

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 25, 2023, 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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

115/23 **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 McDougald

116/23 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on April 11, 2023, 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

117/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:      Cheque No. 24079 to 24101

Electronic Payments EFT 7015 to 7039

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$215,277.40.

For: All                      Against: None                      **CARRIED**

Moved by

118/23 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment:      Electronic Fund Transfers 7040 & 7041

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,532.18.

For: All                      Against: None                      **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 118/23, 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 Staerk and seconded by McDougald

119/23 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment:      Electronic Fund Transfers 7042 & 7057

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$5,267.63.

For: All                      Against: None                      **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 119/23, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

120/23 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment for the Childcare Pilot Project:

Cheque Numbers 6 & 7

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved, as per progress payment 4 information approved by JQ Built, for an amount not to exceed \$317,221.38.

For: All                      Against: None                      **CARRIED**

**Public Works:** April 20, 2023 Update

**Reports of Committees:**

- Community Futures Winnipeg River re: minutes of March 20, 2023; and
- Whiteshell Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility minutes of April 19, 2023.

**Verbal Reports of Committees:**

Councillor McDougald reported on Community Futures Winnipeg River; Reeve Amerongen on Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.; Deputy-Reeve Honke on Fire Management and the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility; and Councillor Staerk on the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. and Fire Management.

**Communications:**

1. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Eastern Directors Update. Noted.

2. Phillip Penner re: request to hook onto municipal water and sewer.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

121/23 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water utility has been received from Philip Penner;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Penner's property is located at 25 Karpoff Avenue, identified as Lot 22 Plan 1203 in the SW 25-11-11EPM in Whitemouth, being Roll No. 84300;

**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**

3. Jim Castle re: inquiry on meeting audio being cut out. Council appreciated being advised, however verified at no time was the device/s touched. This was a computer glitch.
4. Coop re: expansion consideration. Tabled.
5. Councillor McDougald re: Short Term Rentals. Tabled to July 11, 2023.
6. Prairie By-Law Enforcement re: initial invoice, no report will be issued when no concerns are received within that month. Noted.
7. Senior Utility Operator re: Public Water System 2022 Report. Noted.
8. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Provincial Responses to 2022 Resolutions. Noted.
9. Courageous K9 – request for sponsorship. Council authorized a letter of support.
10. Rural Economic Development Corporation re: new organization information. If a time is received with additional information it is to be forwarded to Council.
11. S/Sgt. Meyers re: Quarterly RCMP Report. Noted.
12. S/Sgt. Meyers re: Public Service Canada regarding strike. Noted.

13. Rural Municipality of Pipestone re: request petition support regarding closure of MASC Offices.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

122/23 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Pipestone has requested the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to provide a petition for interested citizens to sign regarding MASC offices closing in rural Manitoba;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be directed to provide this service.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

14. Rural Municipality of Montcalm re: request resolution regarding increase to disaster funding.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

123/23 **AND WHEREAS** municipalities are thankful for this funding program;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are required to work with the individual Provinces, such as the Province of Manitoba via the Disaster Financial Assistance Program;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a time lag between the payments that municipalities must pay for restoration and the time they submit expense claims to the Province under these programs;

**AND WHEREAS** the local municipalities are then required to carry these costs, thereby incurring Interest Charges;

**AND WHEREAS** these interest charges can negatively affect the local municipalities and their ratepayers;

**AND WHEREAS** local municipalities only have one way of raising funds, namely via taxation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we request the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to lobby the Province of Manitoba to continue to lobby the Government of Canada to amend the Federal DFAA Program to include eligibility for 'Carrying Costs' (or interest) as a part of the program;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we request the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to lobby the Government of Canada on behalf of all Canadian Municipalities to have the Government of Canada amend the DFAA program to include eligibility for "Carrying Costs" (or interest) as a part of the program;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we request the AMM to lobby the Province of Manitoba to reimburse municipalities for any carrying costs that have incurred for disasters that have occurred over the past five years.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Lagoon update – property acquisition update and Administration was directed to correspond with our MLA, MP and Premier advising that we require Manitoba Water Services Board funding.

2. Whitemouth Childcare Pilot Project re: insurance coverage approved & connect to utilities.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

124/23 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water and sewer utility has been received for the Whitemouth Child Care Centre;

**AND WHEREAS** this facility property is located at 118 Henderson Avenue in the SW 25-11-11EPM in Whitemouth;

**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**

3. Twin Rivers Church – request to connect to municipal water. Report being prepared for next meeting. Tabled.

4. Policy for Complaints – Tabled.

5. Zoning information for changing a portion of RCI (Rural Commercial/Industrial Zone) to RG (Residential General Area) located in the SW ¼ of 36-11-11 EPM. Maps provided.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

125/23 **WHEREAS** residential lots are required in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration is hereby directed to have twelve lots in the Whitemouth Industrial Park and identified by Municipal Roll Numbers 81862, 81864, 81866, 81868, 81870, 81870, 81872, 81874, 81876, 81884, 81882, 81880, and 81878 re-zoned from RCI - Rural Commercial/Industrial to RG – Residential General.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

6. By-Law No. 744/23 for Budget/Financial Plan 2023. Tabled.

7. Wild Skies – Awaiting response from the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District. Tabled.

#### **New Business:**

1. Fire Inspector information – Administration has received interest, and is acquiring criteria from the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Tabled.

#### **Adjournment:**


Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

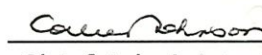
126/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:35 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer