

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald, Staerk, Stead, Chief Administrative Officer Johnson and Reeve Amerongen (from 1:12 pm)

Deputy Reeve Honke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and provided Reeve Amerongen regrets that he would be late.

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

81/24 **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

82/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on March 26, 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

Reports of Committees:

- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: meeting reminder and agenda and additional information.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke advised of a Public Works Meeting held on April 1, 2024.

Communications:

1. Province of Manitoba – revised Planning Act Handbook reflecting legislation currently in effect. Noted.
2. Drinking Water Officer of Manitoba re: Whitemouth Public Water System regarding licensing has advised that no items were identified that require immediate action. Noted.
3. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories re: Liaison Committee meeting notes. Noted.
4. Public Utilities Board re: rate adequacy report provided by Way To Go Consulting accepted by Council & water rates. Resolution for first reading to amend By-Law No. 68/18 by By-Law No. 758/24.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

83/24 **WHEREAS** the Utility Rate Adequacy Reports for the Whitemouth Wastewater Utility, the Seven Sisters Wastewater Utility and the Whitemouth Water Utility were completed and submitted by Way To Go Consulting Inc. on June 12, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the reports included 2018 to 2021 audited, 2022 actual, 2023 budgeted and 2024 to 2025 forecast financial results and recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT they have been reviewed and accepted as adequate.

For: Staerk, Honke, Stead Against: McDougald Excused: Amerongen **CARRIED**

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

84/24 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has received a rate adequacy report for the Whitemouth Water Utility, which indicates rates require increasing;

AND WHEREAS Public Utilities Board Order #86-17, modified by Board Order #27-23, set out a Simplified Rate Application process with a maximum allowable increase equal to the Bank of Canada Policy Interest Rate + 2%;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 758/24, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to amend By-Law No. 681/18, which establishes Whitemouth Water Utility Rates, be given first reading and submitted to the Public Utilities Board for approval.

For: Staerk, Honke, Stead Against: McDougald Excused: Amerongen **CARRIED**

5. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: renewal update. Noted.
6. Province of Manitoba, Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources – request permission to identify municipally owned property to better understand white-tail deer numbers in the Eastern Part of Manitoba. Administration was directed to authorize same.
7. Napier Emergency Consulting re: conference & training program available. Noted.
8. Dueck Mechanical – request for road restriction exemption letter. As per other requests, this request is approved on the condition that the property owner provides in writing that they are responsible for any road repairs or restoration that may be required due to this use.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon – Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma – Tabled.
3. MLA Ewasko re: Childcare Funding Response – a meeting was requested by MLA Ewasko which conflicted with our Annual Emergency Exercise, awaiting confirmation of new date if all of Council is required or to send a few Council delegates. Tabled.
4. Manitoba Hydro Generating Station – Annexation ongoing. Tabled.
5. Animal By-Law re: number of dogs. Tabled.
6. Whitemouth Grocer request for liquor sales re: Provincial response/s, meeting with Minister Simard, Minister responsible for the Liquor and Lotteries Corporation has been requested. Tabled.
7. 2024 Financial Plan/Budget By-Law No. 757/24 (Hearing April 23, 2024). Tabled.
8. Provincial Highways Railway Avenue/Main Street concern – letter sent. Tabled.
9. Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre – request for Recreation Equipment

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

85/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission was dissolved on September 29, 2023;

AND WHEREAS there is recreation property to distribute - 18 sets of various sizes of snowshoes, 18 various sizes of life jackets, 11 TRZ work out equipment and 1 ice fishing shack kit;

AND WHEREAS the Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre has offered to store this equipment as they have volunteers daily, which includes

evenings, weekends and holidays whom they identified are able to loan out this equipment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby approve same.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

86/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission was dissolved on September 29, 2023;

AND WHEREAS there is recreation property to distribute – Baseball and TBall equipment;

AND WHEREAS the Whitemouth Recreation Association has requested this equipment to start a baseball program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approve same.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

10. Seven Sisters Falls Community Centre – tax exemption by-law. Tabled.

11. RCMP Constable Taylor re: Fraud Presentation set for May 14, 2024. Noted.

New Business:

1. Councillor Stead re: request for ambulance protocol. Reeve Amerongen to bring up at the North Eastman Community Health Committee meeting and report back to Council. Tabled.

2. Tender for Porta Potties rental for 2024 and 2025 seasons.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

87/24 **WHEREAS** tenders for the placement and cleaning of porta potties in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth summer seasons for both 2024 and 2025 have been circulated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the successful tenderer is Whiteshell Septic Service Ltd. to be paid \$100.00 per unit per week plus \$80.00 per cleaning per unit;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this accepted price includes scheduled maintenance and supplies such as paper products and disinfectant.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Adjournment:

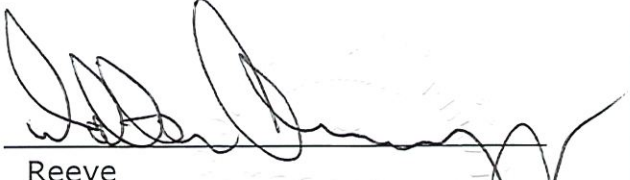
Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

88/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:20 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer