

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 25, 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

Reeve Dowbyhuz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

19/17 **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 Saxler

20/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 11, 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

21/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19595 to 19618
Electronic Payments 195 to 220;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$194,139.32 of which \$154,654.36 is school taxes. **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees:

Were provided verbally by each member of Council.

Delegations:

6:30 p.m. Whitemouth Lions Roy Moir/Shannon Malkoske re: Christmas Hampers shortfall of funds.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

22/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Whitemouth Lion's Club Christmas Hamper has incurred a shortfall of \$911.35 due to large use in 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby agree to pay to said Club the shortfall in the total amount of \$911.35.

CARRIED

6:45 p.m. Fire Chief Thomson attended to update Council on training initiatives and requested wage increases for fire department employees.

In Camera:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Saxler

23/17 **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*

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

24/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

25/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** all Fire Department wages be increased by Fifty Cents per hour and Fire Chief Reporting rate be increased to \$18.00 per report;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should the Fire Chief not be available the most Senior Person in the Department available will receive the Fire Chief rate of pay. **CARRIED**

Public Hearing:

7:00 p.m. Conditional Use (C3/16) C-Can for Fire Department Storage.
Tabled to February 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Communications:

1. Manitoba Office of the Drinking Water – assessment completed no action items identified. Noted.
2. Fire Hall 2017 – minutes of January 12, 2017. Noted.
3. Southwest Regional Development Corporation – newsletter. Noted.
4. Regional Municipal Forum – minutes of September 12, 2016. Noted.
5. Manitoba Infrastructure Emergency Measures Organization re: Rain Event approved for the Disaster Financial Assistance program. Noted.
6. Manitoba Sustainable Development – Office of Drinking Water re: engineering assessment for Whitemouth Public Water. Noted.
7. VFIS re: insurance available. Noted.
8. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – minutes of the meeting held on December 12, 2016. Noted.
9. Public Works – minutes of January 18, 2017 & January 25, 2017. Noted.
10. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – receipt of our request to initiate water agreement. Noted.
11. Boreal Shores Art Tour – yearend update. Noted.
12. Public Works Supervisor – Report for December, 2016. Noted.
13. Dr. Pausenwein – grader rate concern and Administrative response. Noted.
14. Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association re: one day seminar. Noted.
15. North Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee – request for 2017 Membership Fee and inclusion on insurance certificate.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

26/17 **WHEREAS** requests has been received from the North Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee for their 2017 membership fee in the amount of \$750.00 and that they be included on our Municipal Insurance Policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these requests are hereby approved. **CARRIED**

16. Manitoba Office of Drinking Water – 2016 Audit noting the system is doing a great job. Noted.
17. Manitoba Office of Drinking Water re: Lead in Drinking Water – Draft National Guideline. Forwarded to Senior Utility Operator Campbell for his input to them.
18. Councillor Sikkenga re: sanding inquiry. Discussed during Public Works reports of committees. If the sanding trucks are out anyway then sanding at one or two locations to accommodate the hauling of milk will be sanded.
19. Whitemouth School – January '17 newsletter. Noted.
20. Red River Basin Commission re: request for support of LiDAR. Administration was directed to send to the North Eastern Municipal Lobby Committee for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities attention.
21. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission – Report #12. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Neva Falls Water Co-op re: project cost estimate from Anderson Engineer received. Administration was directed to forward same to Rudie Friesen to discuss with is Co-op members and respond back to Council with their intent.
2. Violence in the Workplace Policy. Administration provided information to Deputy-Reeve Saxler he will get back should additional works or information be required.
3. By-Law re: Andersen Development Agreement. Tabled
4. Corie Koch re: 2017 Santa Claus parade requests. Council directed that Administration advise that a private individual would not be provided Municipal Equipment and that this request should come from the Seniors Group direct.

5. Administration Wages

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

27/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that effective January 2, 2017 the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer be paid \$22.00 per hour; the Administrative Assistant be paid \$20.00 per hour and the Clerk be paid \$14.22 per hour;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT as a wage adjustment the Clerk as at July 1, 2017 be increased to \$15.68 per hour.

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Public Works Update was provided verbally from Reeve Dowbyhuz during the above noted Reports of Committees.

2. Automatic Emergency Defibrillator for office \$1,500.00 from Seven Sisters Community Club \$2,400.00 value. Tabled.
3. Council Chamber picture – Administration to have this coordinated for prior to the Budget 2017 meeting on February 8, 2017.
4. Elma Lot Line – Ratepayer Information Session Update. In addition a request to purchase ten feet of municipally owned land was received. Council was receptive to the request and directed Administration to further research. Tabled.

5. Equipment Tenders

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

28/17 **WHEREAS** equipment tenders and materials have been received and accepted by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this information be forwarded to Public Works Administration to analyze and provide same to the tenderers at the Contractors meeting next month.

CARRIED

Council directed that when request for equipment tenders are advertised in 2018 that the measurement of cubic meters be utilized.

6. River Hills Community Club – update from Reeve Dowbyhuz. Noted.

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

29/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED



Reeve


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Chief Administrative Officer