

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 20, 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 Nichol

369/17 **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 Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

370/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 6, 2017, and of the 2018 Budget meeting held on December 6, 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 – one invoice referred to in-camera discussions.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

371/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 20307 to 20341; Electronic Payments EFT 945 to 970;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$88,996.17. **CARRIED**

2. Financial Statements ending November 30, 2017.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

372/17 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending November 30, 2017, have been circulated to Council for their review;

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

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

- Whitemouth Museum – response regarding insurance dated December 10, 2017. Administration was directed to accept their protocol on insurance checks for their buildings and to place same in our municipal insurance file for future reference.
- Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – minutes of October 30, 2017;
- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – minutes of October 16, 2017;

Public Works Report: Minutes of December 13th and 20th, 2017
November 2017 - Public Works Supervisor Report

Fire Hall 2017: Reeve Dowbyhuz provided an overview of the walk through completed with the contractors.

Delegations:

6:30 p.m. Whitemouth Recreation Association – Jim Sutton and Glenn Klapprat as spokesperson attended to explain that the request made at the last meeting was due to a safety hazard.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

373/17 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Recreation Association has requested funding in the amount of \$5,790.46 to upgrade their heating system for the Rec Hall;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby authorized in the amount of \$2,895.23. **CARRIED**

Communications:

1. Eastman Tourism – 2018 Membership. Councillor Nichol requested a recorded vote.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

374/17 **WHEREAS** the annual Eastman Tourism Association Membership Fee for 2018 is \$450.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment of same is hereby approved.

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

CARRIED

2. Province of Manitoba – elections Manitoba re: Accessibility Plan. Noted.

3. Whitemouth Lions Club – thank you re: CP Holiday Train. Noted.

4. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority – minutes of October 2 and 26, 2017. Noted.

5. Emergency Measures Organization re: staff updates. Discussed, noted.

6. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – copy of letter sent to Minister Schuler re: Winnipeg River Bridge. Noted.

7. Whitemouth School – December newsletter and goodbye from Mr. Mazur. Noted.

8. Whiteshell Regeneration Partnership – meeting notice. Noted.

9. Police Reports – December 4 – 17, 2017. Noted.

10. Federal Gas Tax – second payment received, \$41,800.78. Noted.

11. Manitoba Municipal Relations – Proposal to subdivide File No. 4203-17-7355, certificate of approval provided. Noted.

12. Rudie Friesen – request regarding SW 24-11-11. The consensus of Council was that they are receptive to allowing him to cross/hunt on this municipally owned property. It was noted that a resolution in this regard would not be

provided until Mr. Friesen is the owner of the adjacent property and would be done on an annual basis the same as other requests of this nature.

13. Municipal Relations re: Premier's Volunteer Service Award 2018. Noted.
14. Rural Municipality of Tache – notice of public hearing for their new zoning by-law. Noted.
15. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – CEO 2017 Year in Review. Noted.
16. North Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee – Agenda and draft minutes of December 18, 2017 and request for 2018 membership.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol
375/17 **WHEREAS** the annual North Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee Membership Fee for 2018 is \$750.00;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment of same is hereby approved. **CARRIED**
17. Whitemouth Reynolds-North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility – draft minutes of December 4, 2017. Noted.
18. Wendy Kozmak – Financial Report for the Whitemouth Recreation Association. Noted.
19. Community Futures Winnipeg River – minutes of December 8, 2017. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Whitemouth Library – internet access. It was noted that No Limits will be installing this connection at the same time as the new Fire Hall.
2. CP Holiday Train – hydro request from Lions. Tabled.
3. Utility Rate Study Review
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler
376/17 **WHEREAS** works are required to provide to the Public Utilities Board in regards to our utility rate study;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the quotation received by Way To Go Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the Whitemouth Water Utility, \$2,500.00 for the Whitemouth Sewer Utility and \$2,500.00 for the Seven Sisters Sewer Utility be hereby accepted.
CARRIED

New Business:

1. Half page ad for January 2018 – Administration was directed not to place an ad for January, 2018.
2. Employee Christmas Bonus
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman
377/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$50.00 be hereby provided to each full-time employee who works for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.
CARRIED

3. Charitable Receipts – information from Municipal Auditor. It was noted that a charity receipt should only be issued when the donation is going to be used for the Municipality’s own activities. A link was provided from Canada Revenue Agency for additional clarifications.

4. Public Utilities Board re: 2015 Deficit Recovery Board Order 135/17. Noted.

5. 2016 Utilities Deficits

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

378/17 **WHEREAS** there is a Utility Deficit for 2016 regarding sewer in the amount of \$12,093.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to request a deficit approval from the Public Utilities Board by way of recovery over a 2 year period through customer accounts.

CARRIED

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

379/17 **WHEREAS** there is a Utility Deficit for 2016 regarding water in the amount of \$85,071.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to request a deficit approval from the Public Utilities Board by way of recovery over a 2 year period through customer accounts.

CARRIED

6. Councillor Nichol re: Ombudsman Response. Referred to in-camera discussion.

7. Public Utilities Board re: Neva Falls Water Co-op Board Order 136/17. Noted.

8. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: boundary roads. Tabled.

9. Community Futures Winnipeg River – economic development inventory survey circulated for input to be completed and returned by January 15, 2018. Administration advised that she has circulated for input.

10. Public Utilities Board re: 2015 Deficit Recovery – Board Order No. 138/17

11. Brookfield Road Upgrades – emergent needs to be completed in 2018, and also discussed was placing same on a 5 year Capital Plan.

In Camera:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

380/17 **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 Ombudsman

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 Saxler

381/17 **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 provide correspondence as circulated to Council to the Ombudsman; provide coveralls for the utility workers; advise that presently our Fire Department is not recruiting, but possible they could contact the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team; and to inquire about lands that may be going into tax sale.

Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

382/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:39 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer