

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 5, 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 Nichol

92/17 **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

93/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 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

94/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19749 to 19772 ;
Electronic Payments 339 to 351;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$51,214.11. **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. Cpl. Richard Young – attended to provide a verbal overview of the police report for 4th Quarter. He noted that staffing is at the appropriate level and that they are earmarking traffic offenses in our municipality.

Communications:

1. Public Works – Safety Minutes of March 22, 2017. Noted.
2. Murray Barkman – request for gravel. Council agreed that gravel would be placed on Road 65 E parallel to the Quonset doors (approximately 5 loads).

3. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – copy of letter to Minister Pedersen regarding the Winnipeg River Bridge project. Noted.
4. MIT Regional Maintenance Manager – Perry Plaiser re: PR 408 concerns. Noted.
5. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority – minutes of February 23, 2017. Noted.
6. Keystone Agricultural Producers of Manitoba re: open letter to all municipalities in Manitoba regarding municipal taxes. Noted.
7. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Legal Defense Fund.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman
95/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to contribute towards the Legal Defense Fund in the amount of \$50.00 plus GST;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved. **CARRIED**
8. Sheri Smyth re: request regarding Food Truck services. The consensus of Council was to approve same in the community of Elma only.
9. Flower Pots – Front Office.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman
96/17 **WHEREAS** in preparation for Canada's 150th Birthday items such as flowers, fertilizer, soil, flags etc. are required for the office front entrance;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT items for this purpose at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 is hereby approved. **CARRIED**
10. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Workshop on May 23, 2017.
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
97/17 **WHEREAS** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities is hosting an Educational Workshop regarding Tracking Municipal Performance on May 23, 2017, in Brandon, Manitoba;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Dowbyhuz and Deputy Reeve Saxler be hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies. **CARRIED**
11. Province appointments to Disaster Assistance Appeal Board. Noted.
12. Regional Health Committee – cancellation of Physician Recruitment. Noted.
13. Disaster Management Conference for 2017
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol
98/17 **WHEREAS** the Disaster Management Conference will be held from May 31, 2017 to June 2, 2017, in Winnipeg, Manitoba;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a space be secured for the Municipal Emergency Coordinator and that he/she be hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies. **CARRIED**
14. Steven Penner re: water extension into Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet. Council appreciated Mr. Penners' input and may meet at a later date.
15. Flags of Remembrance – June 9, 2017

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

99/17 **WHEREAS** the Flags of Remembrance Ceremony will be held on June 9, 2017, in Beausejour, Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Dowbyhuz and Councillor Sikkenga be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

16. Manitoba Hydro – request for signature to agreement re: water treatment plant. Tabled
17. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: water meeting for their ratepayers. Assistant Chief Administrator Myall will be attending to acquire the information for Council.
18. North Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee – minutes of April 3, 2017. Noted.
19. Whitemouth Regional Community Development Corporation Inc. – minutes of April 4, 2017. Noted.
20. Manitoba Hydro re: lift station information on survey. Council directed Administration to have this task completed by Manitoba Hydro.
21. Public Works minutes of March 29 and April 5, 2017. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Municipal Emergency Coordinator – tabled to in camera
2. By-Law No. 671/17 – Building Inspector Agreement.
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
100/17 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 671/17 being a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement for providing the Building Inspector/Development Officer duties;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 671/17 be hereby given third and final reading. **CARRIED**
3. Whitemouth Bog – information tabled to a meeting with Mr. Reimer on either April 19 or 26, 2017.

New Business:

1. Fire Hall 2017 – update was provided.
2. Industrial Park services – update
3. Capping of utility lines in Seven Sisters – Tenders.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga
101/17 **WHEREAS** tenders have been received for the capping of utility lines in Seven Sisters, Manitoba;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Penner Underground be hereby awarded the above-noted tender in the amount of \$6,850.00 plus applicable taxes for a soft dig;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this project is contingent on the acceptance by Manitoba Hydro. **CARRIED**

4. Crown Land Swap – maps for review. Tabled.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

102/17 **WHEREAS** Council is wanting to exchange certain Municipally owned lands with Provincially owned lands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby directed to pursue this initiative;

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

5. Union Agreement – sign new agreement.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

103/17 **WHEREAS** the Operating Engineers of Manitoba Local 987 and the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth have come to an agreement for the period August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the agreement received from the Union requires numerous changes to reflect the meetings held and actual agreements met;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT once the corrections have been made then at that time Reeve Dowbyhuz and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby directed to sign the above-noted agreement on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

CARRIED

6. Wernon Kauenhoven – interested in leasing 27 acres in S ½ of SE 27-13-11E. Administration was directed to have the by-law prepared accordingly.

7. Financial Reviews of community organizations – notification has been received by Barb Ans that she will no longer be able to provide this service. Administration was directed to place an ad in the local communities and on our municipal website.

8. Elma Park – it was noted that 2 outdoor biffies are required this year. Administration to make contact with both the Elma Park and River Hills Park caretaker providers regarding the 2017 season.

9. Labour required for brushing/cutting of ditches - Administration was directed to place an ad in the local communities and on our municipal website.

Both Reeve Dowbyhuz and Councillor Nichol requested permission to be excused from all discussions regarding the Municipal Emergency Coordinator applications and did not attend the following in camera session.

In Camera:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Saxler

104/17 **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 – Municipal Emergency Coordinator*

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 Bachman

105/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

Deputy Reeve Saxler requested a recorded vote.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

106/17 **WHEREAS** Council has advertised for a Municipal Emergency Coordinator;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cathy Dowbyhuz be hereby selected as the successful applicant;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be paid at the rate of \$18.00 per hour to be parallel to the Fire Chief rate of pay;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be reimbursed for required travel as per municipal policies. **CARRIED**

For: Saxler, Bachman, Sikkenga Against: None

At this time Reeve Dowbyhuz and Councillor Nichol re-entered the Council Chambers.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

107/17 **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: *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 Bachman and seconded by Saxler

108/17 **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 have the Council Chambers both painted and updated.


Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

109/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 9:10 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer