

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 25, 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 Nichol and seconded by Bachman

323/17 **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 Sikkenga

324/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 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

325/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 20183 to 20210;

Electronic Payments 805 to 833;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$295,419.52. **CARRIED**

2. Financial Statements:

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

326/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending September 30, 2017, be hereby adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

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

Public Works Report: Reeve Dowbyhuz provided an overview of the minutes of October 18 and October 25, 2017. Prior to any discussions on drainage in the Rice Road area Councillor Sikkenga requested permission to be excused from all discussions. She vacated her chair and did not return until Resolution 327/17 was completed.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

327/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** drainage works in the Rice Road area be done at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00 as per the lowest hourly rate based on the 2017 Contractor Equipment List for excavator. **CARRIED**

Fire Hall 2017: Reeve Dowbyhuz advised painting has begun and that the tower base will be installed next week.

Delegations:

6:45 p.m. RCMP Sgt Sookermany attended to provide Council their quarterly Report. Discussion was held on the concern of speeding on Corrigan Avenue, it was noted that additional patrols have been conducted by the RCMP in this vicinity. Sgt Sookermany advised he has been transferred to Cross Lake and that we should be hearing who will be our new S/Sgt in approximately a month.

Communications:

1. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – invitation to Interagency Meeting on November 4, 2018. Postponed until new Recreation Director is hired.
2. Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba re: newspaper recycling funding withheld. Reeve Dowbyhuz noted that the North Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee is currently working on this initiative.
3. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: water project inquiry regarding water treatment plant capital contribution. Noted.
4. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Rec Director – resignation. Noted.
5. Manitoba Justice re: proclamation of the Provincial Offences Act. Administration directed to provide this information to our By-Law Enforcement Officer.
6. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority – invitation to launch of the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation. Noted.
7. Statistics Canada re: 2021 census of population content consultation. Noted.
8. North Eastman Municipal Forum – minutes of September 11, 2017. Noted.
9. Connect – fall newsletter picture re: Foreign Investment Seminar. Noted.
10. CPR re: Christmas Train on December 2, 2017.
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
328/17 **WHEREAS** Canadian Pacific Railway has notified the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth that the Christmas Train will be going through our municipality on December 2, 2017;
AND WHEREAS certain municipal streets require closing to accommodate this event;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the required street closures are hereby approved;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in addition a donation in the amount of \$500.00 be here authorized for the 2017 Christmas Train event.
CARRIED
11. Community and Regional Planning re: Subdivision File No. 4203-15-7211 Certificate of Approval received. Noted.
12. Community Futures – October '17 Newsletter. Noted.
13. Manitoba Good Roads Association – October 2017 newsletter. Noted.
14. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – minutes of August 21, 2017. Noted.

15. Royal Canadian Legion – invitation for Reeve Dowbyhuz to Remembrance Day Service to lay wreath. Administration to provide his regrets.
16. Whitemouth School – October '17 newsletter. Noted.
17. Community and Regional Planning re: Proposal to Subdivide Pt. NE ½ 2-12-11 EPM – request for Council's thoughts. The consensus of Council was that they would be receptive to the 3 lots however reserve their input until such time as they review receipt of the subdivision circulation.
18. Emergency Measures Organization – closure of program for 2016 Heavy Rains on November 29, 2017. Noted.
19. Elma Community Club – request for cash donation towards a "Kids" program. Denied.
20. GPR Project re: Whitemouth Bog Report. Tabled.
21. Patti Van Noort, Librarian Farewell – Thank you. Noted.
22. Whiteshell Laboratories Community Regeneration Partnership – meeting on November 1, 2017. Noted.
23. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz – Whitemouth Emergency Response Team (WERT) request to change name to Municipal Emergency Response Team (MERT). The consensus of Council was to stay with the current full name being the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Emergency Response Team.

Prior to any discussions on Communications No. 23 Reeve Dowbyhuz requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until the discussion was completed.

24. Travel Manitoba re: Advertising Partnerships. To be forwarded to the local Community Development Corporation.
25. Whitemouth Regional Community Development Corporation Inc. – minutes of October 19, 2017. Noted.
26. Eastern Manitoba – request for advertisement. Councillor Nichol requested a recorded vote.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

329/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Eastern Manitoba to advertise in their 2018 Guide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this request and place a half page ad at a cost not to exceed \$677.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: Sikkenga, Bachman, Saxler, Dowbyhuz Against: Nichol

CARRIED

27. Christina Putschker re: Elma Lot Lines and tax inquiry. Council directed Administration to continue working on this initiative now that it seems all parties have agreed to a plan of action. Tax inquiry to be responded that there is an assessment which was provided by the Municipal Assessor.

Unfinished Business:

1. Vince Staerk - request to burn peat piles 2017-2018. Karl Eck – opposed to this burning request.
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol
330/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Vince Staerk to burn peat moss in the N ½ of 9-12-11EPM and the SE ¼ of 9-12-11EPM;
AND WHEREAS a map/diagram has been provided to identify where the piles are;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Council does hereby approve same on condition that approval is received from Manitoba Conservation prior to initiating any burning. **CARRIED**
2. Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society re: monthly fire extinguisher inspections. The consensus of Council was to advise the committee of the insurance provider's direction and to have Public Works place clearing of snow from these buildings on the public works schedule.
3. Utility Meter Checks – Council directed that these checks be completed on each municipal water meter at least every 36 months. Administration is to have the Senior Utility Operator prepare a system to ensure compliance of same.
4. Sherri Walsh – Ethics Presentation. Referred to Rural Forum as a Suggested presenter.
5. Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation re: outstanding municipal issues. Council directed that they be advised the two prominent issues to discuss which are on Railway Avenue and at Highway 44 and Elevator.

New Business:

1. Organizational By-Law – annual review completed.
2. Procedural By-Law – annual review completed.
3. Statement of Assets from Council – completed.
4. 2018 Budget meeting on December 6, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m. confirmed.
5. Office Holiday Closure

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

- 331/17 **WHEREAS** Administration has request that the office be closed for the Christmas Holiday Season from December 25, 2017, to January 2, 2018;
AND WHERAS to accommodate same each staff member will utilize 3 days of their holidays;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved. **CARRIED**
6. Join Economic Development Initiative – Administration provided an update on the seven municipalities participating.
7. Seven Sister Townsite Hydro Lots – an updated map was provided. Council directed that once the final map and pricing is received to have this information placed on our website.
8. Councillor Nichol re: process for expense approval. Discussed.

9. Shirts for Fire Fighters – approved.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

332/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** shirts for all fire fighters be purchased in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. **CARRIED**

In Camera:

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

333/17 **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 Nichol

334/17 **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 directed Administration to decline the offer to purchase, however was provided authority to counter offer with the assessed value.

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

335/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 9:25 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve




Chief Administrative Officer