

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald, Staerk, Stead and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Myall

Excused: Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

167/24 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

168/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on June 11, 2024, have been submitted to Council for their review;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Financial:

1. Payment of Accounts

Moved by McDougald Seconded by Honke

169/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25024 to 25046

Electronic Payments EFT 8000 to 8024

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$184,311.49

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

170/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfers 8025 and 8026

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2672.67

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 170/24, Reeve Amerongen and Deputy Reeve Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Utility Report: May 2024

Reports of Committees:

- Boreal Shores Art Tour August 17 & 18, 2024, brochure;
- Two Rivers Service to Seniors Resource Council Inc. re: minutes of May 2024; and
- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: minutes of May 27, 2024.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on Public Works.

Communications:

1. Village of St. Pierre-Jolys re: Invitation to Eastern District Golf Tournament. Noted.
2. Rural Municipality of Reynolds re: letter of support for increased tipping fees. Noted.
3. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: collaborative cost-shared Recruitment of Physician. Noted.
4. Shawna Robbins and Crystal Belair-Robbins re: request to hook onto municipal utilities.

Moved by Honke seconded by Stead

171/24 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water and sewer has been received from Shawna Robbins and Crystal Belair-Robbins;

AND WHEREAS this property is Lot 16 of Block 2 of Plan No. 46229 WLTO, and identified by assessment roll number 185904;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this request be hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate fees be paid in full to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. Rural Municipality of St. Clements re: request for support for Disaster Financial Assistance funding

Moved by Honke seconded by McDougald

172/24 **WHEREAS** the winter of 2023 brought above-normal precipitation in parts of southern Manitoba along with repeated bouts of record-breaking warm temperatures, shattering many long-standing records in December and February, followed by significant and unusual rainfall events in the spring of 2024; and

WHEREAS these weather events have resulted in saturated road bases and washouts, making it extremely challenging and costly for rural municipalities to maintain gravel road networks in adequate condition; and

WHEREAS these weather events have caused significant damage to gravel roads

throughout southern Manitoba, making it difficult and expensive to maintain the integrity and usability of gravel roads, which are essential for the connectivity and economic stability of these communities; and

WHEREAS the financial burden of repairing and maintaining these roads has placed a significant strain on the budgets of southern Manitoba rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has previously committed to building more sustainable and resilient communities through meaningful partnerships and financial agreements with municipalities for services such as gravel road maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program by the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization provides financial assistance for uninsurable

losses to essential property, which includes infrastructure such as roads; and

WHEREAS municipal budget for repairs is insufficient to address the extraordinary

costs incurred for gravel road repairs and maintenance due to the severe weather impacts; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities urgently request the Province of Manitoba to provide disaster financial assistance to rural municipalities in southern Manitoba specifically for the purpose of gravel road rehabilitation and maintenance related to the damaging effects of the 2023/2024 winter weather and spring rainfall events.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. Whitemouth School Parent Advisory Committee re: request for garden boxes Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

173/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Parent Advisory Committee runs a garden club for elementary classes;
AND WHEREAS they have requested the remaining garden boxes currently located on the Coop Trail adjacent to the Whitemouth Recreation Centre, and offered clean up of the area;
AND WHEREAS the Whitemouth Recreation Centre does not want these garden boxes;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does Hereby approve this request;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the garden shed Utilized to house the garden tools also be offered as a donation to the Whitemouth Parent Advisory Committee.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

7. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Affordable Housing Project Guide. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon – Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma - Tabled.
3. Whitemouth Grocer request for liquor sales – Minister meeting requested. Council directed Administration to check on meeting date. Tabled.
4. By-Law No. 758/24 re: utility rates – awaiting Public Utilities Board response. Tabled.
5. By-Law No. 759/24 re: Short Term Rental – Tabled below re: Legal In Camera
6. Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: fees response not received.
7. Noise By-Law Draft – Tabled below re: Legal In Camera
8. Riverbend Manor re: requested maintenance items not yet completed from 2023 request
9. JohnQ re: Child Care Building Inspections/Maintenance package. Tabled
10. Building By-Law Draft – Tabled below re: Legal In Camera
11. Fire Inspections – requested to take to Fire Management meeting

