

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 8, 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 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

30/17 **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 Bachman and seconded by Saxler

31/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 25, 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

32/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19619 to 19657
Electronic Payments 221 to 249;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$266,427.04. **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees:

Were provided verbally by each member of Council.

Public Works Report:

Provided verbally by Reeve Dowbyhuz.

Public Hearing:

7:00 p.m. Conditional Use (C3/16) re: C-Can for Fire Department Storage

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

34/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a Public Hearing to consider a Conditional Use application in regards to Roll No. 79500, being Conditional Use No. C 03/16. **CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

35/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the Public Hearing is now completed and is now closed that Council to return to their regular order of business of the Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

A public hearing was held in regards to Conditional Use Hearing Application for Roll No. 79500 from the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to request approval to place a C-Can on site temporarily to house the Fire Department`s Utility Terrain Vehicle until the new fire hall is constructed. All requirements in regards to notices were completed. In attendance was Dale Smerechynski whom inquired if this would hinder access to her driveway. She noted this was not an objection but an inquiry. She was assured locating the C-Can would not hinder access to her driveway.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

36/17 **WHEREAS** an application has been received from the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to allow for a C-Can on the property to be used as a temporary storage unit for the Fire Department`s Utility Terrain Vehicle as a Conditional Use;

AND WHEREAS the application No. is C 03/16;

AND WHEREAS the property is located at Lot 3 of Plan No. 1203 located on Lot 3 of Plan No. 1203, and identified as Roll No. 79500;

AND WHEREAS representatives attended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve said Conditional Use for temporary storage on the condition that this temporary approval is only valid for a 24 month period commencing February 8, 2017 and ending on February 7, 2019. **CARRIED**

Communications:

1. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Reeves/CAO meeting in Winnipeg on April 11, 2017.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

33/17 **WHEREAS** the Reeve`s and CAO`s meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on April 11, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Dowbyhuz and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT be reimbursed as per municipal rates. **CARRIED**

2. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Ruta – request for Assistant Municipal Emergency Coordinator. Tabled to in camera discussions. Council directed Administration to make contact with our Hutterite, Mennonite and Church Communities to see if they would be interested in joining the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team.
3. Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association re: postal bank. Noted.
4. Manitoba Sustainable Development re: water license 16-WCW-1049 to clean out the drain in NW 33-10-12EPM. Administration was directed to refer to Public Works for clarification.
5. Adrian Storimans – request for building permit fee reduction and response provided by Administration. Noted.
6. Manitoba Hydro – copies of planned works in Seven Sisters. Noted. Reeve Saxler noted a possible obstruction concern regarding same. Reeve Dowbyhuz will ensure the Public Works Department is aware of same so they can advise Manitoba Hydro if required.
7. Fire Hall 2017 – documentation of meeting with Manitoba Hydro held to discuss service connection points. Noted. Reeve Dowbyhuz commented on an inquiry as to location choice. It was confirmed that this was chosen over

the Industrial Park area due to the road incline which meets the Highway which the Fire Chief noted is generally too slippery in the winter making this a safety hazard and that services are presently not at that particular location.

8. Western Financial Insurance – response to Directors and Officers liability Inquiry. Noted.
9. Manitoba Arts Council – community consultation in Lac du Bonnet on February 10, 2017. Noted.
10. Public Works – minutes of February 1, 2017 and February 8, 2017. Reported above by Reeve Dowbyhuz under reports of committees.
11. Fire Inspector Hokanson – overview of inspections to date. In addition prices will be reviewed for annual fire extinguisher inspections. Noted.
12. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – request for 2017 levy. Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
37/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. for their 2017 Levy in the amount of \$17,000.00;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve same. **CARRIED**
13. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – request for 2017 levy. Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol
38/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District for their 2017 Levy in the amount of \$7,750.00;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve same. **CARRIED**
14. Whitemouth Recreation Association re: River Hills Community Club. They are not interested in acquiring same.
15. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority response to Reeve Dowbyhuz’s concern regarding shortage of medical staff in our Municipality. It was noted that this will also be addressed again on Monday at the Regional Health Meeting.
16. By-Law Officer Jacob – January `17 Report. Noted. Administration provided an overview of the projects currently being worked on and noted that we will be implementing a monthly update/report on our website. Mr. Jacob to attend a meeting in April or May `17 to provide a verbal update.
17. Dale Smerechynski – thank you regarding tree trimming. Noted.
18. Dale Smerechynski – commending Whitemouth on all services and upkeep. Noted.
19. River Hills signage
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga
39/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the welcome to River Hills sign “Home of Oscar Grubert” be hereby changed to “Home of the Hungry Nine”;
AND BE IT NOTED THAT this sign change cost is being donated by Herm’s Signs of River Hills, Manitoba. **CARRIED**

At this time further discussion was held on signage and that possibly sign changes could be done for our other 3 communities. To be

addressed in our next half page Clipper ad.

20. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – request Personal Care Home petition to be circulated. Council directed Administration to have one placed in our front office and request to have one at the Whitemouth District Health Centre.

Unfinished Business:

1. By-Law re: Andersen Development Agreement. Tabled
2. Lease S ½ SE 27-13-11E - no responses were received. Administration was directed to contact the previous lessee to see if they are interested in same.
3. AED Purchase – quotes. Tabled.
4. Elma Lot Lines – request to purchase ten foot lot. The consensus of Council was not to approve same at this time.
5. Councillor Sikkenga – weed update. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Sale of property (by lagoon) – Administration was directed to place up for sale once the Certificate of Title is received from the Winnipeg Land Titles Office through a local real estate agent once their 2017 fees are received to determine which realtor. Direction to be provided to the real estate agent that the property is to be signed for at least 30 days prior to accepting any offers on said lands.
2. Municipal Rates – clarity requested regarding equipment rates. Tabled.
3. Audit 2016 – Auditors in to commence on February 21, 2017. Noted.
4. Councillor Bachman inquired if Council would be approving either the Library or Museum grant requests. Discussed. Council denied both requests as due diligence has not been completed in regards to researching other grant opportunities or fundraising for monies to accommodate these or portions of these requests.
5. Snowmobile Staging Areas for 2017/2018 – To be located at the Elma Community Centre (permission to be requested) and the Industrial Park area in Whitemouth. Administration was directed to have 4 signs purchased in this regard.
6. Building Inspector Ruta – information regarding small dwellings. Information was received from the Regional Planning Office in this regard. Recommendation to amend our Building and Zoning by-laws.

7. Surplus for 2016.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

40/17 **WHEREAS** Council is anticipating a surplus for 2016 in the amount of approximately \$108,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the surplus be deposited into the Bridge Reserve Fund. **CARRIED**

In Camera:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Saxler

41/17 **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 Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

42/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act
Council does now re-open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

Council further discussed communications number 2 regarding an Assistant
Municipal Emergency Coordinator. This request was denied.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

43/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** effective immediately the Rural Municipality
of Whitemouth's representative to the Whitemouth Emergency
Response team be Councillor Bachman. **CARRIED**

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

44/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this
meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:30 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve




Chief Administrative Officer