

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 13, 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 Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

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

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

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

25/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on January 9, 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 and seconded by Honke

26/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 24746 to 24795

Electronic Payments EFT 7663 to 7687

Cheque Nos. 26 & 27;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$248,489.14 of which \$31,390.90 is Child Care expenses.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

27/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfers 7688 to 7689

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,689.35.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 27/24, 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.

Public Works: January 29, 2024 Update

Reports of Committees:

- North Eastman Community Health Committee – February 1, 2024, meeting information;
- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: East Sub Region information; and
- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: minutes of January 31, 2024.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor McDougald reported on Community Futures Winnipeg River; Councillor Staerk on the Parent Advisory Committee; Deputy Reeve Honke on the Fire Department and Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility; and Reeve Amerongen on the North Eastman Community Health Committee, North Eastman Municipal Forum, and the Eastman Vocation Training Centre.

Utility Report: January, 2024

Public Hearing – Cancelled. Noted.

Communications:

1. Community Planning Branch – proposal for minor subdivision re: Council approval requested.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

28/24 **WHEREAS** a subdivision application has been submitted by Philip and Sandra Penner – owners in Part SE ¼ 36-11-11 EPM, being File No. 4203-23-7758, and has been reviewed by Council;

AND WHEREAS the Community Planning Branch has determined that this is a MINOR subdivision;

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it is confirmed that the property taxes are current.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region re: consultation on amending list of eligible species (Eastern Red Bat, Hoary Bat, and Silver Haired Bat) request for comments. Noted.
3. Honcho Construction Corporation re: outstanding sub-contractor payment. Noted.
4. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: Public Hearing. Noted.
5. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Eastern Director's Update. Noted.
6. BDO Accounting re: new requirements which impact 2024 Budget. Noted.
7. Adelene Schultz re: Seven Sisters Falls Community Club books. Advised she is not comfortable providing an opinion and recommends that they have an full audit done. Administration research package in this regard provided under New Business No. 3.
8. AMM/Federal Government re: Foreign Direct Investment Seminar. Noted.
9. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Annual General Insurance Meeting. Reeve Amerongen and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson will participate.
10. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding. Noted.
11. Building Inspector Bullman re: information on request to relocate dwelling. Noted.
12. Lac du Bonnet Chamber of Commerce re: 2nd Annual job/volunteer fair. Noted.

13. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories re: Routine Work Begins at Whiteshell Labs. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon Update – Kick off meeting minutes & Application for Environmental Act License & Provincial Approval for Nutrient Management Regulation received. Noted and tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma – Administration advised that there is no private funding for this project. Council will continue to request funding for this project. Tabled.
3. Policies – no inquiries.
4. MLA Ewasko re: awaiting Childcare Funding Response & Meeting Update. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Snow Clearing at Child Care – will be discussed in September, 2024.
2. Building Inspector/Development Officer Contract Position
Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk
29/24 **WHEREAS** request for Building Inspector services have been advertised and applications received and reviewed;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Nathaniel Windsor be hereby selected for the position of Building Inspector/Development Officer;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he commence his position on February 16, 2024, at the rate of pay of \$23.00 per hour.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

3. Seven Sisters Community Club – financial review information for period ending April 30, 2023, since August 4, 2023, request for books. Administration to meet with Mrs. Saxler in this regard. Tabled.
4. Beausejour Consumers Co-operative Ltd. re: notice of enhanced card lock services coming to their Whitemouth location.
5. Treaty Land Entitlement acknowledgement – to be finalized once confirmed.
6. Fire Marque re: information sent to solicitors for quotes. Noted.
7. DD West re: draft short term rental by-law – referred to Special Meeting on March 7, 2024.
8. By-Law No. 755/24 re: Establish Wardrop Way Reserve Fund
Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke
30/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a reserve fund is to be established for Wardrop Way;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 755/24 be hereby given first reading.
For: All Against: None **CARRIED**
Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead
31/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a reserve fund is to be established for Wardrop Way;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 755/24 be hereby given second reading.
For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

9. Deputy Reeve Honke re: Drainage Invoice and Fire Department Capital Radios. Drainage invoice three way split to be discussed at a meeting with the farmer, and both the municipalities of Whitemouth and Lac du Bonnet. Capital Radios request to be brought to the next Budget 2024 meeting.

10. Labourer/Trucker Driver position

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

32/24 **WHEREAS** request for labourer/truck driver have been advertised and applications received and reviewed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emmett Nowell be hereby selected for the position of Labourer/Truck Driver;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he commence his position on February 16, 2024, and be paid at the hourly rate as per union Collective Agreement.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

11. Councillor McDougald re: pre-emptive measures for social media posting/s

12. S/Sgt Meyers – offer to attend Council for any concerns. Not presently required, knowing he is easily accessible for any updates.

13. Next Budget Meeting will be held on March 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Noted.

14. Councillor McDougald re: In Camera Request regarding by-law enforcement.

In Camera:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

33/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go "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 Staerk and seconded by Honke

34/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does hereby now re-open the meeting to the public.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Council directed Administration to confirm that our By-Law Enforcement Officer will only enforce our Municipal By-Laws.

Adjournment:


Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

35/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:56 p.m.


For: All

Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer