

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Honke and Malkoske (6:06 p.m.) and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Excused: Councillor Bachman

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Honke and Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

1/20 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

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

For: Amerongen,Honke,Sikkenga Absent: Malkoske Against:None **CARRIED**

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

2/20 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 17, 2019, have been submitted to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these minutes be adopted as circulated.

For: Amerongen,Honke,Sikkenga Absent: Malkoske Against:None **CARRIED**

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

3/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque No. 21954 to 21996

Electronic Payments EFT 2603 to 2656

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$150,671.96.

For: Amerongen,Honke,Sikkenga Absent: Malkoske Against:None **CARRIED**

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

4/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfers 2657 and 2659

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,667.92.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Malkoske

5/20 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfers 2658 and 2660

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,589.94.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 4/20 Councillor Honke and on Resolution 5/20 Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They vacated their chairs and did not return until each resolution was completed.

Reports of Committees:

- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee minutes and agenda
- Community Futures Winnipeg River minutes

Verbal reports were provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Whitemouth Child Care Centre Committee and the Whitemouth Fire Management Committee; Councillor Honke on Public Works; and Councillor Malkoske on Public Works and the Whitemouth Fire Management Committee.

Public Works: Update of January 14, 2020

Communications:

1. Martin Saxler re: Seven Sisters Snowmobile Staging Area. The Public Works Committee noted that this concern has been alleviated.
2. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Directors Update. Noted.
3. Community Futures – December Newsletter. Noted.
4. Way to Go Consulting – service available for utility connection fees. Administration was directed to request a quote for Budget 2020 discussions.
5. Province of Manitoba re: Watershed District Act. Deputy Reeve to acquire information from Administration on a presenter in this regard for the Spring Ratepayer meeting.
6. Manitoba Hydro re: closure of Seven Sisters Spillway. Information is on our website.
7. Flags of Remembrance – request for 2020 contribution. Noted.
8. Peter Tines – request for information.

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Sikkenga

6/20 **WHEREAS** Land Developer, Peter Tines has requested a copy of the recently received Seven Sisters Lagoon Study;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby approved.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

9. Local Government District of Pinawa – request resolution of support for Small Modular Reactor Project.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

7/20 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth is a municipality supported by Community Futures Winnipeg River (CFWR);

AND WHEREAS CFWR 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 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 StarCore Nuclear have formally submitted a proposal to Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to construct their Demonstration Reactor at the Whiteshell Laboratories site;

AND WHEREAS CNL have approved the proposal through Stage 1 of their 4 stage process;

AND WHEREAS the estimated economic activity for the proposed Demonstration Reactor and Demonstration Remote Community project includes 265 full-time continuing jobs, 450 spinoff jobs, 2,400 man-years of construction work, and an injection of \$600 million of economic development activity into the Eastern Manitoba economy over the first 10 years of a 25 year project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth supports the development of Small Modular Reactors at the Whiteshell Laboratories site in the Local Government District of Pinawa;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth supports the proposed StarCore Nuclear proposal to build their Demonstration Small Modular Reactor at the Whiteshell Laboratories site and Pinawa's proposal to become the Demonstration Remote Community.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

10. Statistics Canada – invitation to participate in the 2021 Census of Population Dissemination Consultation Regional Session. Noted.

11. Better Business Bureau – request for participation. Noted.

12. Municipal Emergency Coordinator – 2020 Emergency Plan.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

8/20 **WHEREAS** Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz has provided the 2020 Emergency Plan for Council's review;

AND WHEREAS Council has now had the opportunity to review the document;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT she be hereby directed to forward same to the Province of Manitoba for their approval.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

13. Whitemouth Recreation Association – request for reimbursement.

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Amerongen

9/20 **WHEREAS** a request has been received to reimburse the Whitemouth Recreation Association for additional expenses incurred during their Fire Lane project in the amount of \$639.45 for delays incurred;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby approved.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

14. Eastman Tourism – Marketing Opportunity. Tabled.

15. Manitoba Conservation and Climate – emergency manure application authorization provided. Noted.

16. BellMTS Communications – notification package for proposed Telecommunication Tower. Building Inspector Ruta advised that he has no concerns, and Council welcomes this project to our municipality. Administration to welcome and offer assistance with this project.

17. Variety, the Children's Charity of Manitoba – support available. To be placed on our website.
18. Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage re: Heritage Resource Conservation Grant Program. Noted.

19. Seven Sisters Community Club – request for letter of support to apply for grant opportunities.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

- 10/20 **WHEREAS** the Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre will be seeking funding/grant opportunities to replace their club room with a similar size energy efficient structure;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby provide their support in principle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council wishes them well with their endeavors to upgrade this public facility.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

20. Office of the Fire Commissioner re: Workshop for Elected Officials and CAO's. Noted.

21. Inspector Rob Lasson re: invitation for Reeve & CAO to meet regarding a Client Satisfaction on the RCMP Detachment. Reeve Amerongen provided an overview of the meeting and inquired if Council would be receptive to holding an Open House with the RCMP in April. Council unanimously agreed and directed Administration to coordinate same with S/Sgt. Meyers.

22. Rural Municipality of Whitemouth - summary of 2019 building permits. Noted.

23. Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: talk to your MP about infrastructure. Administration was directed to provide MP Falk this information.

24. Manitoba Hydro – trail closure near Great Falls. Information is available on our website.

25. Whitemouth Municipal Museum – request for support on grant initiative.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

- 11/20 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Board will be applying for a grant through the Building Sustainable Communities Program for the construction of a 24' x 36' foot machine shed to preserve artifacts;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby provide their support in principle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council wishes them well with their endeavors to enhance this public facility.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

26. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Webinar on Municipal Strategic Planning. Noted.

27. Manitoba Infrastructure – request for resolution of support for culvert replacement at the Bog River.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

- 12/20 **WHEREAS** information has been received from Regional Project Manager Alzamer Maher of Manitoba Infrastructure advising of works to be completed on the Bog River/PR 408 to replace the existing 2 x 1800 mm culverts with 2 x 3300 mm structural steel plates instead of corrugated steel pipes, and gabions will also be used for end of pipe treatment with the

channel being relocated and lined with Rip Rap to reduce road-slopes erosion and settlements;

AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee has reviewed the information and support this initiative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby approve same.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

28. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – meeting regarding membership insurance renewal.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

13/20 **WHEREAS** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities will be hosting a meeting regarding municipal insurances in Winnipeg, Manitoba on February 7, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Amerongen and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. Dumping of Debris – notice that draft by-law will be prepared for the next regular meeting. Tabled.

2. Organizational By-Law 697/20. Tabled.

3. Procedural By-Law 696/20

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

14/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 696/20 being a by-law to establish rules of procedure and conduct of Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 696/20 be hereby given first reading.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

15/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 696/20 being a by-law to establish rules of procedure and conduct of Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 696/20 be hereby given second reading.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

4. Sanding Policy. Tabled.

5. Whitemouth District Health Center re: request for services. Tabled.

6. Fire Truck Purchase

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Sikkenga

16/20 **WHEREAS** tenders for a new fire truck have been requested and received;

AND WHEREAS our Fire Management Committee has reviewed same and recommended the tender from Fort Garry Industries in the amount of \$506,353.00;

AND WHEREAS additional options as follows be included:

- Hydraulic ladder rack \$6,400.00
- 1500 imperial gallon portable tank \$1,900.00
- Telescopic scene lights \$3,000.00
- Storage Space \$1,800.00
- Oxygen Bottle Space \$2,368.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following the total expenditure for the new fire truck does not exceed

\$521,821.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. –
Tabled until March 24, 2020.

2. Service Call Rate required.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

17/20 **WHEREAS** a rate is required to have our Utility Operator complete works for the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet regarding the Booster Station and safe water delivery;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this rate be set at \$110.00 per hour, which includes labour and vehicle.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

3. Public Works Committee meetings – attendance of Senior Utility Officer to first meeting of each month.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

18/20 **WHEREAS** it is deemed beneficial to have our Senior Utility Operator attend once a month to the Public Works Committee Meetings;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Senior Utility Operator be hereby directed to attend the first Public Works Committee meeting of each month.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

4. By-Law No. 698/20 Road Closure – First Reading.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

19/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 698/20 being a by-law to close a public lane and authorize the sale of land in Section 33, Township 10, Range East of the principal meridian in Manitoba to Dale and Marcia Toews be hereby given first reading.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

5. Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association re: Information Session.

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

20/20 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association will be holding an informational session on March 18, 2020, in Carberry, Manitoba;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Malkoske be hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he be reimbursed as per municipal policies.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

6. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Annual Convention in Toronto. Noted.

7. Utility Invoicing – request for direction.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

21/20 **WHEREAS** Administration has been able to determine utility accounts which were not entered into our municipal utility system;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to invoice these 5 accounts for a 3 year period which they were not charged according to the Public Utilities Board rate order/s at that particular time;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the due date for these invoices be March 31, 2020.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

8. St. Paul Lutheran Church – request for support in applying for a grant.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske
22/20 **WHEREAS** the Board of the Lutheran Church in River Hills is applying for Provincial Funding to put a lift in to provide access to and from the basement;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby provide their support in principle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council wishes them well with their endeavors to have this public facility become more accessible.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

9. Whitemouth Child Care Committee – request for support in applying for a grant.
Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Honke

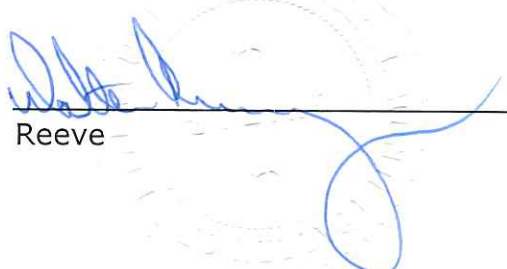
23/20 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Child Care Committee Centre will be applying for a grant through the Building Sustainable Communities Program for renovations to locate a day care in the Whitemouth School;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby provide their support in principle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council wishes them well with their endeavors to have Day Care become a reality in Whitemouth.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke
24/20 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**



Reeve

Colleen Olson
Chief Administrative Officer