

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 22, 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 Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

45/17 **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 Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

46/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of both the budget and regular meetings held on February 8, 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

47/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19658 to 19691  
Electronic Payments 250 to 271;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$90,426.62. **CARRIED**

2. December 2016 Financial Statements:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

48/17 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending December 31, 2016, have been circulated to Council for their review;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these financial statements be hereby adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

### Reports of Committees:

Were provided verbally by each member of Council.

### Public Works Report:

Provided verbally by Reeve Dowbyhuz.

### Delegations:

6:30 p.m. Dale Toews and Les Giesbrecht attended to further discuss closing and acquisition of part of a road allowance. Administration to initiate works with the required departments. The gentlemen acknowledged that any and all costs associated with the transfer would be at their cost.

## Communications:

1. Dietitians of Canada – request for proclamation.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

49/17 **WHEREAS** the goal of National Nutrition month is to encourage all Canadians to eat well;

**AND WHEREAS** Registered Dietitians are a trusted source of credible nutrition information and are launching a campaign focusing on helping consumers make healthier food choices;

**AND WHEREAS** Canadians are interested in healthy eating and want information to help them achieve this goal - dietitians offer nutrition resources as well as interactive tools on the Dietitians of Canada website - [www.dietitians.ca](http://www.dietitians.ca);

**AND WHEREAS** to celebrate National Nutrition Month, local dietitians are planning a number of activities to reach Manitoba residents. The Manitoba Nutrition Month committee will be sharing nutrition information focusing on the theme 'Take the Fight out of Food' via Facebook, Twitter, email and media coverage throughout the month. In addition, dietitians across Manitoba will be promoting Dietitians of Canada Nutrition Month in their workplaces and communities through various activities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby authorize this resolution to be placed on their website to advertise same. **CARRIED**

2. Rural Municipality of Ste. Anne – notice of Public Hearing regarding By-Law No. 10-2016. Noted.
3. Joint Meeting with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds – Administration was directed to contact same to inquire if they had items to discuss.
4. Whitemouth Rec Association – thank you for donation to Stick Curling Bonspiel. Noted.
5. Whitemouth Regional Community Development Corporation Inc. – minutes of February 7, 2017. Noted.
6. Regional Emergency Manager – is now Chris Popowich. Noted.
7. Community Futures Winnipeg River – minutes of January 23, 2017. Noted.
8. 249 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Beausejour re: flags  
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga  
50/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby agree to contribute \$249.00 to purchase a single flag on behalf of the 249 Operation 128K-Flags of Remembrance Project. **CARRIED**
9. North Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee – minutes of February 10, 2017. Noted.
10. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Ruta – resignation.  
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga  
51/17 **WHEREAS** Marilyn Ruta has tendered her resignation from Municipal Emergency Coordinator as of February 17, 2017;  
**AND WHEREAS** Council has accepted her resignation as provided;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby direct Administration to advertise for a Municipal Emergency Coordinator with

applications closing on March 21, 2017.

**CARRIED**

11. Public Works – minutes of February 15, 2017. Reported above by Reeve Dowbyhuz under reports of committees.
12. Public Works Supervisor – Monthly report for January 2017. Noted.
13. Crown Lands and Property Agency – Crown Land Permit No. GP 67731 regarding the University of Manitoba dropping a concrete block in the river. Noted.
14. Dennis and Monica Penner re: three plex utility charges – request for an extension. Tabled.
15. Small Communities Transportation Fund – federal grant through our gas tax agreement. Noted.
16. Senior Utility Operator – Monthly report for January 2017. Noted.
17. Regional Economic Development Strategy & Action Plan Executive Summary. Noted.
18. Seven Sisters Community Club re: River Hills Community Club noted they are not interested in acquiring the building however would be interested in fixtures, furniture etc.
19. North Eastman Community Health Committee – agenda for February 13, 2017. Noted.
20. Manitoba Hydro – electrical service for the new Fire Hall.  
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga  
52/17 **WHEREAS** Manitoba Hydro has provided a contract for providing an overhead electrical service for the new fire hall at a cost of \$7,701.00 and a minimum \$2,567.00 annual contribution for a three year period;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth agrees to same;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Administration be hereby directed to fully execute same. **CARRIED**
21. Whitemouth & District Lions Club – thank you. Noted.
22. Manitoba Good Roads Association – newsletter. Noted.
23. Beausejour Brokenhead Development Corp re: Vocational Training Study on-site cancelled. Noted.
24. Energy East Update – National Energy Board Announcements. Noted.
25. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission – minutes of November 7, 2016 and January 30, 2017. Noted.
26. AECOM – confirmation that railway crossing project completed and returned. Referred to Public Works for their information.
27. Boreal Shores Art Tour Team – January Update. Noted.
28. Wawanesa Insurance bought Western Financial – Association of Manitoba Municipalities Executive Director Masi has confirmed this will not disrupt any municipalities insurance policies.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. By-Law re: Andersen Development Agreement. Tabled.
2. AED Purchase – quotes. Tabled.
3. Councillor Sikkenga – weed update provided. Reeve Dowbyhuz to refer to Public Works.
4. Real Estate Fees for 2017  
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga  
53/17 **WHEREAS** requests were made to both local realtors for service in 2017;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Duncan McDougald be hereby selected as the successful realtor for 2017. **CARRIED**
5. Municipal Rates - Policy to be drafted in this regarding identifying rental and invoice rates.

### **New Business:**

1. Council Chamber Use – Policy to be drafted in this regard. Administration was directed to have a lock installed on the council chamber door. Policy to be drafted stating use of Chambers limited to Council and Council committee meeting. Tabled.
2. Water @ Community Centres – The consensus of Council that free water is only for outdoor skating rinks that can be used freely by the public. Policy to be drafted in this regard.
3. Annual Fire Extinguisher and Exit Light inspections  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol  
54/17 **WHEREAS** tenders have been requested and received for annual fire extinguisher and exit light inspections;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Bison Fire Protection Inc. continue to provide these services in the amount of \$6.00 per fire extinguisher inspection, \$25.00 per exit light; and \$45.00 per service call. **CARRIED**
4. IT Person – Resolution 40/16 was for a one year period ending February 10, 2016. Request for direction, tabled to in camera discussions.
5. Statistics Canada – 2016 Population for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth is 1557.

### **In Camera:**

- Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga  
55/17 **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 Nichol and seconded by Bachman  
56/17 **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 Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol  
57/17 **WHEREAS** by way of Resolution 40/16 IT Services for provision of

services to February 9, 2017;



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be directed to utilize their MuniSoft provider for such services. **CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

58/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:30 p.m. **CARRIED**

  
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Chief Administrative Officer