

## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 27, 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 Finance 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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

136/25 **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 Honke and seconded by Stead

137/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held May 13, 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

138/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25601 to 25628

Electronic Payments EFT 8794 to 8817

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$267,046.06.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

139/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments EFT 8818 & 8819

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,988.41.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 139/25, 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.

**By-Law Officer** – April, 2025 Report

**Building Inspector** – April, 2025 Report

### Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Fire Management minutes of May 8, 2025;
- Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. – financial report ending April 30, 2025;
- CNL re: Public Liaison Committee virtual meeting postponed due to fires; and
- Two Rivers Senior Resource Council Board Report from March 25, 2025 to May 19, 2025.

**Verbal Reports of Committees:**

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on Two Rivers Service to Seniors and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.

**Public Hearings:**

1:30 p.m. Variation Application from Tetra Apex INC/Candace Bakx-Friesen to allow for the front yard setback to be reduced from the required 30 feet from the property line for RC1 lot, to 25 feet, to place a storage building. The building will be 150 feet in length and set 25 feet from the rear property line and 30 feet from the side yard.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

144/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider Variation Application No. V03/2025 for Roll No. 185726, located in SE 27-13-11 EPM to reduce the front yard setback from the required 30 feet to 25 feet to build a storage building being 150 feet in length and set 25 feet from the rear property line and 30 feet from the side yard.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

145/25 **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**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

146/2 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Tetra Apex Inc/Candace Bakx-Friesen to reduce the front yard setback from the required 30 feet to 25 feet to build a storage building being 150 feet in length and set 25 feet from the rear property line and 30 feet from the side yard;  
**AND WHEREAS** the application No. is V03/2025;  
**AND WHEREAS** the property is located in SE of Section 27, Township 13, Range 11 EPM, and identified as Roll No. 185726;  
**AND WHEREAS** no representations were made and no objections were received;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby approve this Variation Application on the condition that this approval is utilized within twelve months.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

**Communications:**

1. Village of St-Pierre-Jolys – invitation to 2025 Eastern District Municipal Golf Tournament. Noted.
2. Seven Sister Falls Community Centre – inquiries regarding financial review. Council provided the responses for Administration to provide same.
3. Minister for Municipal and Northern Relations re: 2025 Operating Grant confirmed. Noted.
4. Whitemouth Fire Department Personnel re: thank you. Noted.
5. Fire Marque Inc. – information on first hour free for Council consideration. Administration was directed to prepare the amendment to remove this free hour. Tabled.
6. Community Planning Branch re: Certificate of Approval 4203-24-7806 for Godfrey. Noted.



**Unfinished Business:**

1. Lagoon – Approved Environmental Act License No. 3433 received. Noted. Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma – Responses received, await Reynolds feedback from their ratepayers. Tabled.
3. Zoning By-Law – draft by-law. Tabled.
4. Joe Presta – request to purchase municipal land adjacent to his property for parking and grass. Additional inquiry from another adjacent property owner. Referred to In Camera.
5. Tamarac Road – name update. Tabled.
6. Land Sales on Commercial Cove – Administration was directed to market in the same manner as Natalie Lake and Wardrop Way subdivisions. Noted.

**New Business:**

1. Trapping of Beavers.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

140/25 **WHEREAS** when Beaver Trappers are called out by Public Works to address beaver concerns no funds are provided unless a beaver tail is received;  
**AND WHEREAS** on many occasions many trips are made to no avail;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the for each beaver call out the Trapper is paid \$150.00.

9 For: All *Amerongen* Against: ~~None~~ *Excused: Honke* **CARRIED**  
*McDougald Staerk Stead*

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 140/25, Deputy Reeve Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

2. Netflix Inquiry – Council approved parking of two trailers and have coordinated the Netflix team with our local Fire Department and are working with the Province of Manitoba Conservation Department.
3. Handivan Policy re: amendment regarding wait time. Administration was directed to have the amendment implemented. Tabled.
4. CNL Site Tour for Council – tentatively June 25, 2025?

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

141/25 **WHEREAS** CNL has invited Council to their WLRP Site tour on June 25, 2025;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** they are authorized to attend same;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Administration was directed to book the Handivan if it is available to attend this tour.

5. Nijaz Hajdarevic – request to hook onto municipal water at 63185 PTH 44.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

142/25 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water has been received from Nijaz Hajdarevic;  
**AND WHEREAS** this property is located at 63185 PTH 44, and identified be assessment roll number 120400;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this request be hereby approved;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that appropriate fees be paid in full to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

6. Terry Trelka – request to hook onto municipal water and sewer at 5 Edinburgh Road.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

143/25 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water has been received from Terry Trelka;

**AND WHEREAS** this property is located at 5 Edinburgh Rd, and identified by assessment roll number 185940;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this request be hereby approved;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that appropriate fees be paid in full to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

**In Camera:**

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

147/25 **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: Negotiation/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

148/25 **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 have draft agreements prepared for Council's review, to allow for Joe Presta to utilize a small portion of municipal land for grass and parking space and for Sharen Savinkoff to utilize for access only as weather permits. The Agreements are to be attached to the owner and not the land with renewal options to be provided. Tabled.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

149/25 **WHEREAS** the Equipment Operator Excluding Grader has resigned;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Blake Hallett be hereby selected as the new Equipment Operator Excluding Grader commencing on July 14, 2025;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE THAT** he be paid as per the Collective Agreement.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**


Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

150/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:16 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

  
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Reeve

  
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Chief Administrative Officer