

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 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 1:01 p.m.

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

89/24 **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

90/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on April 2, 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

91/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments: Cheque No. 24859 to 24904

Electronic Payments EFT 7812 to 7855

Cheque Nos. 28 & 29

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$219,840.56 of which \$4,779.04 is Child Care Project expense.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

92/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7856 to 7859

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$5,571.12.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 92/24, 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 Staerk and seconded by Honke

93/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7860 to 7878

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$7,153.81.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 93/24, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Public Works Update: April 1, 2024

Utility Report: March, 2024

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes of March 4, 2024, and March 14, 2024;
- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: April 4, 2024, updates;
- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: minutes of December 18, 2023, February 26, 2024, and March 27, 2024;
- Whitemouth Reynolds Waste Management Facility re: minutes of March 20, 2024; and
- Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: Spring Newsletter.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor McDougald reported on the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District and the Whitemouth Reynolds Waste Management Facility; Councillor Stead on the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority Health Update; Reeve Amerongen on the North Eastman Community Health Committee, Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. and the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee.

Public Hearing:

1:30 p.m. 2024 Financial Plan/Budget By-Law No. 757/24 presentation was provided by Municipal Finance Officer Smith and questions addressed thereafter.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

98/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing for By-Law No. 757/24, being a by-law to levy taxes for 2024, which was provided first reading on March 26, 2024.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

99/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the business of the public hearing is completed and the Public Hearing closed;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council now return to their regular order of business.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

100/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 757/24, being a by-law to levy taxes for 2024 be hereby given second reading.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

101/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 757/24, being a by-law to levy taxes for 2024 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Communications:

1. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories re: Regional Leaders Gathering venue to be updated and attendees will be advised accordingly. Noted.
2. Hummingbird Energy re: Green Municipal Fund eligibility available. Council directed Administration to provide our municipal building information for 2025 grant opportunities. Noted.

3. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: 2024 Provincial Budget observations. Noted.

4. Seven Sisters Wildlife Association re: invitation for Reeve Amerongen to attend their annual Family Day on May 11, 2024.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

94/24 **WHEREAS** the Seven Sisters Wildlife Association has invited Reeve Amerongen to their Annual Family Day on May 11, 2024, in Seven Sisters, Manitoba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT he be authorized to attend same;

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

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

5. Karen Steiner re: thank you. Noted.

6. Two Rivers to Seniors re: in kind grant work approved (newsletter & storage). Noted.

7. North Eastman Municipal Forum re: meeting on May 13, 2024, in Lac du Bonnet.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

95/24 **WHEREAS** the North Eastman Municipal Forum will be holding it's meeting on May 13, 2024, in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba;

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

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

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

8. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: current guidance on COVID vaccines. Noted.

9. Municipal and Northern Relations re: Statutory Review of Planning Legislation Underway. Noted.

10. Whitemouth Recreation Centre re: Coop Walking Trail.

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

96/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Recreation Association has made the following requests regarding the Coop Walking Trail:

1. To have the remaining light standards, complete with concrete removed; and

2. A concrete bench purchased and placed, with a cost for both not to exceed \$2,547.93;

AND WHEREAS these requests are being made due to vandalism which has and continues to occur;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this these requests are hereby approved.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

11. Peter Tines/Sturgeon Bay re: not affiliated with FaceBook post & request for second extension of Conditional Use C 11/2022.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

97/24 **WHEREAS** Peter Tines of Sturgeon Bay Resort has requested an additional twelve month extension to his Conditional Use which was approved by C11/2022, on April 26, 2022;

AND WHEREAS this property is located in the NW of Section 33, Township 13, in Range 11EPM, and identified as Roll No. 193200;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby approved.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

12. Whitemouth Child Care Centre Inc. re: request to locate shed. Council is receptive to locating same. Noted.
13. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Eastern Director's Update. Noted.
14. Municipal and Northern Relations re: Medical First Response proposed changes from the Department of Health, Seniors and Long Term Care. Noted.
15. Public Utilities Board re: certified copy of Board Order No. 45/24. Noted.
16. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Government responses to resolutions. Noted.
17. Whitemouth Child Care Centre Inc. re: update from JohnQ. It was noted that a meeting has been set to go over warrantee/deficiency items with the Director. Reeve Amerongen advised that he had Administration check Joe Leuzzi on painting for the water reservoir as well. Tabled.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon – Information from Travis Parsons, General Manager for the Manitoba Water Services Board. Noted and tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma – Tabled.
3. MLA Ewasko re: Childcare Funding Response meeting invitation and update, awaiting meeting date. Tabled.
4. Manitoba Hydro Generating Station – Annexation ongoing. Tabled.
5. Animal By-Law re: number of dogs - zoning maps and dog license listing included for direction. Tabled.
6. Whitemouth Grocer request for liquor sales update re: Minister Simard called April 5, 2024, and spoke with Deputy Reeve Honke and Chief Administrative Officer. We are awaiting additional information, Council directed to request for timeframe on a response. Tabled.
7. Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre – tax exemption by-law, awaiting legal opinion. Tabled.
8. By-Law No. 758/24 re: utility rates – awaiting Public Utilities Board response. Tabled.
9. Ambulance Inquiry – Reeve Amerongen reported that he has brought this forth to the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee, and they will continue to pursue services provided. Noted.

New Business:

1. Seasonal Grass Cutting for 2024

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

102/24 **WHEREAS** tenders for grass cutting at certain areas in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth for the summer seasons for both 2024 and 2025 have been circulated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the successful tenderers are as follows:

Elma Wayside Park to John Lycar for \$100.00 per week;
 River Hills Picnic Area to Green Inspirations \$390.00 per month;
 35A Elizabeth Crescent to Green Inspirations for \$180.00 per month; and
 Herzog Cul de Sac and William Drive to Clive Schultz \$45.00 per cut for both.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Commercial Lots in Seven Sisters Falls re: sale price. Tabled for price comparison to Whitemouth Industrial Park lots.

3. Seasonal Employee/s

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

103/24 **WHEREAS** advertisements have been placed, applications received and interviews held for Public Works Seasonal Employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the successful applicants are Blaine Grant to commence on May 13, 2024, and Meghal Parikh to commence on April 29, 2024;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be paid as per The Collective Agreement.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

4. Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations re: request for participation in independent study on inclusion. Tabled.

In Camera:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

104/24 **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 Stead and seconded by Honke

105/24 **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

Administration was directed not to accept the offer/s to purchase lands.

Adjournment:


Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

106/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

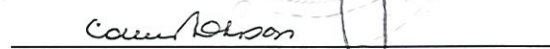
For: All

Against: None

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Chief Administrative Officer