

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 24, 2017, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Dowbyhuz, Councillors Saxler, 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

152/17 **WHEREAS** the agenda for the regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Saxler

153/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 26, 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

154/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19838 to 19863;
Electronic Payments 437 to 463;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$87,052.75. **CARRIED**

2. Financial Statements as at April 30, 2017.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

155/17 **WHEREAS** the financial statements as at April 30, 2017, have been circulated to Council for their review;

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

Reports of Committees: Were provided verbally by each member of Council.

Public Works Report: Reeve Dowbyhuz verbally provided a report on the public works minutes of May 17 and 24, 2017. In addition Council opened the gravel tender received for the 2017 season.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

156/17 **WHEREAS** a request for tenders was put out by the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth for gravel for the 2017 season;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender received by Al Meisner Ltd. in the amount of \$7.25 per tonne (based on 10,500 metric tonnes supplied) plus applicable taxes be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

Fire Hall 2017: It was noted that the committee will be providing a recommendation in regards to hiring a contractor for same prior to our next regular meeting.

Delegations:

6:45 p.m. Acting S/Sgt Courtney Sookermany attended to provide Council an overview of recent and future activities. He noted that their Annual Performance Plan will be available to Council shortly. Reeve Dowbyhuz advised of speeding concerns and advised of a complaint regarding an officer that was received at our office. Administration to provide the information by email to Mr. Sookermany so they can address this directly.

Communications:

1. Provincial Municipal Support Services – 2017 amount reduced from 2016. It was noted that the Lobby Committee is gathering this information to research the impact of these reductions.
2. Provincial Assessment Services re: 2018 Reassessment Impact. Noted.
3. Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council Inc. – minutes of April 20, 2017. Noted.
4. Manitoba Good Roads Association – 2017 Annual Competition papers received and distributed.
5. Community Futures Winnipeg River – draft minutes of May 8, 2017 and invitation to annual general meeting and banquet. Noted.
6. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – thank you. Noted.
7. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – minutes of April 17, 2017. Noted.
8. Whitemouth Rec Association – requests for Sports Days.
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
157/17 **WHEREAS** requests have been received from the Whitemouth Rec Association in regards to their Annual August Long Sports Weekend;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT permission be granted to hold a Beer Garden on the community grounds inclusive from Friday, August 4, 2017 to Sunday, August 6, 2017, in accordance with provincial regulations/requirements;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT on Sunday, August 6, 2017, certain streets be blocked off in conjunction with Public Works Staff to accommodate a Parade. **CARRIED**
9. Manitoba Water Services Board – request for 5 year capital plan. Council provided direction on the works to be included in the 5 year capital plan. Deputy Reeve Saxler and Councillor Sikkenga, as the utility committee, to meet to make plans for preparation of a tentative 5 year capital plan.
10. Indigenous and Municipal Relations – Certificate of Approval for subdivision File No. 4203-16-7317 (Dueck/Penner). Noted.
11. Tax Impact/Open Houses re: Provincial Blackout due to election in Point Douglas. Meetings on June 7 and 22 cancelled and not rescheduled as any ratepayer, Council member or Administration may contact them for information at any time.

12. Province of Manitoba re: 2017 Municipal Bridge and Road Program – Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

158/17 **WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba has announced a Municipal Bridge and Road Program for 2017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to have an application submitted to the program requesting \$60,000.00 for works to be completed on Silver Bridge.

CARRIED

13. Whitemouth Reynolds-North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility – minutes of May 3, 2017. Noted.

14. Town of Beausejour – notice of public hearing re: By-Law No. 1740/17 Noted.

15. Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs – Fire Protection Workshop for Elected Officials and CAO's. Noted.

16. Community Futures Winnipeg River – Annual General Meeting & Banquet. Noted.

17. North Eastman Municipal Forum – minutes of May 15, 2017. Noted.

18. Napier Consulting – update on Emergency Program. Noted.

19. Minister of Infrastructure and Communities – deny Fire Hall grant. Noted.

20. Royal Canadian Air Cadets – thank you. Noted.

21. Whitemouth School – May Newsletter. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Whitemouth Bog Works

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

159/17 **WHEREAS** survey/engineer works are required to get a comprehensive report on the Whitemouth Bog;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Geoff Reimer of GPR Project be hired at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

2. Helen Schilke – Elma Lot Line Issue. Council directed Administration and the Building Inspector meet with owners of lots 11 – 15 and provide Council's recommendation then report back to Council on the owners thoughts.

3. Councillor Bachman re: Canada's 150th Birthday. Further ideas were discussed.

4. Christina Putschker - Elma Lot Line Issue. Council directed Administration and the Building Inspector meet with owners of lots 11 – 15 and provide Council's recommendation then report back to Council on the owners thoughts.

5. North Whiteshell District – request for meeting regarding fires. Was held during this afternoon's special meeting and was an update on their services.

6. Michael Becker – drainage issue. Was discussed during this afternoon's special meeting and is tabled for additional information.

7. Seven Sisters Highway Commercial Area – drainage and spoil bank. This item has already been addressed by Public Works.
8. Homestead Road to access SE ¼ 18-13-12 E – culvert. This item has already been addressed by Public Works.
9. By-Law No. 667/16 - Anderson Development Agreement) – third and final reading.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

160/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 667/16 being a by-law to enter into and execute a development agreement with Shannon and Cheryl Andersen to accommodate their subdivision application Regional Planning File No. 4203-15-7243;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 667/16 be hereby given third and final reading. **CARRIED**

10. Bridge – bearing project. Referred to 2018 Budget discussions.
11. Community Naming – Elma, Seven Sisters, Whitemouth. Administration was directed to contact the school and initiate a contest for the students regarding “slogans” with each of the 3 winning entries receiving \$50.00. Tabled.
12. Gazebo Permit re: Water Street Bridge Committee.
Prior to any discussions on this request Councillor Sikkenga requested permission to be excused from all discussions. She vacated her chair and did not return until the discussion was completed.
No additional information received. Will be brought back to Council if additional information is received.

New Business:

1. Little Maria’s (previously Jennifer’s) – Permits. Building Inspector Ruta provided an overview of the situation which arose regarding a Liquor Permit request and Office of the Fire Commissioner input. Discussed. Council directed Administration to advise they have no concerns with the liquor license request for the addition/patio nor any hour restrictions. In regards to an occupancy or any building permits we cannot issue same as it is not within our jurisdiction, noting that we, as a municipality, absolve ourselves from any liability in this regard.
2. By-Law No.672 /17 (Zulu Development Agreement) – First and second readings.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

161/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 672/17 being a by-law to enter into and execute a development agreement with Nicola and Kevin Hughes of Zulu Enterprises Inc. to accommodate their subdivision application Regional Planning File No. 4203-16-7287;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 672/17 be hereby given first reading. **CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

162/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 672/17 being a by-law to enter into and execute a development agreement with Nicola and Kevin Hughes of Zulu Enterprises Inc. to accommodate their subdivision application Regional Planning File No. 4203-16-7287;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 672/17 be hereby given second reading. **CARRIED**

3. Public Works Supervisor – job description and work order program quote. Job Description approved and program quote will be discussed amongst Administration and possibly forwarded for 2018 discussions.
4. Assessor's Open House cancelled – Carmine Shiner @ 2:30 pm June 7, 2017 cancelled. Administration was directed to try and have this meeting held in conjunction with a regular meeting date.
5. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission – monthly telephone.
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
163/17 **WHEREAS** the telephone costs of the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission has telephone service which runs through and is incorporated into the Municipal Office and the full invoice is received by them;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the fees associated with the telephone bill for the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission be hereby paid by this municipal corporation. **CARRIED**
6. River Hills Community Centre – Administration was directed to put out a tender for demolition of the building. Building Inspector Ruta and Fire Chief Thomson will do an on-site for measurements and to ensure safety. In addition to be placed on the Public Works maintenance schedule.
7. Elma Community Centre – Administration directed to carry forth the same process as was done with the River Hills Community Centre. It was noted the locks will be changed, and inventory already taken with pictures. To be placed on the Public Works maintenance schedule.
8. Sea Can – it was noted that this will be relocated to the Chown Farm.
9. Interlake Regional Health Authority – notification that Reeve Dowbyhuz has been accepted as a representative to the Task Force.
10. Driveway at Pitt Road – request for road repairs. Council directed Administration to advise the property owner that this request is denied.

In Camera:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol
164/17 **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: *Legal/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 Nichol
165/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

Councillor Nichol requested a recorded vote.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
166/17 **WHEREAS** the Municipality has received a offer to settle from Laurie Kjartanson former C.A.O.;
AND WHEREAS it is deemed by Council to be in the best interests of the Municipality to accept the offer of settlement.
THEREFORE BE IT RSOLVED THAT the Municipality accept the offer of settlement as presented by the solicitors;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and the Chief Administrative Officer, together with legal counsel, be authorized to

execute and deliver all documents and undertake such acts as are necessary to comply with the terms of settlement.

For: Bachman, Sikkenga, Dowbyhuz and Dowbyhuz

Against: Nichol

CARRIED

Discussion was held on the amount of time it is taking the Public Utilities Board to address utility rate increases.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

167/17 **WHEREAS** times for utility rate reviews and deficit requests are taking the Public Utilities Board in excess of a year to address;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities urge the Province of Manitoba to provide the Public Utilities Board with adequate staff to have wait times reduced.


CARRIED

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

168/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

CARRIED



Reeve


Colleen Blinco

Chief Administrative Officer