

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Council Chambers.

Present: Deputy Reeve Saxler, Councillors Bachman, Nichol and Sikkenga
Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Also Present: Recording Secretary Marion

Excused: Reeve Dowbyhuz

Adoption of Agenda:

109/16 Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

WHEREAS the agenda for the regular meeting has been reviewed by Council and items have been added;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

Confirming of Minutes:

110/16 Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2016, and of the special meetings on April 6, 2016, have been submitted to Council for review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be accepted as presented and adopted in March 23, 2016, Unfinished Business 5 to replace the words "amend their" to "implement a new" be hereby adopted. **CARRIED**

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts

111/16 Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

WHEREAS the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 18954 to 19004 and Electronic Payments 2650 to 2685

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$101,909.76. **CARRIED**

2. Financial Statements ending March 31, 2016.

112/16 Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

WHEREAS the financial statements for the period January 1, 2016, to March 31, 2016, have been reviewed by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve same. **CARRIED**

Delegations:

6:30 p.m. Fire Chief Paul Thomson attended to request a cell phone for the Fire Department to use in an emergent event. Administration was directed to research alternatives for Councils review at the next regular meeting. He also advised that the pumper should be back in service in the near future and that it is 17 years old.

Communications:

1. Emergency Measures Organization – Regional Manager Nicki Albus. Noted.

2. Whitemouth Recreation Association – request for funding.
113/16 Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman
WHEREAS a request has been made from the Whitemouth Rec Association for a grant to assist in building hockey rink boards around our outdoor skating rink thru the FCC Agrispirit Fund;
AND WHEREAS on the above-noted application form it inquires if they are receiving monies through other levels of government;
AND WHEREAS the Association will be providing the labour if successful in receiving grants;
AND WHEREAS the Association has requested the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth contribute \$5,000.00 towards this project;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved in the amount of \$2,500.00. **CARRIED**

3. Public Works Committee – minutes of March 30, April 6 and April 13, 2016, and gravel information from Public Works Supervisor Howie. Administration to have Public Works Supervisor Howie contact Mr. Sikkenga in regards to a water break.

4. Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. – request for letter of support for grant application and funding if approved.
114/16 Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol
WHEREAS a request has been made from the Whitemouth River Recreation Commission Inc. for a grant to assist in providing an Elma Community Centre Mural program from the Manitoba Arts Council;
AND WHEREAS on the above-noted application form it inquires if they are receiving monies through other levels of government;
AND WHEREAS Commission has requested from the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth \$3,500.00 towards this project complete with a letter of support for the initiative;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved. **CARRIED**

5. Highway Traffic Board – copy of permit to Florestan Paul in the NW1/4 32-10-11EPM. Noted.

6. Manitoba Hydro – sewer invoice May 26, 2013 to May 26, 2015. Noted.

7. Crown Lands and Property Agency – information on Hydro owned lands. Noted.

8. Manitoba Highways re: Manitoba Hydro’s request to construct access denied. Noted.

9. Public Works Supervisor – March 2016 report. Noted.

10. St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church – confirmation from Richard Frechette of the Archdiocese de Saint-Boniface and Ron and Beatrice Kurlowich that the Whitemouth Museum has been given ownership of the cross to be removed from the church prior to demolition/removal. Noted.

11. D.A. Walls & Associates re: affordable housing federal budget announcement. To be forwarded to Mr. Cowell and Mr. Barkman for their information.

12. Brokenhead River Planning District re: public hearing. Noted.

13. Manitoba Good Roads – you are winners of both the Best Maintained System Of Municipal Roads in the D Division and the Provincial Cup for Best Maintained System of Municipal Roads in Manitoba. Noted.

14. Recreation and Regional Services Branch – Recreations Opportunities Grant Program Agreement.

115/16 Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

WHEREAS the Provincial Recreation and Regional Services Branch has submitted the Recreation Opportunities Grant Agreement in duplicate and have requested the Chief Administrative Officer sign same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT she be directed to fully execute same. **CARRIED**

Unfinished Business:

1. Utility Rate By-Law No. 648/16 – first reading. Tabled for agricultural wording from the Province.

2. Dog Control By-Law No. 649/16 – first reading. Discussed. An addition was made prior to providing first reading.

116/16 Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

WHEREAS Council has reviewed and created a new dog by-law; **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 649/16 being the Dog By-Law be hereby given first reading. **CARRIED**

3. Amy Kirby – request for road name change. By-Law No. 654/16 Road Name Change, first reading.

117/16 Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 654/16 being a by-law to change a road name from Water Street to Rice Road be hereby given first reading. **CARRIED**

4. Road Restrictions By-Law No. 653/16 – Amendment, second and third readings.

118/16 Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 653/16 being the Road Restrictions for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth by-law be hereby given second reading. **CARRIED**

119/16 Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 653/16 being the Road Restrictions for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth by-law be hereby given third and final reading. **CARRIED**

5. Municipally owned lands to be placed for sale by a Realtor.

120/16 Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

WHEREAS local realtors have been invited to put forth a proposal to sell two municipal parcels of land on Front Street in Whitemouth, Manitoba;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Evergreen Realty at a 6% rate be hereby awarded the contract. **CARRIED**

6. Christmas Hamper Program – information obtained from the Rural Municipality of Reynolds.

121/16 Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Christmas Hamper Committee for the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to contribute an amount annually to the Whitemouth Christmas Hamper Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby agree to contribute \$700.00 for 2016 and this is to be revisited on an annual basis depending on need;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these funds be provided once the previous years financial statements have been received.

CARRIED

7. Interim Municipal Emergency Coordinator – Remuneration.

122/16 Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

WHEREAS Gail Wasyluk has agreed to be the Interim Municipal Emergency Coordinator from September 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT she be reimbursed \$17.50 per hour for actual MEC time worked; 46 cents per kilometer for traveling for MEC purposes; and \$50.00 per month for 24/7 access to her cell phone for emergency purposes.

CARRIED

8. LED Lighting – Administration was directed to complete the Hydro grant application in this regard.

9. Signage to Seven Sisters – Administration did correspond with the Community Development Corporation. Deputy Reeve Saxler noted that it was discussed at their meeting and they felt it was a Highways responsibility. Administration to correspond with Highways and speak to Hermann Saxler of the CDC once Deputy Reeve Saxler has provided the correct wording complete with locations.

New Business:

1. Public Works Update. Noted.

2. Reports of Committees were verbally provided by each member of Council. Council directed that the approach and culvert to the old landfill at Seven Sisters on Noel Road be removed. Administration will refer for Public Works to place on their work plan.

3. Municipal Policies – Will be emailed for Councils review in the next few days to be reviewed by Council prior to and adopted at the next regular meeting. A policy is to be included for when public works has to pick up illegally disposed of garbage where the owner can be identified.

4. Request Public Utilities Board for approval of 2014 Utility Deficit.

123/16 Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

WHEREAS on April 5, 2016, The Public Utilities Board requested a submission in regards to the 2014 utility deficit;

AND WHEREAS for 2014 the deficit amount was \$57,236.00 for the water utility and \$12,508.00 for the sewer utility;

AND WHEREAS the respective Utility Reserves have the funds to cover such deficits;

AND WHEREAS said deficit is due to PSAB implementation and the \$69,744.00 remains in the utility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth hereby direct Administration to take \$69,744.00 out of the Utility Reserves to cover the 2014 utility deficits;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT approval from The Public Utilities Board be requested in regards to same. **CARRIED**

5. By-Law Enforcement Officer – applications. Interviews to be completed by the hiring committee.

6. Perry Mazur/Whitemouth School re: bursary/scholarship for grads

124/16 Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

WHEREAS a request has been made from the Whitemouth School for a 2016 Grad bursary/scholarship;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT an amount of \$1,000.00 being 2 gifts of \$500.00 each, one for University entry and for Other

Secondary education is hereby approved.

CARRIED

7. Elma Water – survey will be drafted for review when additional information is received from Mr. Kurian.
8. Gravel Budget for 2016. Discussed.
9. CJ Garage – new regulations in effect. Referred to Administration to see if any funding might be available for assisting in this issue.

In Camera:

Council went in camera to hold a conference call with their solicitor.

125/16 Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recess the Regular meeting and go into "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.

CARRIED

126/16 Moved by Nichol and seconded by Sikkenga

BE IT RESOLVED THAT as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

10. Contour Road – Administration was directed to correspond with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds to inquire if they would contribute \$750.00 for maintenance ie gravel on their portion when we do ours.
11. Fire Hall – Councillor Sikkenga visited some well thought out layout of fire halls in Holland. She will speak to the Building Inspector regarding plans for the Fire Hall Committee's information.
12. Manitoba Hydro – Seven Sisters Dam Crossing. Administration to send a letter requesting that foot traffic be allowed on weekends from Fridays at 6:00 p.m. to Sundays at 9:00 p.m. as complaints have been received from local entrepreneurs.
13. Electronic Payments/Debit Cards – Administration to research costs for the next Council meeting.
14. Telus/MTS – Administration to contact both parties about locating a new tower, and advising of our building incentive by-law.

Adjournment:

127/16 Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer