \$47,880.00 out of their Utility Accumulated Surplus to cover the 2012 and 2013 utility deficits;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval from The Public Utilities

Board be requested in regards to same.

CARRIED

5. Municipal Auditor – requirements for 2015 Audit. Noted

Delegations:

6:30 p.m. S/Sgt Gerbrandt attended to provide the quarterly RCMP statistics for October, November and December 2015. He also presented their 2016/2017 Annual Performance Plan.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

52/16 **WHEREAS** S/Sgt Gerbrandt has attended Council this evening and presented his 2016/2017 Annual Performance Plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby accept the Performance Plan as presented.

CARRIED

Communications:

1. Dietitians of Canada – request to proclaim March, 2016 Nutrition Month.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

53/16 **WHEREAS** the goal of National Nutrition Month is to encourage all Canadians to eat well;

AND WHEREAS Registered Dietitians are a trusted source of credible nutrition information and are launching a campaign focusing on helping consumers make healthier food choices;

AND WHEREAS Canadians are interested in healthy eating and want information to help them achieve this goal – dietitians offer nutrition resources as well as interactive tools on the Dietitians of Canada website – www.dietitians.ca;

AND WHEREAS to celebrate National Nutrition Month, local dietitians are planning a number of activities to reach Manitoba residents. The Manitoba Nutrition Month Committee will be sharing nutrition information focusing on the theme of "Take the 100 Meal Journey" via Facebook, Twitter, email and media coverage throughout the month in their work places and communities through various activities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth support this initiative;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby recognize March as "Nutrition Month".

CARRIED

2. Utility Operators Report for January, 2016. Noted.

3. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – request for first 2016 levy instalment.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

54/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** one half of the 2016 Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. Levy in the amount of \$7,450.00 be hereby approved for payment.

CARRIED

4. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Ruta re: workshop request.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

55/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mr. Rick Cline be hereby authorized payment of hourly rate and mileage as per municipal by-law to attend a Municipal Emergency Coordinators Workshop in Steinbach, Manitoba on March 8, 2016, on behalf of Municipal Emergency Coordinator Ruta.

CARRIED

5. Public Works Minutes of February 17, 2016 and February 24, 2016, as well as mower information. An onsite inspection to be done in regards to the mower.

6. Tim Horton Camp Whiteshell – invitation to Spring Volunteer Day on May 14, 2016. Noted.
7. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Eastern June District Meeting. Request for information. Council directed a \$10.00 per person fee be charged.
8. Community Futures Winnipeg River – minutes of January 25, 2016. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Cemetery Research – will be addressed once Budget has been completed and a set product/structure defined.

2. Rescind Approach by-law – By-Law No. 646/16

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

56/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 646/16 being a by-law to rescind By-Law No. 498/08 the Approach By-Law be hereby given second reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

57/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 646/16 being a by-law to rescind By-Law No. 498/08 the Approach by-law be hereby given third and final reading.

CARRIED

3. Establish Fire Equipment Reserve Fund – By-Law No. 647/16

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

58/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 647/16 being a by-law to establish a fire department capital reserve fund be hereby given second reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

59/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 647/16 being a by-law to establish a fire department capital reserve fund be hereby given third and final reading.

CARRIED

4. Utility Rate By-Law No. 648/16 – Discussed. Any inquiries are to be made to Chief Administrative Officer Johnson in writing which are to be forwarded to Associated Engineering for responses at the regular meeting on March 9, 2016.

5. Dog Control By-Law 649/16 – Discussed. Council to further review same and bring changes and/or alterations to the next regular meeting on March 9, 2016.

6. Railway Crossing – requirements. Noted, to be further discussed in the summer.

7. Establish Road Reserve Fund – By-Law No. 650/16

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

60/16 **WHEREAS** it is deemed to be in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to create a road reserve fund for improvements and maintenance for Elizabeth Crescent, Elizabeth Way and Edinburgh Place;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 650/16 being a by-law to create a reserve fund for Elizabeth Crescent, Elizabeth Way and Edinburgh Place be hereby given first reading.

CARRIED

8. Municipal Road Program – Grant Status update provided on Brookfield and Commercial Road by Chief Administrative Officer Johnson. Council directed an inquiry be made in regards to Shelley Road as per verbal approval received by previous Chief Administrative Officer. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Public Works Update. Noted.
2. Reports of Committees were verbally provided by all members of Council.
3. Email Addresses - .com is up and running, as you receive emails on old/other emails kindly refer them to your new .com address.
4. Centennial Reserve – request for direction. Council directed a by-law be prepared to rescind same. Tabled.
5. Next Budget meeting to be held on March 8, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m. with a fire department meeting.
6. Manitoba Hydro – meeting date tentative March 9, 2016, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
7. New Fire Hall – meeting date set for March 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.
8. Topics for Joint meeting with RM of Reynolds – weigh scale.
9. Building Inspector Ruta – request reduction or elimination of fee for church or non-profit permits. The consensus of Council was not to approve same.
10. Eastman Tourism Ad – check proof. Determined to use .com web address.
11. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – request use of handivan for swim program in Selkirk. Referred to Deputy Reeve Saxler and Councillor Sikkenga.
12. Local Government District of Pinawa and Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – request for water meeting dates. Council provided March 10, 2016 @ 6pm or March 11, 2016 @ 1pm as tentative dates.
13. Recycle Processing agreement to accept Local Government District of Pinawa materials. Received for informational purposes.
14. GIS Mapping Works
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol
6/16 **WHEREAS** works are required to update and enhance the GIS System in the municipal office;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bruce McLean of RuraLand Consulting Ltd. be hereby authorized to supply this service at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 plus applicable taxes. **CARRIED**
15. Waterline South of Elma. Discussed, will be addressed once a written request is received. In addition Council requested an update on the Grant Kurian water situation. Tabled.

16. 55+ Seniors Housing, Mr. Barkman request for letter of support in principle for his and Mr. Cowell's project. The consensus of Council was to supply same including the zoning information on that property which identifies that a conditional use application would be required and that processed followed.
17. Riverbend Manor – Council directed a letter of inquiry be sent to Manitoba Housing as to the status of vacancies and future plans for the Manor.
18. Municipal Telephones – Administration was directed to research how the operations work in connection with other entities ie. Library, rec, planning and shop. In addition to get information on a speaker phone set up for the Council Chambers. Tabled.

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

62/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer