

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 22, 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 6:05 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

348/17 **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 Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

349/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 2017 have been submitted to Council for their review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

350/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 20249 to 20272; Other cheque No. 890; Electronic Payments EFT 861 to 889 and 891 to 903;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$995,109.49. **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussions on the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team expenses Reeve Dowbyhuz requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until Resolution 351/17 was completed.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

351/17 **WHEREAS** expense from the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Payment EFT 890

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$828.05. **CARRIED**

2. Financial Statements to October 31, 2017.

Moved by Dowbyhuz and seconded by Bachman

352/17 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending October 31, 2017, have been circulated to Council for their review;

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

CARRIED

3. Provisional Estimates

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

353/17 **WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 163 of The Municipal Act requires that an interim operating budget be completed to have effect from January 1, 2017, until the adoption of the operating budget fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following interim operating budget be adopted:

Operating Requirements:

General Government Services	\$ 200,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 50,000.00
Transportation Services	\$ 200,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 20,000.00
Public Health and Welfare Service	\$ 10,000.00
Environmental Development	\$ 20,000.00
Economic Development	\$ 20,000.00
Recreational and Cultural	\$ 4,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$ 100,000.00
Capital Requirements	
Borne by Reserves	\$ 100,000.00
Capital	\$ 250,000.00

\$ 974,000.00 **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Emergency Response Team, report from attendance at training session in Brandon.

Each member of Council provided verbal reports.

Public Works Report: Reeve Dowbyhuz reported on the minutes of November 22, 2017.

Fall Hall 2017: Reeve Dowbyhuz provided an update and commented on a flooring concern. He also noted the snow removal plan was updated to reflect the new fire hall needs.

Communications:

1. News Release re: North Forge Technology – exchange opens call for innovation to improve early childhood literacy and numeracy. Noted.
2. Manitoba Environmental Industries Association re: invitation to half day session on Transition strategy and benefits of early transition. Noted.
3. Community and Regional Planning Branch re: Conditional Approval for their File No. 4203-17-7355. Noted.
4. MLA Ewasko – response to inquiry at Rural Forum regarding renovations to Casino's. Noted.
5. Municipal Road and Bridge Program – planning project guide. Noted.
6. Local Government District of Pinawa – request for resolution of support for their efforts to recruit one or more Demonstration Small Reactor Projects.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

354/17 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth is a member of the Whiteshell Laboratories Community Regeneration Partnership with the

mandate to develop economic opportunities for the Whiteshell Laboratories site located in the Local Government District of Pinawa;
AND WHEREAS, the Whiteshell Laboratories is currently operating under a Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission decommissioning license making it an ideal site for a future nuclear project;
AND WHEREAS the development of one or more Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) on the Whiteshell Laboratories site would be an excellent economic development activity for the region creating many jobs for the local economy;
AND WHEREAS the federal government have stated that it will pursue the development of Small Modular Reactors, primarily to support remote off-grid communities or industrial operations, such as mines;
AND WHEREAS Small Modular Reactors have the potential to have a significant impact on reducing Green House Gas emissions both domestically and in foreign countries;
AND WHEREAS the submission by the Whiteshell Laboratories Community Regeneration Partnership to Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' Request For Expressions Of Interest to develop CNL's SMR strategy shows that the Whiteshell Laboratories site is the best site in Canada for one or more Small Modular Demonstration Reactors;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth supports the development of one or more Small Modular Reactors on the Whiteshell Laboratories site. **CARRIED**

7. Royal Canadian Mounted Police – report for November 6 to 12, 2017. Noted.
8. Primary Care Centre Task Force re: clinical teaching unit – minutes of November 7, 2017; My Health Team Overview; and Population & Equity Allocation Analysis. Noted.
9. Whitemouth School – November newsletter. Noted.
10. Whitemouth Library – internet access inquiry. Administration was directed to research same since Council was receptive to same.
11. Canada Post- new hours Whitemouth Post Office. Noted.
12. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – Water Project update. Noted.
13. Manitoba Conservation – request permission to use the lot or area across from Tirshman's in Seven Sisters for Snowmobile staging area. Council approved same.
14. Speech From The Throne – received today. Noted.
15. Municipal 2016 Road Improvement funds received. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Accessibility Plan
 Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
 355/17 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth is committed to meeting the needs of people who face accessibility barriers by identifying, removing and preventing these barriers;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby accept the Accessibility Plan as prepared by Administration so long as it does not become cost prohibitive. **CARRIED**
2. Brian Brunelle – request to revisit his civic address sign request. Tabled.

3. Cell Phone/Wi Fi – quarterly update. Administration was directed to check with MTS regarding a wifi hot spot. Tabled.
4. Conservancy/Ducks Unlimited Lands – in handbook for Association of Manitoba Municipalities not identified as an upcoming resolution. Noted.

New Business:

1. Senior Utility Operator Campbell – direction required on purchase of water meters for Neva Falls. Meters to be purchased once Public Utilities Board approval is received.
2. Tank Quote – Tabled to 2018 Budget discussions.
3. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: 2017 Convention. Administration was directed to cancel all rooms.

In Camera:

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

356/17 **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 Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

357/17 **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 work on bringing a land acquisition to a close; and to complete the office/chambers upgrade.

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

358/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:35 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve


Council Johnson

Chief Administrative Officer