

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 9, 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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

1/24 **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 McDougald

2/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on December 21, 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

3/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments: Cheque No. 24678 to 24706

Electronic Payments EFT 7600 to 7618;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$245,404.90, of which \$117,304.57 is schools.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

4/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7619 & 7620

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,727.63.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 4/24, 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: December, 2023

Reports of Committees:

- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: minutes of October 16, 2023; and
- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: Physician Emeritus Award.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor Stead reported on the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation; Deputy Reeve Honke on Public Works; and Councillor Staerk on the Parent Advisory Committee.

Delegations:

1:00 p.m. MP Falk and Craig Tomlinson, his Chief of Staff attended to provide an update on programs and services available. Council requested support on their initiatives, and MP Falk advised that he will send letters of support on our municipal endeavours.

1:30 p.m. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz came to answer any questions on the 2024 Emergency Plan, advise that they will be initiating a website, and that both a purple air monitor and weather alert radio has been received and will be installed at either the Fire Hall or our Municipal Office.

Communications:

1. Rural Municipality of Reynolds re: notice of Public Hearing. Noted.
2. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority CEO Ellis re: Elected Leaders Update of December 22, 2023 regarding moving Medical Services to Whitemouth Community Hall required due to flooding at the Whitemouth Personal Care Home. Noted.
3. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure/Emergency Management Organization quarterly newsletter (article on MEC Dowbyhuz). Noted.
4. Brokenhead River Planning District re: notice of public meeting. Noted.
5. Whitemouth Emergency Response Team – 2024 Budget. Referred to our next 2024 Budget meeting.
6. Manitoba Hydro re: Pointe du Bois Renewable Energy Project Update. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon Update – Kick off meeting went well and we continue to request funding.
2. Waterline South of Elma – Tabled.
3. Policy Review – Will be completed next week and provided to Council.
4. Electronic/Home Office Reimbursement/s
Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead
5/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** \$1,000.00 be hereby authorized to provide to each member of Council for the purpose of purchasing an electronic device (computer, laptop or tablet etc.) to assist in conducting their Council business in an election year retroactive for the previous election; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** annually thereafter an election an amount of \$600.00 be paid to each member of Council for in-home office expenses to be paid out every January.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. 2024 Emergency Plan & Provincial Portal request/Napier Consulting response.
Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead
6/24 **WHEREAS** Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz has provided Council the 2024 Emergency Plan for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this 2024 Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Emergency Plan be hereby submitted for Provincial approval.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

6. Boreal Shores Art Tour re: 2024 Grant

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

7/24 **WHEREAS** a request has been received by the Boreal Shores Art Tour for a 2024 grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$600.00 be hereby approved.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

New Business:

1. Invitation to MP Falk whom attended today and MLA Ewasko whom will attend on January 23, 2024.

2. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: News Bulletin. Noted.

3. North Eastman Municipal Forum re: agenda for February 12, 2024, at the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

8/24 **WHEREAS** the North Eastman Municipal Forum will be held at the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls on February 12, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Council and the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

4. Municipal and Northern Relations – Property Assessment Services date for Tax Impact Meeting & 2025 Board of Revision.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

9/24 **WHEREAS** Manitoba Property Assessment Services have requested that our Tax Impact Meeting be held on May 28, 2024, at noon and that our 2025 Board of Revision be held on October 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these dates be hereby approved.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

5. Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association re: Advisory Group

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

10/24 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Municipal Administrators is developing a Competency Framework for Municipal Leaders, and has requested Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be appointed to this advisory group;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby authorized;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

6. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority CEO Ellis re: Elected Leaders Update for Today. Noted.

7. Cell Phone Allowance – Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

11/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer be provided \$75.00 per month for cell phone purposes.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

In Camera:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

12/24 **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 Honke and seconded by Stead

13/24 **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 that committee members have Council's full support and that Annual General Meetings are public.

Adjournment:

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

14/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:31 p.m.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer