

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 11, 2017, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

Also Present: Recording Secretary Marion

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Saxler

1/17 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this 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 Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

2/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 21, 2016, and of the special meeting held on January 4, 2017, 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

3/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19556 to 19594
Electronic Payments 162 to 194;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$99,892.18. **CARRIED**

2. Financial Statements:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

4/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending November 30, 2016, be hereby accepted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Communications:

1. Camp Whiteshell – 2017 Celebrations. Noted.

2. Corie Koch re: Santa Claus parade 2017. Tabled.

3. Taxervice – Set Tax Sale Year and auctioneer/advertiser.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

5/17 **WHEREAS** Section 365(2) authorizes Council to designate a tax sale year;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tax sale year be designated at 2015. **CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

6/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** when the 2018 Board of Revision is held in 2018 that Council as the Board of Revision will not utilize their discretionary powers to make any decisions retroactive to 2017. **CARRIED**

4. Minister of Indigenous and Municipal Relations re: 2017 Manitoba Planning Excellence Awards program. Noted.

5. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers – request for advertisement.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman
7/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) to place an advertisement in their Message Yearbook;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a business card advertisement. **CARRIED**
6. Whitemouth Regional Community Development Corporation Inc. – minutes of January 3, 2017. Noted.
7. Whitemouth Museum – request to utilize RM logo on their membership cards; notice that they own the logo. Accepted as information.
8. Whitemouth Seniors Complex – request to be included in the Municipal ½ page ad. Council approved a one-time business card size ad.
9. Reynolds Chamber of Commerce – second meeting invitation. Noted.
10. Eastman Tourism – 2017 Membership.
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
8/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Eastman Tourism for the 2017 membership in the amount of \$450.00;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved. **CARRIED**
11. Province of Manitoba – appoint task force to examine emergency departments. Noted.
12. Public Works – minutes of January 4 and 11, 2017. Noted.
13. Eastern Region Community Health Committee – minutes of November 14, 2016 and agenda for January 9, 2017
14. Community Futures Winnipeg River – draft minutes of December 9, 2016
15. The Municipal Board – rescheduled hearing notice, Order 13-MO-83-1. Referred to Councillor Sikkenga.
16. Hudson Bay Route Association – request 2017 membership. Noted.
17. Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations re: By-Law Enforcement (information forwarded to Building Inspector and By-Law Officer)
18. By-Law Officer Jacob - monthly report for December, 2016
19. Manitoba Infrastructure re: Tarping of Loads information
20. Province of Manitoba re: red tape reduction survey (completed)
21. Province of Manitoba re: Order of Manitoba nominations close January 31, 2017
22. Pier Siinema – request for Columbarium Niche #1 (16).
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
9/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Pier Siinema for a reimbursement of Columbarium #1, Niche #16 in the amount of \$1,500.00;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved upon receipt confirmation. **CARRIED**

Unfinished Business:

1. Neva Falls Water Co-op re: project cost estimate from Anderson Engineers. Tabled.
2. Trimming of tree – Tender 17-01
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol
10/17 **WHEREAS** a tender 17-01 was advertised for the trimming of 3 trees on River Drive;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender as submitted by Green Inspirations in the amount of \$630.00 which includes taxes be hereby accepted by Council. **CARRIED**
3. Violence in the Workplace Policy. Tabled.
4. By-Law re: Andersen Development Agreement. Tabled
5. Governance Seminar at Hadashville.
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol
11/17 **WHEREAS** a Governance Seminar put on by Priti Shah will be held in Hadashville, Manitoba on January 26, 2017;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve attendance of all members of Council, Administration and the Public Works Supervisor;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the costs for the seminar be shared with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds and that attendees be reimbursed as per municipal policy. **CARRIED**
6. Board of Revision – Assessor leaves while decision is made. Divisional protocol preference not legislation or regulation. Board may request the Assessor remain during the process.

New Business:

1. Public Works Update was verbally provided by Reeve Dowbyhuz.
2. Reports of Committees were provided verbally by each member of Council. Administration requested to place reports of committees following financial on future agendas. Council agreed to same and will amend the Procedural By-law accordingly at its annual review.
3. Mission Statement to be utilized. Tabled.
4. Elma – property line meeting date secured. Noted.
5. Branding/slogans etc. - request for direction.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol
12/17 **WHEREAS** local businesses would like to utilize municipal branding/slogans on their communications to promote our municipality/region;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this type of request be hereby approved. **CARRIED**
6. Utility deficits for 2016
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
13/17 **WHEREAS** there is a Utility Deficit for 2016 regarding sewer in the amount of approximately \$19,673.00;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to request a deficit approval from the Public Utilities Board by way of recovery over a 2 year period through customer accounts. **CARRIED**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Saxler

14/17 **WHEREAS** there is a Utility Deficit for 2016 regarding water in the amount of approximately \$58,141.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to request a deficit approval from the Public Utilities Board by way of recovery over a 1 year period through customer accounts.

CARRIED

7. Councillor Nichol re: no Whitemouth Emergency Response Team meeting date set yet. Administration was directed to contact Municipal Emergency Coordinator Ruta to inquire about same.

8. Councillor Kellendonk from the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: Personal Care Home – request for support. Council agreed to sign a letter of support in principle.

9. Reeve Dowbyhuz – April 2017 regular meeting date – request to change.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

15/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regularly scheduled meeting of April 12, 2017, be hereby changed to April 5, 2017.

CARRIED

In Camera:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

16/17 **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*

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 Bachman

17/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

Administration was directed to prepare a resolution for the next regular meeting of Council regarding office staff wages.

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

18/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:50 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer