

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Council Chambers.

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

Excused: Reeve Dowbyhuz

Also Present: Recording Secretary Marion

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

214/16 **WHEREAS** the agenda for the regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

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

CARRIED

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

215/16 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 22, 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

216/16 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19161 to 19201 and Electronic Payments 2838 to 2889

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$101,388.17.

CARRIED

2. Financial for first half of year – update.

June 2016 Financial Statements

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

217/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements as at June 30, 2016, be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations:

7:00 p.m. S/Sgt Gerbrandt attended to provide Council with an overview of the RCMP quarterly report. Administration to forward noise by-law information to S/Sgt Gerbrandt for his recommendation on same.

Communications:

1. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – accepted petition (circulated to our Council June 8, 2016) as information and interest. They will be sending letters to those not on the petition. Noted.

2. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority – minutes of May 26, 2016. Noted.

3. Booster for Cell Phone

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

218/16 **WHEREAS** it is of the utmost importance that as Emergency Contact Reeve Dowbyhuz is able to make and receive calls at all times;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a cell phone booster be purchased for him out of municipal funds. **CARRIED**

4. Manitoba Emergency Measures – call for 2016 award applications. Noted.
5. Diagnostic Services Manitoba – copy of letter to Mayor Skinner of Pinawa re: Lac du Bonnet Clinic Renovations. Noted.
6. Conservation and Water Stewardship – ground water testing at 3 closed landfill sites. Administration was directed to get estimates from an engineer. Tabled.
7. Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations re: Hometown 2016 funding application denied. Noted.
8. Public Works Committee – minutes of June 29, 2016, July 6, 2016. Noted.
9. Manitoba Municipal Board – approve borrowing of funds for Fire Hall. By-Law No. 655/16 – second reading. Councillor Nichol requested a Recorded vote.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

219/16 **WHEREAS** approval has been received from The Municipal Board for the borrowing of funds for construction of a new fire hall;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 655/16 regarding same be hereby given second reading.

For: Bachman, Saxler, Sikkenga Against: Nichol

CARRIED

10. By-Law Enforcement Officer – June 2016 report. It was noted that his probationary period will be addressed at the next regular meeting of Council. Three unkept areas were identified and Administration was directed to forward to the By-Law Officer to contact the property owners to rectify same.
11. Minister Pedersen re: request for meeting has been put forth for scheduling. Noted.
12. Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association – 2015 Annual Report. Noted.
13. Manitoba Community and Regional Planning Branch re: subdivision file Number 4203-16-7287 – amended conditional approval. Noted.
14. Rural Municipality of Ste Anne – notice of public hearing. Noted.
15. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Clinic Hours. Noted. Photo ideas for Resident Retreat – Council all participated in providing ideas for the ten photos we can provide. Referred to Councillor Bachman to prepare and submit.
Resident training – Councillor Sikkenga noted that we are the only Health Region which does not have an education program to train residents. Councillor Sikkenga to provide Administration particulars in this regard for Administration to correspond with MLA Smook and MP Falk.

16. Minister Clarke of Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations – approval to reallocate funding of the Municipal Road Improvement Program. Noted.

17. Building Inspector Ruta – request for new code books.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

220/16 **WHEREAS** new building code books are required for the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve the purchase of same at a cost not to exceed \$825.00 plus applicable taxes and shipping costs. **CARRIED**

18. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – minutes of May 30, 2016. Noted.

19. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – thank you for hosting District Meeting. It was noted that the event came in below budget.

20. Manitoba Ombudsman – invitation to conference on Access, Privacy, Security & Information Management Conference.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

221/16 **WHEREAS** a conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 27 and 28, 2016, regarding Access, Privacy, Security & Information Management hosted by Manitoba Ombudsman;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Deputy Reeve Saxler be hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT his/her expenses regarding same be paid by the municipality as per policy. **CARRIED**

21. Manny Sikkenga – request to hook onto municipal water services.

Prior to any discussions Councillor Sikkenga requested permission to vacate her seat and did not return until the following resolution was completed.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

222/16 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Manny Sikkenga whom resides at 64068 River Road to hook onto the Municipal Water Supply;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve said request;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT residents adjacent to the Extension be approached to see if they are interested in connecting to the waterline;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon response from residents, fees will be determined based on number of connections which will not be less than the water connection policy in place. **CARRIED**

22. Manitoba Emergency Measures re: Community Impact Assessment.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

223/16 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has been impacted by an excessive rain event which occurred on June 25, and 26, 2016, causing the wash out of both roads and culverts at 13 sites/locations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby request Disaster Financial Assistance from Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization for approximately \$90,000.00. **CARRIED**

23. Manitoba Hydro – negative response to request for funds of undevelopable lots. Council will for the next regular meeting provide input for Administration to compile in preparation for a meeting with the Minister responsible for Hydro to address. Tabled.

24. CN – Aecom has completed the Transport Canada Grade Crossing Data Collection and submitted to CN on our behalf. CN representative Linda Vergata will only contact us back if any additional information is required.
25. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – request for local health improvement group applicants.
26. Lidar Mapping – information from Association of Manitoba Municipalities and LGD of Pinawa
27. Medical Resident Retreat
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman
224/16 **WHEREAS** a Resident Retreat to encourage doctor recruitment is being held this fall in Selkirk, Manitoba;
AND WHEREAS a contribution of \$2,000.00 has been requested for parties participating;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve to contribute their share of same not to exceed \$500.00;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Reeve Dowbyhuz be hereby appointed to attend this event with Councillor Sikkenga as an alternate;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policy. **CARRIED**
28. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – request for input on Development Plan review. Administration inquired if Council has any issues or recommendations that they should be provided to the Planning District to be addressed.
29. Eastman SnoPals re: groomer inquiry. Referred to the Public Works Committee to address.
30. Public Works – June, 2016 Report. Noted.
31. Condolences re: Councillor of RM of Victoria. Administration was directed to draft a policy in regards to same.
32. Water Treatment Plant – June, 2016 Report. Noted.
33. Energy East – request for support
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
225/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth agree that a letter of support for the Energy East Pipeline Project be written, indicating that the municipality wishes to see this project proceed and be completed as soon as possible. **CARRIED**

Unfinished Business:

1. Neva Falls Water Co-op – Manitoba Water Stewardship Board has not yet responded. Tabled.
2. Manitoba Telephone System – meeting with representative has not been set. Tabled for one more meeting.
3. Rural Municipality of Reynolds – road allowance, aerial photo of 1983. Councillor Nichol requested Council's direction in this regard. The consensus of Council was to advise Dean Chezick that the Municipal Solicitor will be directed not to pursue this issue any further and that this should be addressed as a civil matter. Both the Councils of Whitemouth and Reynolds have completed their due diligence and directed the file be closed.

4. Fire Inspection – information obtained. Tabled.
5. By-Law No. 648/16 – second reading.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga
226/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 648/16 be hereby given
second reading. **DEFEATED**
By-Law not to be proceeded with.
6. Daycare in Whitemouth School. Sunrise School Division advised to speak to Principal Carter direct. We are awaiting a meeting date from him. Tabled.
7. Closure of Gas Station – no response received from MLA Smook. Information regarding environmental study not released by owner to municipality. Noted.
8. Library – request for additional keys. Administration provided the costs and Council approved same on the condition that the Library Board would appreciate same. Councillor Bachman to discuss with the Library Board. Once she has received their input she will advise Administration whether to purchase and install or not.
9. Elma Water – additional responses circulated to Council. Administration to prepare a map of the area color coding which property owners were contacted, which property owners responded that they are interested, and the property owners whom advised that they are not interested. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Public Works Update was verbally provided.
2. Reports of Committees were verbally provided by each member of Council. Councillor Sikkenga advised that she has tried to set up a meeting with the Seven Sisters Community Club President whom advised that they do not feel this would be beneficial.
3. River Road – Councillor Nichol reported on the remedial works which will be completed by Al Meisner Ltd. at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00.
4. Rural Municipality of Reynolds – joint meeting regarding “old” Rec Commission to be held on July 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Noted.
5. Sale of property funds to gravel budget.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman
227/16 **WHEREAS** funds from the sale of lands in the amount of \$16,038.21 was not in the 2016 financial plan as revenue;
AND WHEREAS detrimental weather has adversely affected our gravel roads;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the above-noted \$16,038.21 be hereby transferred into the gravel portion of the financial plan. **CARRIED**
6. HEMS – Helicopter Emergency Medical Services now available throughout the municipality. Administration to prepare a notice for Councillor Bachman to place on the website. Council directed that HEMS/STARS be invited to attend their August Long Weekend Festivities.
7. Elma Subdivision – Councillor Nichol advised of a complaint received regarding ditching. Deputy Reeve Saxler advised that this will be addressed once a residence is constructed. Administration noted that this type of concern should be received in writing.

8. Joyce Drainage – Councillor Nichol advised of a drainage on private lands. This will not be addressed as it is on private lands. Administration noted that this type of concern should be received in writing.
9. Elizabeth Crescent – Project should be completed within a week.
10. Ruts across from Sunova on Railway Avenue – Administration was directed to have Public Works fill in same.
11. Fire Hall Tower – Information from No Limits Internet Solutions has submitted a proposal in regards to same. Administration to acquire additional information and request a draft agreement/contract. Tabled.

In Camera:

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

228/16 **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 Negotiations*

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 Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

229/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

Council directed Administration to acquire additional bank loan rates for 10, 15 and 20 year periods. Tabled.

Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

230/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 9:52 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve




Chief Administrative Officer