

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 8, 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 Staerk and seconded by McDougald
288/24 **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 Stead and seconded by Staerk
289/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on September 24, 2024, and of the Special Joint Meeting with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds on September 17, 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

290/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25219 to 25243

Electronic Payments EFT 8253 to 8276

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$204,001.27.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

291/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments EFT 8277 & 8278

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,673.95.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 291/24, 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 Honke and seconded by McDougald

292/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments EFT 8279 & 8297

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$5,798.70..

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 292/24, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Reports of Committees:

- Community Futures Winnipeg River re: draft minutes of September 23, 2024;
- Eastman Tourism re: update; and
- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: minutes of August 20, 2024.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on Two Rivers Service to Seniors and Public Works; Councillor McDougald on Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility and Public Works; Councillor Stead on the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc.; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.

Communications:

1. Emergency Management Organization re: receipt of Council Resolution and Community Impact Assessment. Noted.
2. Province of Manitoba re: 1000 Health Care Workers being hired; and Reeve Amerongen noted that the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority advised the home care strike is currently averted. Noted.
3. Municipal and Northern Relations re: first year of annual assessment report. Noted.
4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Annual Conference and Trade Show magazine. Noted.
5. Harry Pluchinski re: request for hunting and trapping permission.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

293/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** authorization is hereby granted to Harry Pluchinski to hunt and trap until August 31, 2025, on the following municipal properties:

Roll No.	Description
137300	NW 13-12-12- EPM
141600	NE 23-12-12 EPM
143500	SE 26-12-12 EPM
59200	SW 24-11-11 EPM
134725	NE 2-12-12 EPM
113500	NW 4-12-11 EPM

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this authorization may be revoked at any time at the discretion of Council.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. Gord and Belinda Wilson re: request for municipal water connection.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

294/24 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water has been received from Gordon and Belinda Wilson;

AND WHEREAS this property is located at 64001 PTH 11, in the NW of 11-12-11 E, and identified by assessment roll number 118100;

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

7. Eastman SnoPALS Inc. re: request to trim trees along the East Side of Townsite Road from the substation to the Community Hall.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

295/24 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Eastman SnoPALS Inc. to trim the trees along the East side of Townsite Road from the Hydro substation, past the Seven Sisters Community Hall to the point where it deviates from parallel to the road;

AND WHEREAS Eastman SnoPALS Inc. have advised that they will be responsible for all works and removal of debris;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby approved only on municipal property.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

8. Robert Stelko re: Bell/MTS poor telephone coverage. Referred to Administration to pursue an update from Bell/MTS. Tabled.

9. Neil Greenslade re: Whistle Cessation in Elma. Council directed Administration provide any available information in this regard for Mr. Greenslade to pursue.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon – Tabled

2. Waterline South of Elma with project participants Manitoba Water Services Board and the Rural Municipality of Reynolds to extend to Prawda – Mr. Giesbrecht notified and advised of appreciation. Tabled.

3. By-Law No. 758/24 re: utility rates – awaiting Public Utilities Board response and request for update. Tabled.

4. Building By-Law Draft – fees and information. Referred to a Special Meeting to be held on October 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Tabled.

5. Manitoba Association of Watersheds re: Manitoba Watersheds Conference.

6. By-Law Enforcement Assistant Position.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

296/24 **WHEREAS** applications for Assistant By-Law Officer have been advertised, applications received and interview held;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kayla Wheeler be hereby contracted as the Assistant By-Law Officer commencing September 26, 2024;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be reimbursed at the rate of pay of \$25.00 per hour plus mileage as per municipal by-law.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Council Meeting of November 26, 2024 – alternate date.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

297/24 **WHEREAS** our regular meeting to be held on November 26, 2024, conflicts with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 26, 2024, and December 10, 2024, meetings are hereby cancelled;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the regular meetings for December, 2024 be held on December 3rd, 2024 and December 17th, 2024.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Snow Clearing and Sweeping of Sidewalks

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

298/24 **WHEREAS** tenders have been requested, received and reviewed to supply snow clearing and sweeping of sidewalks for the 2024/2025, 2025/2026, and 2026/2027 winter/spring seasons;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender is hereby awarded to Nickel Ventures Inc. as per quote dated October 4, 2024, being Elma sidewalks \$131.25/clearing, Whitemouth sidewalks \$551.25/clearing, Seven Sisters sidewalks \$183.75/clearing, sanding \$115.50/hour and sweeping \$115.50/hour, GST is in included in price.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

3. TAXervice re: 2024 Tax Sale. Cancelled as all properties have been redeemed.

4. Whitemouth Happy Hour re: Invitation to Thanksgiving Potluck. Noted.

In Camera:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

299/24 **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

300/24 **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**

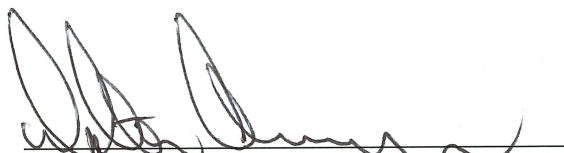
Administration was directed to proceed with lot sales.

Adjournment:

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

301/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:56 p.m.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer