

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 26, 2018, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Dowbyhuz, Councillors Saxler, Bachman, Sikkenga and Nichol
Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Also Present: Recording Secretary Marion

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

263/18 **WHEREAS** the agenda for the regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as amended.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

264/18 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 12, 2018, have been submitted to Council for their review;

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

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts:

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

265/18 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 21001 to 21035 and
Electronic Payments EFT 1572 to 1597

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$56,103.70.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

266/18 **WHEREAS** the following item has been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Payments EFT 1598

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$699.85.

For: Dowbyhuz, Sikkenga, Saxler & Nichol Excused: Bachman

CARRIED

Prior to any discussions on Resolution 266/18 Councillor Bachman requested permission to be excused from all discussions. She vacated her chair and did not return until the resolution was completed.

2. Financial Statements

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Saxler

267/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending August 31, 2018, be hereby adopted as circulated.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Reports of Committees:

- Police Reports from September 10, 2018 to September 23, 2018;
- North Eastern Regional Municipal Lobby Committee – draft minutes of September 10, 2018;
- Regional Public Works Committee – minutes of September 14, 2018;
- Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – minutes of August 29, 2018;
- North Eastern Municipal Forum – minutes of September 17, 2018; and
- North Eastman Community Health re: minutes of August 13, 2018 and notice of cancellation of October 1, 2018 meeting.

Members of Council provided verbal committee reports.

Public Works: Minutes of September 26, 2018

Delegations:

6:30 p.m. Daryl and Jacob Woodbeck attended to provide Council with an overview of a dog control incident which caused the demise of their dog. Council will review the information provided by Mr. Woodbeck and By-Law Enforcement Officer Alexander, acquire additional information and provide a response back once their review is completed.

Communications:

1. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – invitation to convention.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

268/18 **WHEREAS** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities have provided an invitation to their 2018 Annual Conference to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to be held November 26 to 28, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council and Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend same; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** they be reimbursed as per municipal by-law.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

2. Hogan Farms – request to burn. See Unfinished Business #6 below.

3. Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association re: Payroll Course.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

269/18 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association will be providing a Payroll Course on October 12, 2018, in Winnipeg, Manitoba; **NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Assistant CAO Fay Myall be hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be reimbursed as per municipal by-law.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

4. Peter Tines - 171 Condominium Units in Brookfield area currently being circulated. Noted.

5. Province of Manitoba re: possible postal strike. Noted.

6. Community and Regional Planning Branch – conditional approval provided for File No. 4203-18-7422 (Henderson). Noted.

7. Emergency Measures Organization – relationships with entities. Noted.

8. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – Annual General Meeting on October 1, 2018.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

270/18 **WHEREAS** the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority will be holding its Annual General Meeting on October 1, 2018, in Selkirk, Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council and the Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to attend same; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** they be reimbursed as per municipal by-law.

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

CARRIED

9. Province of Manitoba re: progress in reducing red tape. Noted.
10. Regional CAO Meeting – minutes of September 7, 2018. Noted.
11. Senior Election Official Ruta – notice of election. Noted.
12. Jeff Kuypers – Seven Sisters Community Club Financial Review. A copy to be provided to the Club for their records.
13. Species at Risk Program re: Carmine Shiner information. Noted.
14. Manitoba Hydro – Utility Easement.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

271/18 **WHEREAS** the Property Department of Manitoba Hydro has requested an easement for utilities in the right of way of a closed road located in Section 18-11-12 EPM;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth are also the owners of Drain Plan 5199;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro would like to acquire an easement from the municipality for these existing utilities running across Drain Plan 5199 in order to register the easement plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this request;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to have the documentation fully executed.

For: Dowbyhuz, Bachman, Nichol & Sikkenga Excused: Saxler **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussions on Resolution 271/18 Deputy Reeve Saxler requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until the resolution was completed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bell MTS – awaiting additional information. Tabled.
2. By-Law Officer/Building Inspector re: solicitor input on pools. Tabled.
3. Manitoba Hydro re: request for easements to be removed regarding completion of the Seven Sisters Town site – Additional information provided.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

272/18 **WHEREAS** by communications dated July 12, 2018, Manitoba Hydro in regards to the Seven Sisters Townsite Agreement have requested that the temporary easements and/or caveats be discharged;

AND WHEREAS Building Inspector Ruta has confirmed that the concerns he had have been addressed;

AND WHEREAS confirmation has now been received confirming that ownership of the lands which our lift station is situated on are in at Land Titles to be registered;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby authorize the discharge of easements and or/caveats;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to have the documentation fully executed.

For: Dowbyhuz, Bachman, Nichol & Sikkenga Excused: Saxler **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussions on Resolution 272/18 Deputy Reeve Saxler requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until the resolution was completed.

4. Rudie Friesen – request for access closure. To be brought back to Council once Mr. Friesen has provided the required information and map.
5. Burn Permit Request – Property SW16-10-12E, S. Friesen. See Unfinished Business #6 below.
6. Concern of peat moss still burning. All communications received from both Sustainable Development, Infrastructure and Transportation and citizen requests were discussed.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

273/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality will not be approving any requests to burn brush or peat moss and will be advising any persons whom request same to apply to Manitoba Sustainable Development as this is both their area of authority and expertise.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

7. By-Law No. 683/18 to amend borrowing of funds for the Firehall to confirm that the interest rate is 3.33%. Tabled for Provincial approval.
8. Aerial Photos – recap. Councillors Bachman and Sikkenga provided an update to Council and requested input on the final pictures. Task will now be completed.
9. Municipal Roads and Bridge Program – Council expressed their dismay.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

274/18 **WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba has made \$2.25 million available to municipalities in 2018 for the final year of the Municipal Road and Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS \$14 million was available to municipalities in 2017 through the Municipal Road and Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Road and Bridge Program was developed in partnership with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and provides 50/50 cost-shared funding for municipal road and bridge projects through a single-window application intake with no red tape; and

WHEREAS Manitoba municipalities regard the Municipal Road and Bridge Program as critical, predictable, and effective for budgeting and planning purposes in order to address their infrastructure deficit; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has announced it will terminate the Municipal Road and Bridge Program by reallocating these funds into the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Road and Bridge program allows municipalities to use Gas Tax revenues for their matching dollars while the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program does not, which puts an even greater burden on property taxes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to not proceed with plans to transition the Municipal Road and Bridge Program into Phase 2 of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP2) and fully reinstate the former funding levels for this essential program.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Election Poll Clerks remuneration.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Dowbyhuz

275/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Poll Clerks for the 2018 Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Municipal Election be hereby paid an hourly rate of \$15.00.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

2. Telephone System for Administration Office.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

276/18 **WHEREAS** a new telephone system is required for the Administration Office which also houses the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission, Whitemouth Library and Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District;
AND WHEREAS a Bell MTS Agreement has been prepared for same;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to fully execute all documentation at a cost not to exceed \$5,939.29 plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

3. Seven Sisters Walking Trail – Reeve Dowbyhuz advised that he and Public Works Supervisor Pasco have been on-site and the application for Manitoba Hydro will be sent tomorrow.

4. Policy for Installation of Culverts.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

277/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Policy C3, being the policy for installation of culverts be amended with from a permit required from the "Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District" to the "Rural Municipality of Whitemouth".

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

5. Child Care re: Business Plan.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

278/18 **WHEREAS** a Council representative has been appointed to the Whitemouth Child Care Committee;
AND WHEREAS to move forward a Business Plan is required;
AND WHEREAS quotes have been received to provide this service;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby hire Wiltshire Business Services to provide this service at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

6. Manitoba Environmental Emergency Coordination Annex to the Manitoba Emergency Plan – updated. Noted.

7. Offer to purchase SE 30-13-11E.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

279/18 **WHEREAS** an offer to purchase has been received on the 160 acre municipally owned land located at SE 30-13-11E in the amount of \$40,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this offer;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to fully execute all required documentation to complete this sale.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

8. Policy for Mileage amendment.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Dowbyhuz

280/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Policy M1 being the policy for municipal mileage be hereby removed from the policies.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

9. Corie Koch – Santa Claus Parade requests. Tabled for additional information.

10. Highway Traffic Board – Deny application for access to Industrial Park off of PTH #11.

Moved by Dowbyhuz and seconded by Nichol

281/18 **WHEREAS** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has attended a Highway Traffic hearing in Winnipeg to request an access into their industrial park to accommodate a fuel card lock service;

AND WHEREAS Beausejour Co-op was also in attendance to support this application;

AND WHEREAS this application was denied;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to appeal this decision;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT correspondence be sent to MLA Smook, MP Falk, Minister Schuler, Minister Wharton and Premier Pallister advising of their concern for safety without fuel being available in our community.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

11. Eastman Tourism – announcement of Self Directed Tours. Information to be emailed to Council for their records.

12. Whitemouth Clinic – Reeve Dowbyhuz advised a new doctor, being Dr. Sharma will be working up to her maternity leave which will be 4 months. Dr. Garg will be on until her return from leave.

In Camera:

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

282/18 **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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler

283/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Once Council was back to their regular order of business they directed that additional information be obtained in regards to Mr. Woodbeck's delegation; that the Elma property line issue be researched further; and passed the following resolution regarding land sale funds from SE 30-13-11E.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

284/18 **WHEREAS** as per above resolution number 279/18 authorizes the sale of SE 30-13-11 EPM;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the revenue from this sale be placed into the Fire Equipment Reserve fund to go towards a Pumper Truck purchase in the future.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman


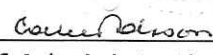
285/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer