

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 6, 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 6:12 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

359/17 **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 Nichol

360/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 22, 2017, and of the Board of Revision held on November 21, 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 Saxler and seconded by Nichol

361/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 20273 to 20306; Electronic Payments EFT 904 to 943;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$655,199.51. **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 362/17 was completed.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

362/17 **WHEREAS** expense from the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Payment EFT 944

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,451.23. **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees: Verbal reports were provided by each member of Council.

Public Works Report: Reeve Dowbyhuz provided an overview of the minutes of November 29th and December 6th, 2017.

- Whitemouth Regional Community Development Corporation Inc. minutes of November 23, 2017. Noted.

Utility Report: Senior Utility Operator report for November, 2017. Noted.

Fire Hall 2017: Reeve Dowbyhuz advised the building should be completed in the near future.

Communications:

1. Director of Lands, Sustainable Development re: land swap requests. Noted.
2. Manitoba Justice re: The New Home Warranty Act postponed until January 1, 2020. Noted.
3. Beausejour Brokenhead Development Corporation re: Foreign Investment Initiative Strategy. Noted.
4. Taxervice – 2017 Tax Arrears/Recovery/Tax Sale report. All properties were redeemed so the Tax Sale set for November 20, 2017, was cancelled.
5. Transportation Options Network for Seniors – request for review of regulations governing Manitoba’s rural handi-van operations. Administration was directed to provide Reeve Dowbyhuz copies to provide to the HandiVan Drivers.
6. Township of Hornepayne – request for resolution to support their request to CN Rail regarding the schedule of the Canadian.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

363/17 **WHEREAS** VIA Rail’s “Canadian” is the sole rail passenger train service travelling between Toronto, Ontario and Vancouver, British Columbia;
AND WHEREAS people come from all around the world to ride this legendary train in order to explore our majestic country;
AND WHEREAS the “Canadian” brings with it certain benefits to the communities it passes through in the form of revenue for local businesses, exposure to the outside world and a variety of other benefits;
AND WHEREAS the ongoing tardiness of this train wreaks havoc on travelers’ itineraries and the ability of local businesses to accurately staff their enterprises;
AND WHEREAS we as proud Canadians, wish to showcase our country in the best possible light, including illustrating that we have respect for, and value, other peoples timelines;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth hereby calls upon the Federal Minister of Transport, Hon. Marc Garneau to find a way to ensure that the “Canadian” gets fair treatment by way of ensuring this passenger service can run on an accurate schedule, bringing it into communities at the appointed date and times;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution will be forwarded to the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne to distribute as they see fit. **CARRIED**

7. Beausejour Air Cadet Squadron re:Flags of Remembrance Program. Council concurred this was a great program.
8. Safe Drinking Water Foundation re: education program information forwarded

- to the Sunrise School Division.
9. Whitemouth Recreation Association – request for funds to upgrade their heating system. Council denied same and recommended that they apply for funding from Community Places or possibly Manitoba Hydro.
 10. Manitoba Infrastructure – Darcy Deluea receipt of our profile from 44 and Elevator; and confirmation of meeting on November 9, 2017. Noted.
 11. Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility – 2018 Budget. Noted.
 12. Associated Engineering – draft water system reassessment report. Administration was directed to provide electronic copies to Councillor Sikkenga and Deputy Reeve Saxler, and a hard copy to Councillor Nichol.
 13. Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – hearing on sign request. Administration was directed to provide a letter of support.
 14. Province re: modernize agencies, boards and commissions. Noted.
 15. Whitemouth & District Lions Club re: CP Holiday Train event requests. Council was receptive to the port o potty request and is acquiring prices for a hydro light and plug in. Tabled.
 16. Rocco Scarcella – zoning inquiry regarding cannabis for medical purposes. Administration was directed to advise Mr. Scarcella that although they are receptive to his request we are awaiting regulation/direction from the Provincial and Federal governments to ensure compliance.

Unfinished Business:

1. Brian Brunelle – request to revisit his civic address sign request. Council reviewed the municipal responses regarding if they provide civic addresses for agricultural lands without buildings and noted that the vast majority do not. Council directed Administration to advise Mr. Brunelle that he can do this at his own expense as long as the signage and post is consistent with our present civic address signage.
2. Cell Phone/Wi Fi Hot Spot – Reeve Dowbyhuz to discuss with No Limits when they are doing our Fire Hall Tower.
3. Whitemouth Library – internet access. Tabled.
4. Travel Manitoba re: advertising of Whiteshell concern. Correspondence to be sent requesting them to update/correct their website.

New Business:

1. Deputy Reeve Saxler – flag of remembrance program complete and the flag and is back in our office. He requested that the flag and pole be placed at the new Fire Hall. Council agreed that this would be a great idea. Referred to Administration to have completed.
2. Emergency Measures re: Flood Event DFA Claim prep.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol
364/17 **WHEREAS** the costs incurred directly from the June 2016 Rain Event are eligible for reimbursement through the Disaster Financial Assistance program;
AND WHEREAS Kacel Resources Inc. has been contracted to compile

the required submissions for recovery costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby confirm that the work performed by Kacel Resources Inc. was completely independent and outside of our contract for Chief Administrative Officer services. **CARRIED**

3. Set date for Road Naming Meeting in January 2018. Special Meeting set for January 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

4. Public Works Supervisor – 3 month update.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

365/17 **WHEREAS** Bernardo Pasco, Public Works Supervisor has successfully completed the first three months of his six month probationary period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT his rate of pay be increased as of December 4, 2017, by fifty cents per hour.

CARRIED

5. Property Lease of NE 19-10-12 EPM – To be advertised.

6. University Project – assessment/municipal lands. Tabled.

7. Gasoline in Whitemouth – Jim Blaney advised that he will be putting in a card lock system when the present gas station closes.

In Camera:

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

366/17 **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 Sikkenga

367/17 **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 reply to the Ombudsman that their report was received.


Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

368/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:35 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer