

## **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. 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

### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Saxler

287/16 **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 Bachman

288/16 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 24, 2016, have been submitted to Council for review;

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

### **Financial:**

1. Payment of accounts: Tabled until later in the meeting.

2. August 2016 Financial Statements

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

289/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending August 31, 2016, be hereby adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

### **Delegations:**

6:30 p.m. Erik Jansson and Allen Tyrczniewicz of No Limits Internet Solutions attended to propose an agreement to have their needs incorporated into the new Fire Hall Tower. Council was receptive and requested a draft agreement to review.

6:45 p.m. Fire Chief Thomson attended to inform Council of retirements and to recommend position replacements.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

293/16 **WHEREAS** Fire Chief Thomson recommends that Ron Toews become Deputy Fire Chief and both Cliff Friesen and Carlin Giesbrecht as Captains due to recent retirements;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve all three recommendations. **CARRIED**

Mr. Thomson noted that there will be presentations made to the retirees on September 24, 2016. Municipal Jackets and letter of congratulations to be provided from Council to Roy Moir and Calvin Kirby. In addition notice is to be sent to both MP Falk, MLA Smook, and The Clipper advising of the date and time of the presentations.

### **Communications:**

1. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – 2016 Annual Convention.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

290/16 **WHEREAS** 2016 Annual Association of Manitoba Municipalities

Convention will be held from November 21 to 23, 2016, in Winnipeg, Manitoba;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** all of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby approved to attend same;

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

2. Manitoba Infrastructure re: drain responsibility confirmed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Drain which is a municipal responsibility.
3. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority – Annual General Meeting and thank you. Noted.
4. Leon's Furniture re: quashing of RCMP ticket. Ongoing, noted.
5. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – executive committee elections. Noted.
6. Manitoba Hydro – quarterly report available online. Noted.
7. Deputy Reeve Saxler – request for street light for west end of Herzog Drive. Administration was directed to get an estimate from Manitoba Hydro.
8. Municipal Employees Benefits Board – hiring of Coughlin & Associates. Noted.
9. Department of Indigenous and Municipal Relations – regional round table consultations.  
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol  
291/16 **WHEREAS** the Department of Indigenous and Municipal Relations Strategic Municipal Infrastructure Consultations will be held in Steinbach, on September 27, 2016;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** all members of Council be hereby authorized to attend same;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** they be reimbursed as per municipal policies. **CARRIED**
10. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – minutes of September 1, 2016. Noted.
11. Royal Canadian Mounted Police "D" Division – notice that they will be at AMM Convention should Council like to meet with them. Noted.
12. Tourist Hotel – sewer issue. Tabled.
13. Whitemouth Regional Community Development Corporation Inc. – minutes of September 6, 2016. Noted.
14. Canopy Straw Plant – not enough information available to proceed with a grant application. Administration was directed to check with the Economic Development Officer Anna in Beausejour.
15. By-Law Officer – August 2016 Report. Noted.
16. Public Works Supervisor – August 2016 Report. Noted.
17. Senior Utility Operator – August 2016 Report. Noted.
18. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – creation of official network of Canada 150 Leaders, submission forms available for anyone interested.



19. Public Works Minutes of August 30 and September 1, 2016. Noted.
20. Senior Utility Operator – request to attend Annual Manitoba Waste Water Association conference and trade show.  
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga  
292/16 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Waste Water Association will be holding is annual Conference and Trade Show in Portage la Prairie from January 29, 2017 to February 1, 2017;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Senior Utility Operator Campbell be hereby authorized to attend same;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** he be reimbursed as per municipal policies. **CARRIED**
21. Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association – forum on community Recycling & Waste Reduction. Administration copied for Mr. Charney.
22. Manitoba Infrastructure re: copy of proposed access information for James Blaney located in Pt. NE ¼ 23-13-11E. Noted.
23. Manitoba Infrastructure – notes from meeting on September 6, 2016, with Minister's representatives in Steinbach. Noted.
24. By-Law Enforcement Officer – meeting on September 19, 2016, at 11:30 am in our Chambers for any available members of Council.
25. Acting Municipal Emergency Coordinator – notice of resignation of Whitemouth Emergency Response Team (S. Mutch) and provided current members. It was noted that Councillor Nichol is a municipal representative not a member.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Daycare in Whitemouth School – Chief Administrative Officer Johnson provided an update on the meeting held with Principal Carter. He will be meeting with Sunrise Secretary-Treasurer and Maintenance Superintendent and will get back to us.
2. Landfill Test Sites – update provided by Reeve Dowbyhuz.
3. Coin/Card Operated water sales – Pail Fill & Genie quotes. The Public Works Committee has addressed these items.
4. Stop Sign Policy – draft. Tabled.
5. Heating and Ventilation. Tabled.
6. Equipment Operator for part-time/casual to be advertised. Tabled to October 12, 2016.
7. Seven Sisters – Walking Trail. Discussed. Planting of trees in front of the Lift Station to be further discussed in April 2017.
8. No Fishing – by-law and/or policy information. The situation will be monitored in addition Administration will contact Conservation to see what policy they utilize.
9. Chain Link Fence – tender.  
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol  
294/16 **WHEREAS** Council has requested tenders for installation of a chain link fence around dynamite magazine and Whitemouth lagoon (as per To

Install Chain Link Fencing);

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the tender submitted by Bachman Contracting in the amount of \$2,750.00 be hereby accepted. **CARRIED**

10. Manitoba Hydro – street light audit response. Administration to acquire additional information on each community and email to Council once obtained.

**New Business:**

1. Public Works Update was verbally provided by Reeve Dowbyhuz. Chief Administrative Officer Johnson requested permission to provide input on the Sikkenga water line installation. Prior to any discussions Councillor Sikkenga requested permission to vacate her seat and did not return until the following discussion was concluded. Chief Administrative Officer Johnson advised she has spoke to Harm Sikkenga regarding the easement agreement and although he does not want the project to wait he does not want a building ban on the easement as it may affect future owners. Council agreed as long as a clause is inserted that should a break occur under a building the additional costs for a repair would be that of the property owner. Municipal Engineer to be advised accordingly.
2. Reports of Committees were provided by each member of Council. It was Noted that while in Steinbach Council representatives met with MP Falk whom is eager to support our Infrastructure Application for the Fire hall.
3. Fire Hall Update – It was determined to not proceed until Spring'17.
4. Northern Light Memorials – request location to marked for memory stone. Administration will be notified by Public Works when the area has been staked so they can notify Northern Light Memorials accordingly. They have identified a mid October completion date by Northern Light Memorials.
5. Manitoba Hydro – request for meeting. Tentative date October 26, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in our Chambers.
6. Townfolio Project  
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Saxler  
295/16 **WHEREAS** at the Rural Forum held in Lac du Bonnet on September 12, 2016, a presentation was made on Townfolio as a joint venture between all participating municipalities of our Rural Forum;  
**AND WHEREAS** this service would be for each municipal website but done as a Winnipeg River Regional Plan;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve participation in this project for one year period at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 year. **CARRIED**
7. Regional Health – nominations to board. Administration was directed to request a 30 day extension due to the recent unexpected death of Ms. Conroy.

At this time Council re-visited the accounts.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

296/16 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19280 to 19327

Electronic Payments 2980 to 3015

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$157,450.83. **CARRIED**



**Adjournment:**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

297/16 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:32 p.m. **CARRIED**

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer