

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 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 1:00 p.m.

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

197/24 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

198/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on July 9, 2024, and of the Special Meeting held on July 8, 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

199/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25078 to 25093

Electronic Payments EFT 8057 to 8084

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$119,192.02.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

200/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfers 8085 and 8086

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,677.63.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 200/24, 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 McDougald and seconded by Honke

201/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfers 8087 to 8100

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,625.11.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 201/24, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

2. Financial Statements ending June 30, 2024.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

202/24 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending June 30, 2024, have been circulated to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these financial statements are adopted as circulated.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Public Works: July 11, 2024 Update

Utility Report: June 29, 2024 Update

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: minutes of May 30, 2024; and
- Two Rivers Service to Seniors – monthly report.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on an emergency meeting held for Two Rivers Service to Seniors; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.

Communications:

1. STARS re: statistics, year in review, and thank you for Council support. Noted.
2. S/Sgt. Meyers re: RCMP first quarterly report. Noted.
3. Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association re: request for resolution of support for a comprehensive review of the mandate and purpose of the Municipal Board.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

203/24 **WHEREAS** the Municipal Board Act, the Municipal Act, the Planning Act, and other legislation sets out the mandate, role, function, and general practices of the Municipal Board; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recognizes municipalities as a mature order of government; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are experiencing significant and costly delays as a result of outdated, bureaucratic, paternalistic, and wasteful processes in their interactions with the Municipal Board as prescribed in legislation and regulation; and

WHEREAS these delays and processes generate valueless workloads for municipal administration and wasted tax dollars due to redundant work, higher interest rates on borrowing, unnecessary legal fees, and delayed procurement; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has demonstrated its interest in reducing red tape and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of municipalities by creating the Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program which provides financial support to complete value-for-money service delivery reviews of programs and services to improve service delivery, streamline functions, and find cost efficiencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to undertake a comprehensive review of the mandate, role, and function of the Municipal Board to evaluate its relevance and actual value in today's municipal sector; and

FURTHER THAT the Province of Manitoba complete a third-party value-for-money service delivery review of the Municipal Board processes and undertake process improvements to streamline functions, reduce red tape, and reduce municipal costs; and

FURTHER THAT the Province of Manitoba engage AMM and MMA to participate as key stakeholders in the preparation of terms of reference for these efforts and any steering or oversight body for this work.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

4. House Review/Guardian Inspection Services Inc. re: inspection report for the Whitemouth Child Care Centre. Administration was directed to ensure JohnQ is in receipt of this report and that the crawl space concern is addressed.

5. Community Planning re: extension to Conditional Approval for File No. 4203-21-7622 in the NE ¼ of 35-11-11EPM. Noted.

6. Mid-Canada Snow Conference re: Public Works Supervisor Tolpa to attend.
Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

204/24 **WHEREAS** the 2024 Mid Canada Snow Conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 18th and 19th, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Works Supervisor Tolpa be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

7. Whitemouth Museum re: Invitation to 50th Annual Steak Night
Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

205/24 **WHEREAS** Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. are Celebrating their 50th Steak Night Fundraiser on Thursday, August 15, 2024, on site;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Amerongen be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon – Tabled.

2. Waterline South of Elma - Tabled.

3. Whitemouth Grocer request for liquor sales – Premiers meeting requested.
Minister Meeting set for Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

206/24 **WHEREAS** a meeting has been secured with Minister Simard of Sport, Culture, Tourism, being the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation regarding sale of liquor in the Whitemouth Grocery Store;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

4. By-Law No. 758/24 re: utility rates – awaiting Public Utilities Board response.
Tabled.

5. Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: fees and response letter. Solicitor input has been requested. Tabled.

6. Noise By-Law Draft – Council directed that this draft not be proceeded with.

7. Riverbend Manor re: requested maintenance items not yet completed from 2023 request. Meeting set with MLA Ewasko on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

207/24 **WHEREAS** a meeting has been secured with MLA Ewasko on July 30, 2024, on site at the Riverbend Manor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be paid as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

8. Building By-Law Draft – Tabled, fees from the area are being collated for Council's information. Goal to implement for January 1, 2025.

9. Fire Inspector Services

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

208/24 **WHEREAS** Part 9 Division 3 of The Municipal Act provides in part as follows:

264 Every municipality must provide fire protection services within its boundaries to reduce the danger of fire, which may include education programs, inspections of property, the installation of alarms, instructions on fighting fires, the provision of fire fighting equipment and a fire protection force.

AND WHEREAS Section 7(6) of The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act provides in part as follows:

7(6) A fee for carrying out a fire safety inspection under this section may be charged by

(a) the fire commissioner; or

(b) the local authority, where the inspection is carried out by a local assistant;

and may be collected in the same manner as a cost under subsection 18(4)

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Fire Department Committee recommended Volunteer Fire fighter Blaine Stead be designated the role of Fire Inspector for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth at their meeting held July 18th, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the cost of inspections, both mandatory and requested, be borne by the property owner at the rate of \$50.00 per hour, being \$30.00 per hour for the Fire Inspector and \$20.00 per hour for Administration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Council of The Rural Municipality of Whitemouth, duly assembled, accepts the designation of Blaine Stead of the Whitemouth Volunteer fire department as Fire inspector for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth effective July 23, 2024.

For: Amerongen, Honke, McDougald, Staerk Abstained: Stead **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 208/24, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

10. Building Inspector Position

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

209/24 **WHEREAS** applications have been advertised, received, and interviews held for the contractor Building Inspector position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Janice Brooks be hereby selected as the successful applicant with services to commence on July 25, 2024, at the rate of pay to be set at \$33.00 per hour, with a minimum of 16 hours per week;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a contract be prepared accordingly.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

11. General Holiday re: Union Inquiry – Referred to In Camera.

12. By-Law No. 762/24 re: Establish Childcare Centre Reserve Fund. Tabled.

13. By-Law No. 763/24 re: Establish Seven Sisters Commercial Lot Infrastructure Fund.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

210/24 **WHEREAS** a reserve fund is required for the Seven Sisters Commercial Lots Infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 763/24 being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund for the Seven Sisters Commercial Lots Infrastructure be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Fire Marque re: by-law – additional information, Administration was directed to have the by-law prepared for First Reading on August 13, 2024. Tabled.
2. Capital Projects – listing from Public Works minutes of July 11, 2024. Noted.
3. By-Law Enforcement re: legal inquiry. Referred to In Camera
4. Fire Department re: add members.
Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk
211/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Fire Department has recruited new members;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby appoint Tyler Stead and Jordon Kozak as fire fighters to the Whitemouth Fire Department.
For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

In Camera:


Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke
212/24 **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: Personnel/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 Staerk
213/24 **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 advise the Union to move forward with Step 3, and to continue proceeding with by-law enforcement.

Adjournment:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk
214/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:28 p.m.
For: All Against: None **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer