

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 23, 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 Honke and seconded by Stead

15/24 **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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

16/24 **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

17/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments: Cheque No. 24707 to 24745  
Electronic Payments EFT 7621 to 7643;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$205,950.18, of which \$17,315.61 is schools.

For: All                                      Against: None                                      **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

18/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7644 & 7645

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,654.33.

For: All                                      Against: None                                      **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 18/24, 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.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

19/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7646 to 7662

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3,941.96.

For: All                                      Against: None                                      **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 19/24, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

**Utility Report:** December, 2023

## Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes of December 12, 2023; and
- Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: November 22, 2023, minutes and the December 2023 statistics.

## Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor McDougald reported on the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District; Councillor Stead on the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc.; and Deputy Reeve Honke on the Two River Service to Senior's.

## Delegations:

- 1:00 p.m. Wayne Ewasko, MLA & Interim PC Leader attended to provide an update on programs and services available. Council requested support on their initiatives, and MLA advised that he will support our municipal endeavours.
- 1:45 p.m. Marilyn Sitar, Community Wellness Facilitator for the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority attended to provide information on a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor Training Leadership Bursary opportunity, and discuss community recreation. Ms. Sitar was advised that Council direction is to share this type of information and program opportunities to our local community clubs. In addition, the information provided is to be forwarded to Councillor Stead for discussion at the next Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc.

## Communications:

1. Municipal and Northern Relations re: school and health related properties. Noted.
2. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Personal Care Home and Diagnostics update. Noted.
3. S/Sgt Meyers – RCMP Quarterly Report. Noted.
4. Sun Gro Horticulture Canada Ltd. re: preparing for an Environmental Act Proposal – requesting comments or questions. Noted.
5. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories re: new General Manager announced. Noted.
6. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Lifeguard and Swim Instructor Training Leadership Bursary opportunity (see delegation above).

7. Les Giesbrecht – request to hook onto utilities.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

20/24 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water and sewer utility has been received from Les Giesbrecht;

**AND WHEREAS** Giesbrecht property is located at 24 Karpoff Avenue in Whitemouth, being Roll Nos. 86794/86795;

**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**

8. Ken Toews re: field drainage request. Council directed that Public Works Supervisor Tolpa review and provide his recommendation.

**Unfinished Business:**


1. Lagoon Update – Kick off meeting minutes & Application for Environmental Act License. Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma. Tabled.
3. Policies updated and provided for Council’s review. Tabled.


**New Business:**

1. Update requested on MTS Bell Cell Towers. No new cells presently being proposed.  
  
2. Agreement for land gifted to municipality.  
Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke  
21/24 **WHEREAS** an agreement has been prepared to accept a gift of land;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be hereby directed to sign said Agreement;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** any excess funds from this gift be donated to the Whitemouth District Foundation Centre Foundation.  
For: All                                  Against: None                                  **CARRIED**
3. Deputy Reeve Honke re: Two Rivers Service to Seniors need for interim office space due to IERHA’s recent flooding.  
Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead  
22/24 **WHEREAS** due to a flood in the IERHA Facility, the Two Rivers Service to Seniors requires a confidential office space to accommodate their clients;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby authorize them to utilize an office in the lower level of our Administrative Building during the renovation period.  
For: All                                  Against: None                                  **CARRIED**
4. Kathy Majowski re: Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home information and support. Noted.

**Adjournment:**

- Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke  
23/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:32 p.m.  
For: All                                  Against: None                                  **CARRIED**

  
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Chief Administrative Officer