

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 23, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

Also Present: Recording Secretary Marion

Excused: Councillor Sikkenga

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

86/16 **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 circulated. **CARRIED**

Reading and Confirming of Minutes

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

87/16 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2016, and of the special meeting held on March 8, 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 Saxler and seconded by Nichol

88/16 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval for payment: Cheque Nos. 18927 to 18953 and Electronic Payments 2627 to 2649
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$27,447.39. **CARRIED**

2. Budget 2016 – By-Law No. 652/16

Councillor Nichol requested a recorded vote.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

89/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 652/16 being a by-law to set rates of taxation for 2016 be hereby given first reading;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the public hearing for same be held on April 20, 2016.

For: Councillors Bachman, Councillor Saxler and Reeve Dowbyhuz

Against: Councillor Nichol

CARRIED

Delegations:

6:30 p.m. Sandra Wiebe and Leslie Stebelko of the Whitemouth Community Playground Committee attended to request support for an Intergenerational Pathway through the playground.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

95/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 be hereby provided to Whitemouth Community Playground Committee for their Intergenerational Pathway in the playground with the monies to be expended from the Community Grant Fund. **CARRIED**

6:45 p.m. Allan Besel attended to request clarification on a drainage letter received from the municipality. Mr. Besel advised that Highways will be doing an on-site evaluation for his request to lower their culvert. Council directed that they be advised once Highways has lowered their culvert and at that time they will re-evaluate his request.

Communications:

1. Whitemouth and District Lions Club – request for storage space. It was determined that such space is not available however possible one of the churches may have the required space.
2. Whitemouth Health Auxiliary – request for donation.
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol
90/16 **WHEREAS** on occasion non-monetary donation requests from non-profit organizations are received;
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth support their community non-profit organizations;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT when such requests are received by Administration they may provide items at an amount not to exceed \$50.00. **CARRIED**
3. Community Futures – nominations for Volunteer of the Year. Noted.
4. Conservation and Water Stewardship – Operating License Amendment circulated. Noted.
5. Whitemouth School – March Newsletter. Noted.
6. Local Government District of Pinawa – Emergency Preparedness Memorandum of Understanding.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler
91/16 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Local Government District of Pinawa to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding in regards to Emergency Preparedness;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby directs that the Memorandum of Understanding be hereby accepted and the required documentation signed. **CARRIED**
7. Diagnostic Services Manitoba – newly appointed Chief Operating Officer is Petr Kresta and he may be coming to introduce himself to Reeve Dowbyhuz. Council directed he be invited to attend a regular meeting of Council.
8. Eastern Region Community Health Committee – minutes of February 22, 2016 and Medical Transportation Coordination Centre Helicopter EMS (STAR7) Data Package from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. Noted.
9. Trans Canada re: Energy East Pipeline Project. Noted.
10. Dale Smerechynski – request to plant trees adjacent to her property line adjacent to the Cemetery. The consensus of Council was they do not have a concern regarding same.
11. Christmas Hamper Fund – request for \$100.00 for 2015 and \$1,000.00 annually for 2016 forward for the Christmas Hamper Program.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler
92/16 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Whitemouth Christmas Hamper Committee for \$100.00 towards their 2015 program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve same. **CARRIED**

Council tabled the annual requested directing Administration to acquire additional information.

12. Public Works Minutes of March 16 and 23, 2016. Noted.

13. Manitoba Wildlife Federation and Seven Sisters Wildlife Association – request for Reeve’s attendance at Shooting Skills Day.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Saxler

93/16 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Wildlife Federation and Seven Sisters Wildlife Association are hosting a “Shooting Skills Day” on May 14, 2016;

AND WHEREAS they have requested the attendance of Reeve Dowbyhuz; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Reeve Dowbyhuz is hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he be reimbursed as per municipal by-law. **CARRIED**

14. Joy Sutyla – request for use of handi-van. Council directed she be advised that they do not provide this service and provided alternatives.

15. Weed Control Information from Councillor Sikkenga.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

94/16 **WHEREAS** it is deemed to be in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to be a member of the Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association at a cost of \$325.00 plus GST annually; **AND WHEREAS** a Pesticide Use Permit is required for the spraying of noxious weeds in the municipality at a cost of \$750.00 plus applicable taxes for 3 years;

AND WHEREAS advertising pertaining to same is required and approved; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve these items for payment. **CARRIED**

16. Mayor Skinner – New Chief Operating Officer and letter from Health Minister regarding a residency program. Noted.

17. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Nurse Managed Care. Noted.

18. Seven Sisters Brush Dump – inquiry from Councillor Saxler. Administration was directed to correspond with Public Works identifying that the brush dump is solely for the use of residents.

19. Dirt Pile Off Town Site Road – inquiry from Councillor Saxler. Administration to check with insurance, check into placing snow fence around the area until it is cleaned and to eliminate any further dumping.

Unfinished Business:

1. Utility Rate By-Law No. 648/16 – Tabled.

2. Dog Control By-Law No. 649/16 – Tabled.

3. Rescind Centennial Reserve – By-Law No. 651/16

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

96/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 651/16, being a by-law to rescind By-Law No. 328/01, the Centennial Reserve Fund, be hereby given second reading. **CARRIED**

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

97/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 651/16, being a by-law to rescind By-Law No. 328/01, the Centennial Reserve Fund, be hereby given third and final reading. **CARRIED**

4. Amy Kirby – request for road name change. Administration to prepare a by-law to change the name to Rice Road right up to Railway. Tabled.

5. Road Restrictions By-Law No. 653/16 – Amendment

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

98/16 **WHEREAS** it is deemed to be in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to ^{implement a new} ~~amend their~~ Road Restrictions By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 653/16 being a by-law to amend Road Restriction By-Law No. 370/03 be hereby given first reading. **CARRIED**

6. Municipally owned lands

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

99/16 **WHEREAS** there are two pieces of municipally owned lands as identified as Roll Nos. 83200 and 83300 which are not required for municipal use; **AND WHEREAS** it is deemed to be in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to sell these 2 properties; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby direct that these lands be placed for sale through a real estate company for not less than the assessed value. **CARRIED**

New Business:

1. Public Works Update. Noted.

2. Reports of Committees were verbally provided by each member of Council. It was noted that the Museum had acquired a building permit which was not utilized. The consensus of Council was to reimburse the \$75.00.

3. Municipal Safety Procedures

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

100/16 **WHEREAS** municipal safety procedures have been compiled by Administration, reviewed by Public Works and Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 52 safety procedures be hereby adopted by the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Department is hereby directed to implement same. **CARRIED**

4. Municipal Policies – Administration advised that they are just being typed for Councils review and prepared for adopting at the next regular meeting.

5. Designate Tax Sale Year

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

101/16 **WHEREAS** Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides authority to designate a year for Tax Sale;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby designate 2014 the tax sale year. **CARRIED**

6. Website – Councillor Bachman provided an update on the new website.

7. Arleen Pluchinski re: request for reimbursement on Columarium

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

102/16 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Arleen Pluchinski for reimbursement of the \$950.00 paid for a niche in the Columbarium as the remains are being moved to a cemetery and to waive the \$100.00 fee to open and close the niche as Northern Lights will be completing the task;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT reimbursement in the amount of \$950.00 is hereby authorized;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the \$100.00 fee to open and close the niche be hereby cancelled. **CARRIED**

8. Manitoba Highway Traffic Board – notice of hearing for NE ¼ 21-12-11EPM. Noted.

9. Donna Friesen – Dog Concern. Administration to advise the By-Law Enforcement Officer has been notified and is investigating all dog issues.

10. Eastman SnoPals Inc. – request for advertising

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

103/16 **WHEREAS** a request has been received by SnoPals Inc. to advertise in their 3 year trail map brochure for 2017, 2018 and 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT authorization is given to purchase a business card ad in the amount of \$100.00. **CARRIED**

11. Steve Bossenmaier – drainage concern. Administration to advise that this concern is being addressed by Public Works and some surveying already completed.

12. Canadian Pacific – request to support Rail Safety Week

104/16 **WHEREAS** Public Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from April 25 to May 1, 2016;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens;

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

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver has requested the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing effort to save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth proclaims Rail Safety Week to be held from April 25, 2016 to May 1, 2016. **CARRIED**

13. Municipal Emergency Coordinator – leave replacements.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

105/16 **WHEREAS** Municipal Emergency Coordinator Ruta will be on leave from April 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rick Cline be the Interim Municipal Emergency Coordinator from April 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Gail Wasinuk be the Interim Municipal Emergency Coordinator from September 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. **CARRIED**

Administration to communicate with Ms. Wasinuk regarding remuneration.

14. Signage to find Seven Sisters – Administration to correspond with the Whitemouth Regional Community Development Corporation Inc. to inquire if they would be respective to provide same.

In Camera

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

106/16 **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: Legal

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 Nichol and seconded by Bachman


107/16 **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 Saxler and seconded by Bachman

108/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

for 
Reeve





Chief Administrative Officer