

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

May 12th, 2026@ 1:00 pm

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 12th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald, Staerk and Stead, Chief Administrative Officer Lacey Smith.

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reading and Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

129/26 **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

130/26 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on April 28th, 2026, 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**

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

131/26 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the special meeting called on May 4th, 2026, 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

132/26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 26851 to 26210

Other 0540 to 0565

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$95,024.21

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

133/26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0566 to 0567

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3,103.10

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 133/26, 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 Honke and seconded by McDougald

134/26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0568 to 0587

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$4,183.04

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 134/26, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Department Reports:

1 . Public Works: Meeting of April 27th, 2026

2 . Utility: April

Reports of Committees:

1 . North Eastman Municipal Forum

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Reeve Amerongen: Whitemouth Municipal Museum updates to come,
Whitemouth Emergency Response Team training

Deputy Reeve Honke: North Eastman Municipal Forum

Councillor McDougald: Whitemouth Reynold Planning District

Councillor Staerk: None

Councillor Stead: None

Public Hearings:

None

Delegation:

None

Communications:

1 . Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators re: 2026
Conference to be held June 16th, 2026 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

135/26 **WHEREAS** Council approves Reeve Amerongen or designate, and two
Whitemouth Emergency Response Team members to attend same;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2 . OSAAT Farm re: request for Noise By-law exemption for Way Out Fest, a
Grassroots Music Festival - Referred to 'in camera"

3 . Public Utility Board re: Notice of Decision (propane) Stittco-Rates-
effective-May-1-2026 - Information

4 . Public Utility Board re: Notice of Decision (Gas)Centra-Gas-Commodity-
Rates-May-1-2026 - Information

5 . Beausejour Community Planning re: Subdivision Conditional Approval
4203-26-7870 - Information

6 . Rural Municipality of Reynolds re: June District Resolution Amendments
to the Municipal Act and The Planning Act - Administration directed to
send letter of support to the Rural Municipality of Reynolds

7 . Municipal Governance and Advisory re: Bulletin #2026-15 - ECC - Private
Well Testing and Subsidy Reminder - Administration has posted
information on social media and website

8 . Manitoba Wildlife Federation re: MWFs position on the Seal River
Watershed Proposal - Information - Engage Manitoba for Public input link
posted to social media

9 . Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure re: 2026 Noxious Weed
Agreement offer - Administration to seek more information

Unfinished Business:

1 . Lagoon re: Borrowing By-Laws -Tabled - continue to seek additional grants
and funding

2 . Waterline South of Elma - Awaiting further information

3 . Zoning By-Law - Tabled

4 . Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District Dissolution - restructuring

5 . 2026 General Election -Regional Information for Prospective Candidates
presentations from Community Futures locations and dates to be
determined

6 . Land Sales - Ongoing

7 . Handi-Van Policy - Information from surrounding areas - Tabled

New Business:

1 . Chlorine and PH Analyzer Replacements

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

136/26 **WHEREAS** quotes for three Chlorine and PH Analyzer replacement parts have been received and reviewed;

AND WHEREAS these analyzers are required under the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth’s water treatment and distribution operating license;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Quote 4 consisting of three Chlorine sensors and rebuild kits, not to exceed \$21,324.51 plus applicable taxes is hereby approved.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

2 . Truck for Public Works

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

137/26 **WHEREAS** quotes for a truck for Public Works have been received and provided for review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a 2024 GMC Sierra 1500 Crew Cab Standard Box 4-Wheel Drive Pro be purchased from Vickar Community Chevrolet at a cost not to exceed \$53,755.52 which includes all taxes;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the extended warranty be purchased for \$3,599.00 plus applicable taxes.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration proceed with purchase accordingly.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

3 . June District Meeting - June 9th regular council meeting date change

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

138/26 **WHEREAS** our regular meeting was to be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, which date conflicts with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities District Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council meeting be changed and held on June 10th, 2026.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

4 . Senior Election Official - referred to 'in camera'

5 . Gravel Tender 2026

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

139/26 **WHEREAS** tenders for Gravel Crushing and Loading have been requested, received and reviewed for the 2026 Gravel Haul;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the successful tenderer for the North is Ron’s Backhoe Inc. at a rate of \$10.65 per tonne, plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

140/26 **WHEREAS** tenders for Gravel Crushing and Loading have been requested, received and reviewed for the 2026 Gravel Haul;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the successful tenderer for the South is S.E.G. Enterprises Excavating at a rate of \$11.25 per tonne, plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

In Camera:

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

141/26 **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:

Legal/Personnel

NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 Honke and seconded by Staerk
142/26 **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**

Communication Item #2

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead
143/26 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from property owners of
74147 Brookfield Road, OSAAT Farms venue, for exemption of Noise By-
Law 687/19 2(e) for the purpose of a Music Festival to be held August
21st to 23rd, 2026;

AND WHEREAS music will end at 12 am August 21st and 22nd, 2026;
AND WHEREAS the property owners have committed to speaking with
neighbors and offering accommodations for the evenings if desired;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby
granted;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 2(g) of the Noise By-
Law 687/19 also be included in the granted exemption;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this approval is solely for the
event Way Out Festival held August 21st to 23rd, 2026.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

New Business Item #4

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead
144/26 **WHEREAS** Section 10(1) of The Municipal Councils and School Boards
Elections Act requires each municipality to appoint a Senior Election
Official who will be responsible to manage and conduct all aspects of
municipal elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Margaret Lapenskie be
hereby appointed as the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Senior
Election Official;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT she is responsible to ensure
all election requirements are met;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that she be paid at the rate
of \$25.00 per hour plus mileage as per municipal policies.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead
145/26 **WHEREAS** Lois Byron has proposed providing training and consultation
work to the new Senior Election Official;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lois Byron be hereby
paid a rate of \$300.00 for up to 10 hours of Senior Election Official
training work;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT she be paid at a rate of \$30
per hour for any additional approved work.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Adjournment:

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk
146/26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this
meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrator Officer