

## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 25, 2025, 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, Municipal Financial Officer Smith 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 McDougald

67/25 **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

68/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held March 11, 2025, 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

69/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25503 to 25524

Electronic Payments EFT 8654 to 8677

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$106,999.76.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

70/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments EFT 8678 & 8679

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,988.42.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 70/25, 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.

#### 2. Financial Statements ending January 2025 and February 2025

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

71/25 **WHEREAS** the January, 2025, Financial Statements have been circulated to Council for their review;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these statements are accepted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

72/25 **WHEREAS** the February, 2025, Financial Statements have been circulated to Council for their review;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these statements are accepted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**



**Senior Utility Operator – February 2025 Report**

**By-Law Officer – February 2025 Report**

**Reports of Committees:**

- Whitemouth Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: February 2025 Statistics;
- Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. re: Financials ending November, 2024;
- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: January 15, 2025, and reports and minutes, vacancy report statistics and the agenda for March 13, 2025.

**Verbal Reports of Committees:**

Councillor McDougald reported on Community Futures Winnipeg River; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. and the North Eastman Community Health Committee.

**Public Hearing:**

1:30 p.m. Public Hearing for Conditional Use Application C02/2025 from Burrs located at 72108 PR 408, to allow for a secondary suite to be attached to the main house at the roof and consist of a renovation of the existing building.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

73/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider Conditional Use Application No. C02/2025 for Roll No. 160300, located at 72108, PR 408, in River Hills, Manitoba, to allow for a secondary suite to be attached to the main house at the roof and consist of a renovation of the existing building.

For: All                                      Against:   None                                      **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

74/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the public hearing is now completed and the Public Hearing closed;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council now return to their former order of business.

For: All                                      Against:   None                                      **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

75/2 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Jennita and Christopher Burr;  
**AND WHEREAS** the application No. is C02/2025;  
**AND WHEREAS** the property is located at 72108, PR 408, in River Hills, and identified as Roll No. 160300;  
**AND WHEREAS** representatives attended and no objections were received;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve this Conditional Use Application on the condition that it is utilized within twelve months.

For: All                                      Against:   None                                      **CARRIED**

**Delegations:**

1:45 p.m. S/Sgt. Meyers attended to present the RCMP D Division Annual Performance Plan.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

77/25 **WHEREAS** S/Sgt. Meyers has attended Council to provide the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "D" Division Annual Performance Plan for 2025/2026;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this plan is hereby accepted as presented.

For: All                                      Against:   None                                      **CARRIED**



2:00 p.m. Greg Short and Susan Norman as spokesperson attended to share information on the Winnipeg River Tourism Corridor and requested Council's 2025 participation at a fee of \$2,000.00. Tabled.

**Communications:**

1. Community Planning Branch re: Conditional Approval for Slavik, File No. 4203-24-7805. Noted.
2. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: nominate a volunteer. Noted.
3. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: invitation to STARS Open House. Council members to notify Administration if they would like to attend.
4. Boreal Shores Art Tour 2025 Updates. Noted.
5. Boreal Shores Art Tour re: thank you. Noted.
6. Province of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Affairs re: statutory review of Planning Legislation March 2025 Update. Noted.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Lagoon re: Draft Environmental Act License submitted for Manitoba Water Services Board review and comment. Noted and tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma – Manitoba Water Services Board and Rural Municipality of Reynolds kick off meeting; and estimates for the project. Administration noted that earlier today an email was received from Reynolds advising they are now sending out a survey to gauge the interest; Council directed Administration to contact our ratepayers that have already shared their interest in this project to share these project costs and inquire if they are still interested in pursuing. Tabled.
3. Zoning By-Law – Reeve Amerongen noted that reviews are done generally every 5 to 10 years. Council provided Administration direction on which areas of zoning to be addressed. Tabled for a draft by-law this summer.

4. Community Planning Branch re: proposal to subdivide Pt. NE ¼ 19-13-12 EPM, by Donald Godfrey and Michael Godfrey - Additional information.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

76/25 **WHEREAS** a subdivision application has been submitted by Mike Godfrey on behalf of Donald Godfrey and Michael Godfrey – owners of Pt. NE ¼ 19-13-12 EPM, being file No. 4203-24-7806, and has been received by Council; **AND WHEREAS** the Community Planning Branch has determined this subdivision is consistent with the Development Plan; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve this subdivision application on the following condition:

1. That, if required, variance orders be obtained as necessary to ensure compliance with the Zoning by-law; and
2. That all other levels of government approvals are obtained direct.

For: All                  Against: None                  **CARRIED**

5. By-Law No. 769/25 Amendment to Council Indemnity By-Law No. 737/22, re: kilometrage reduction/change

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

78/25 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 769/25 is a by-law to amend By-Law No. 737/22 Clause 1. (c) iii; **AND WHEREAS** this will adopt the National Joint Council for kilometrage payments; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 769/25 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All                  Against: None                  **CARRIED**

**New Business:**

1. By-Law No. 770/25 re: update Designated Officers  
Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke  
79/25 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 770/25 is a by-law to appoint Designated Officers for the municipality;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 770/25 be hereby given first reading.

For: All                                      Against:    None                                      **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk  
80/25 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 770/25 is a by-law to appoint Designated Officers for the municipality;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 770/25 be hereby given second reading.

For: All                                      Against:    None                                      **CARRIED**

2. By-Law No. 771/25 re: 2025 Financial Plan/Budget  
Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk  
81/25 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 771/25 is a by-law to levy taxes for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 771/25 be hereby given first reading.

For: All                                      Against:    None                                      **CARRIED**

**In Camera:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk  
82/25 **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:    Personnel  
**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 Stead and seconded by Staerk  
83/25 **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**

Administration was directed to draft a harassment policy for non-employees. Tabled.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead  
84/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:33 p.m.

For: All                                      Against:    None                                      **CARRIED**

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer