



2. Financial Statements ending April 30, 2024.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

112/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending April 30, 2024, be hereby adopted as circulated.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

**Public Works Update:** April 22, 2024

**Utility Report:** April 30, 2024

**Building Inspector:** April 30, 2024

**By-Law Officer:** March 31, 2024

**Reports of Committees:**

- Community Futures Winnipeg River re: minutes of March 25, 2024; and
- Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: minutes of March 21, 2024.

**Verbal Reports of Committees:**

Councillor McDougald reported on Whitemouth Childcare; Deputy Reeve Honke on Rural Forum and an emergency Two Rivers Service to Seniors meeting; Reeve Amerongen on Rural Forum, the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team, Whitemouth Childcare and the Seven Sisters Family Shooting Day.

**Delegations:**

1:30 p.m. Cst Taylor re: Fraud Presentation – not available.

1:45 p.m. Grant Kurian, Jim Blaney, and Tim North attended to express their concern on the new fees implemented at the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility. Reeve Amerongen advised that this is a joint venture between our municipality, the Rural Municipality of Reynolds and the Province of Manitoba. Communication was received from the delegation and permission granted to share with the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility Committee for them to review and advise back. Tabled.

2:00 p.m. Shaun Thompson and Candice Bakx-Friesen purchase of land. Referred to In Camera discussions.

**Communications:**

1. Emergency Management Organization re: Approval of 2024 Emergency Plan. Noted.

2. S/Sgt Meyers re: Quarterly RCMP report and offer to attend Council. Council requested S/Sgt Meyers attend Council for an update as offered. Tabled.

3. Whitemouth Emergency Response Team re: conference & new member  
Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

113/24 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators Conference will be held on June 18, 2024, in Winnipeg, Manitoba;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** 4 members of the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team be hereby authorized to attend same;



10. Education and Early Childhood Learning re: Child Care Initiative won Project of the Year. Noted.

11. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – request for resolution support regarding Manitoba Liquor and License Vendors.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

118/24 **WHEREAS** rural small businesses play vital roles within communities by offering diverse services and products to fulfill local demands, thereby contributing to the economic foundation of the area;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) recognizes the value that rural small businesses provide to the people, organizations, and the local economy;  
**AND WHEREAS** Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries allows existing rural businesses to apply for a retail liquor license, but limits new applications to locations at least 15 km away from current rural liquor vendors thereby prohibiting businesses within 15 km of another liquor vendor from applying for a vendor license;  
**AND WHEREAS** the current permit criteria does not consider factors like seasonal population increases, or the significant transportation barriers between urban and rural access to vendors;  
**AND WHEREAS** it is possible for a community to support two such vendors in proximity that is closer than 15 km;  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the AMM will encourage the Manitoba Government to review the current Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries eligibility criteria for rural businesses applying to become retail liquor vendors, with the goal of expanding the criteria and modifying the application process to include comprehensive community assessments and the consideration of support from local municipal councils, community organizations, and ratepayers when determining eligibility.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

12. Manitoba Good Roads re: nomination forms. Tabled.

13. Rural Municipality of Ste. Anne re: request for support for resolutions regarding 1. Municipal By-Law Enforcement Regulations, 2. Municipal to Provincial Drainage Systems, and 3. Improper/Uncontrolled Use of Crown Lands

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

119/24 **WHEREAS** Section 2 of the Municipal By-law Enforcement Regulation (M.R. 116/2016), being a Regulation of the Municipal By-law Enforcement Act, C.C.S.M.c.M245, states that the maximum administrative penalty that a municipality may impose for a designated by-law contravention is \$1,000;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal By-law Enforcement Regulation has been in effect since August 8, 2016, with no inflationary increases to this maximum allowable penalty;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Consumer Price Index rose by 7.8% in 2022 in Manitoba, following years of increases ranging from 0.5% to 3.3% as per the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics;  
**AND WHEREAS** By-laws established under the authority of the Provincial Offences Act are not restricted to this \$1,000 maximum fine for identical offenses;  
**AND WHEREAS** Municipalities must bear the increasing cost of providing by-law enforcement services, at the expense of taxpayers at large when amounts cannot be fully recovered through fines;  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities be requested to Lobby the Province of Manitoba to review the Municipal By-law Enforcement Regulation's Section 2 as it pertains to the maximum imposable fine imposed under the authority of the Municipal By-law Enforcement Act.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**



18. Rural Municipality of Alexander – request for resolution support regarding Spring Weight Restrictions on designated Municipal Roads

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

122/24 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has enacted a By-law to regulate traffic and the use of streets and roads during Spring Weight Restrictions;

**AND WHEREAS** it is cost prohibitive to provide staffing to monitor and enforce restricted municipal roads under the By-law;

**AND WHEREAS** it is cost prohibitive to purchase and maintain the equipment (scale) required to verify the weight of vehicles travelling on weight restricted municipal roads;

**AND WHEREAS** the municipality does not have the ability to issue fines based off of weight without a calibrated scale;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba has already established the Manitoba Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers (MCEO's) to enforce the Provincial Spring Weight Restrictions on Provincial Highways;

**AND WHEREAS** the MCEO's will not currently assist municipalities with spring restrictions enforcement on designated municipal roads when assistance is requested;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba has restricted more Provincial Highways, causing more traffic to be diverted to municipal roads destroying them at the cost of the municipality;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that AMM lobby the Manitoba Government to assist municipalities by enabling MCEO's to aid in enforcing Spring Weight Restrictions on designated municipal roads;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a review of the Provincial Regulation be performed to provide a standardized set of rules and regulations for restricted roads for municipalities to all follow.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

19. Steven McAlpine re: offer to purchase municipal land – Referred to In Camera

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Lagoon ongoing – Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma – confirmation fund raising is acceptable. Information to be shared. Tabled.
3. MLA Ewasko re: Childcare Funding meeting on May 13, 2024. Meeting completed.
4. Annexation - Tabled
5. Animal By-Law re: number of dogs – By-Law Officer input requested. Tabled.
6. Whitemouth Grocer request for liquor sales update re: Minister Simard called April 5, 2024 – Share resolution going to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. Tabled.
7. Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre – tax exemption by-law. Legal opinion received, and to be shared with them.
8. By-Law No. 758/24 re: utility rates – awaiting Public Utilities Board response. Tabled.
9. Whitemouth Child Care Centre Inc. re: on-site meeting and update. Noted.
10. Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations re: request for participation in independent study on inclusion. Noted.
11. Commercial Lots in Seven Sisters Falls – square footage comparisons to Whitemouth Industrial Park. Referred to In Camera

