

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 22, 2017, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Dowbyhuz, Deputy Reeve Saxler, Councillors Bachman, Nichol and Sikkenga, Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Also Present: Recording Secretary Marion

Reeve Dowbyhuz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

75/17 **WHEREAS** the agenda for the regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

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

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol

76/17 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 8, 2017, have been submitted to Council for review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts:

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

77/17 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 19723 to 19748;

Electronic Payments 308 to 338;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$51,627.65. **CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

78/17 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending January 31, 2017, have been submitted to Council for their review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements as at January 31, 2017, be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

79/17 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending February 28, 2017, have been submitted to Council for their review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements as at February 28, 2017, be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees:

Were provided verbally by each member of Council.

Public Works Report:

Provided verbally by Reeve Dowbyhuz.

Communications:

1. Manitoba Hunter Safety – invitation for Reeve Dowbyhuz to attend Shooting Skills Day on May 13, 2017. He advised that if he is available he will attend on his own.
2. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – Audited Financial Statements ending December 31, 2015. Noted.
3. By-Law Enforcement Officer – February '17 Activity Report. It was noted that on May 10, 2017 he will be attending Council to provide an overview of the program to date and summer initiatives.
4. Trans Canada Trail re: Canada 150 Ultramarathon. Noted.
5. Munisoft – refresher seminars.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman
80/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Assistant Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend the User Group Experience Seminar hosted by MuniSoft Software in Brandon, Manitoba, on May 11, 2017;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT she be hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be reimbursed as per municipal policies.
CARRIED
6. Licensed Insolvency Trustee – Creditors Package. Noted.
7. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – request to 100th Anniversary Golf Tournament. Councillor Nichol requested a recorded vote.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Saxler
81/17 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet has invited Council to attend their 2017 Golf Tournament for their 100th Anniversary on July 6, 2017, at the Granite Hills Golf Course in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Dowbyhuz be authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies.
For: Councillors Bachman, Saxler and Sikkenga
Against: Councillor Nichol
CARRIED
8. Royal Canadian Legion – request for “shingle fund” purchase.
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman
82/17 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Royal Canadian Legion in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba, to “Buy a Shingle” for the sum of \$25.00 per shingle to support fundraising for the new roof which is required;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve the purchase of the 4 shingles for a total donation of \$100.00.
CARRIED
9. Office of the Prime Minister re: Fire Hall 2017 application sent to the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.
Noted.
10. Community Futures – draft minutes of February 27, 2017. Noted.
11. Tim Horton Camp Whiteshell – invitation to work weekend. Noted.

12. Deputy Reeve Saxler re: school project on Whitemouth River. It was noted that a delegation would be welcome and if requested that we in turn request Water Stewardship to provide a representative to attend same.
13. North Eastern Community Health Committee – agenda of March 13, 2017. Noted.
14. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Spring 2017 Update. Original email to be provided to Councillor Bachman to place on our website.
15. Senior Utility Operator – February '17 Monthly Report. Noted.
16. Sunrise School Division 2017-2018 Budget Highlights. Noted.
17. Fire Hall 2017 – minutes of January 12 and March 14, 2017. It was noted that all payroll time is allocated directly to this general ledger account and provided with the disbursements for the Finance Committee's review.
18. Primary Health Care and Physician Update of March 10, 2017. Noted.
19. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: By-Law No. 9-16A public hearing. Noted.
20. Community Futures – workshop on Legal Responsibilities of Board Members. Moved by Bachman and seconded by Saxler
83/17 **WHEREAS** Community Futures is offering a workshop on Legal Responsibilities of Board Members on May 1, 2017, in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillors Sikkenga, Saxler and Bachman be hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies.
CARRIED
21. Public Works – minutes of March 15 and 22, 2017. Noted.
22. Whitemouth School – March '17 Newsletter. Noted.
23. Unger/Funk – request for access denied. Additional request of this nature was also discussed, awaiting written request.
24. Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association – 2017 Convention. Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
84/17 **WHEREAS** the 2017 Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association Conference is being held in Brandon, Manitoba from April 23 to 26, 2017;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby approved to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be reimbursed as per municipal policies.
CARRIED
25. Manitoba News Release re: changes to Election Financing Act. Noted.
26. GPR Project Management and Consulting – Geoff Reimer "Whitemouth Bog?" Administration to contact Mr. Reimer in this regard.
27. Sunrise School Division re: error in tax requirements 2017. Noted.

28. South Brookfield Water Petitioners – copy of letter to Minister Clarke. Administration was directed to correspond back thanking them for providing this information and to let them know that Council is still eager to have the water project proceed.
29. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – minutes of January 16, 2017
30. Royal Canadian Legion – invitation for Reeve`s attendance of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge to lay a wreath on April 9, 2017. Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol
85/17 **WHEREAS** the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 164 has requested Reeve Dowbyhuz`s attendance to the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba, on April 9, 2017;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT he be hereby approved to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he be reimbursed as per municipal policies. **CARRIED**
31. Itech Systems Ltd. re: information on computer upgrading. Noted.
32. Kelvin Goertzen, Steinbach MLA re: Health Care Funding Facts/Fiction. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. By-Law re: Andersen Development Agreement. Administration to advise until the road construction estimates are received to ensure the amount of surety secured in the Development Agreement is accurate no readings will be given to this by-law.
2. By-Law No. 669/17 – Road Closing presently being circulated by Community Planning.
3. Provincial Road 408 re: pothole concerns. Administration to contact IT Perry Plaiser in writing that Council is receiving ratepayer concerning safety on this road.
4. Canada 150th Birthday Project – Council agreed that the decaling of a truck at approximately \$17,000.00 would not be approved. Monument project to be further investigated by Councillor Bachman.

New Business:

1. Municipal Emergency Coordinator – interviews to be held on April 3, 2017.
2. By-Law No. 670/17 – 2017 Tax Levy.
Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga
86/17 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 670/17 being a by-law to allow for the establishing of the 2017 mill rates for Tax Levy requirements of the 2017 Financial Plan/Budget;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 670/17 be hereby given first reading. **CARRIED**
3. By-Law No. 671/17 – Building Inspector Agreement.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman
87/17 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 671/17 being a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement for providing the Building Inspector/Development Officer duties;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 671/17 be hereby given first reading. **CARRIED**

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

88/17 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 671/17 being a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement for providing the Building Inspector/Development Officer duties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 671/17 be hereby given second reading. **CARRIED**

4. Public Utilities Board – It was noted that we are presently 15th in line for for review and our application was sent on June 23, 2016. Timeframe presently approximately a year to receive an Order. Discussion was held on utilities being added to taxes. Council directed that the Public Utilities Board be requested for an Order in this regard with the fee being waived.
5. Councillor Nichol advised that Gary Gesell has resigned from the Whittemouth Emergency Response Team after many years of dedicated service. Discussed. Administration was directed to prepare a thank you letter for Reeve Dowbyhuz to sign and to also provide a Whittemouth Fleecy as a token of appreciation for all his contributions to this Team.

In Camera:

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

89/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go into "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.

CARRIED

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

90/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

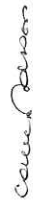
Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

91/17 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:20 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer