

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 28, 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 McDougald and seconded by Stead

127/24 **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 Honke

128/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on April 23, 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

129/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments: Cheque No. 24972 to 24995

Electronic Payments EFT 7924 to 7948

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$85,067.39.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

130/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 7949 and 7950

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,670.43.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 130/24, 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.

### Reports of Committees:

- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: vacancy data report, April 4, 2024 Updates & May 30, 2024 Agenda; and
- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: April 15, 2024 minutes.

### Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke advised he will report In Camera to Council on a personnel issue of the Two Rivers Service to Seniors Committee; Councillor McDougald on Winnipeg River Community Futures; Councillor Stead on the Whitemouth Library; and Reeve Amerongen on the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee.

**Delegations:**

1:45 p.m. S/Sgt Meyers attended to provide Council an RCMP update.

2:00 p.m. Provincial Municipal Assessor David Forbes attended to provide a presentation on the 2025 Tax Impact.

2:30 p.m. Municipal Solicitor Currie re: Fire Marque By-Law – In Camera

**Communications:**

1. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: 2023 Provincial resolution responses. Noted.

2. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet - request for resolution of support regarding leased crown lands.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

131/24 **WHEREAS** agricultural producers lease Crown Land from the Province of Manitoba for agricultural purposes, thereby assuming all risks of liability under the Manitoba Occupiers Liability Act for the actions of uninvited guests;

**AND WHEREAS** Provincial policy on Crown lands, permits public hunting and other activities on agricultural leased land without granting agricultural producers any input into who enters the land, thereby exposing producers to unwarranted risks of economic liability, soil contamination from foreign off-road vehicles, and safety hazards during times of fieldwork when producers may be unaware of hunting and other activities on the leased land;

**AND WHEREAS** The Manitoba Hunter’s Guide states that “Most leased Crown land is open for hunting. Permission is not required to hunt on leased provincial Crown land... It is recommended that hunters notify leaseholders before entry. ”

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the AMM advocate to the Province of Manitoba for the establishment of a policy requiring individuals seeking access to Crown leased land to obtain permission from the lessee before participating in public hunting and other activities on agricultural leased lands.

For: All    Against:    None    **CARRIED**

3. Al Meisner Ltd. re: Honcho Construction payment received in full. Noted.

4. Community Planning Branch re: certificate of approval for subdivision File No. 4203-23-7758. Noted.

5. Manitoba Public Insurance re: Speed Display Sign Program delayed. Noted.

6. Whitemouth Recreation Association re: requests for Annual Sports Day Parade.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

132/24 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Recreation Association has requested our municipal half ton, available Council members to attend and streets closed to accommodate their parade to accommodate their Annual Sports Days on August 3, 2024;

**AND WHEREAS** they have also requested that this be declared a Community Event;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these requests are hereby approved.

For: All    Against:    None    **CARRIED**

7. Education and Early Childhood Learning/Office of the Fire Commissioner re: school fire inspections. Tabled for Fire Committees input.
8. JohnQ re: Childcare building envelope inspection and maintenance package. Referred to Administration to provide approvals only on items 1 and 2.
9. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Invitation to Council for their Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

133/24 **WHEREAS** Community Futures Winnipeg River will be holding their Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet in Lac du Bonnet, on June 17, 2024;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** all members of Council are hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: All                                  Against:    None                                  **CARRIED**

10. Rural Municipality of Stuartburn re: request for resolution support regarding Health care.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

134/24 **WHEREAS** the Canadian and Manitoba Health Act states all Canadians have the right to basic and equal health care;

**AND WHEREAS** rural Manitobans in many areas throughout the province have had their health care services cut dramatically and now forced to drive farther to access emergency care and basic health care due to these health cuts;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we request AMM to lobby the Provincial Government and FCM to lobby the federal government in restoring equal access to healthcare in all rural municipalities working in partnership with Council and local communities.

For: All                                  Against:    None                                  **CARRIED**

11. Valley Fiber re: inquiry on message delivery to ratepayers. The consensus of Council was to provide community centre information to them for public consultations and to concur Facebook is a good idea for them as well.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Lagoon re: friendly expropriation By-Law No. 760/24, resolutions and Bell Canada consents to road widening.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

135/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 760/24, being a by-law to expropriate lands to accommodate road construction for our new lagoon be hereby given first reading.

For: All                                  Against:    None                                  **CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

135A/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 760/24, being a by-law to expropriate lands to accommodate road construction for our new lagoon be hereby given second reading.

For: All                                  Against:    None                                  **CARRIED**

2. Waterline South of Elma is ongoing. Tabled.

3. Annexation – Referred to In Camera.

4. Animal By-Law re: number of dogs – By-Law Officer input requested.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

136/24 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 714/21 Animal Control By-law, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality, Council hereby, for the safety, health, protection and well being of people and the safety and protection of property, feels the need of an amendment of 3.(1) of the Animal control By-law Enforcement area, where in regards to the number of dogs (three), be amended to include said limit be applicable in All Zones in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** dog owners that currently own in excess of the new limit are grandfathered in;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be hereby directed to prepare amending by-law accordingly.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

137/24 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 714/21 Animal Control By-law, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality, for the safety, health, protection and well being of people and the safety and protection of property, amend Section 3.(1) of the Animal control By-law Enforcement area to restrict the number of dogs (three), be amended to include said limit be applicable in All Zones in the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 761/24 be hereby given first reading.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

5. Whitemouth Grocer request for liquor sales update re: Minister Simard called April 5, 2024. Council directed Administration to proceed with sending communication expressing Councils concerns to Minister Simard and copying our MLA, MP and Premier. Tabled.

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

7. Wages for Handivan Drivers

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

138/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** our Handivan's Driver's rate be increased to \$21.00 per hour effective June 1, 2024.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

8. Building Permit re: Time Frame Information and draft application and information forms. Council directed to proceed with the updated forms as soon as possible.

9. By-Law No. 759/24 re: Short Term Rental. Tabled.

10. Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: fees Councillor McDougald – additional information. Referred to In Camera.

11. Fire Department Emergency Lights

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

139/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** required Emergency Lights be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$1,540.88 plus applicable taxes.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

12. Manitoba Good Roads re: nomination forms. Administration was directed to place a nomination for Elevator Road.

#### **New Business:**

1. Municipal Financial Officer re: probationary period successfully completed. Referred to In Camera.

2. Audit Tenders – Tabled.

3. Response from Freedom of Information re: Assessment Roll Information. Tabled.
4. Whitemouth Recreation Association re: annual Sports Days request for Community Event and street closure for parade. See Communications No. 6 above.
5. Grit McLean re: Seven Sister Falls Community Centre Financials approved. Noted.
6. Reeve Amerongen advised he had been to the Whitemouth Manor and of the number of concerns provided to MLA Ewasko in May of 2023 only one item, being a stump removed has been addressed. Administration was directed to resend the concerns with request for a timeframe for the repairs to be completed. Tabled.
7. DD West re: Noise By-law draft – referred to In Camera
8. Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: personnel – referred to In Camera
9. Council Meeting of June 25, 2024, changed to June 26, 2024. Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk  
140/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regularly scheduled Council meeting of June 25, 2024, be hereby changed to June 26, 2024.  
For: All    Against: None    **CARRIED**

**In Camera:**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk  
141/24 **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: Legal/Personnel  
**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 Honke and seconded by Stead  
142/24 **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**

Reeve Amerongen was directed to attend the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility Meeting on May 30, 2024, on behalf of Council to respectfully request that the new tipping fees be quashed and revert back to the previous fees; Administration was directed to cease annexation works until such time as Manitoba Hydro provides a written request to connect to our utilities; and all members of Council will review the solicitor draft of the noise by-law; and Council directed Mr. Currie to communicate with Fire Marque regarding the proposed by-law.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead  
143/24 **WHEREAS** Lacey Smith has successfully completed her six month probationary period as our Municipal Financial Officer;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** her rate of pay be increased to \$25.50 per hour effective June 10, 2024.  
For: All    Against: None    **CARRIED**

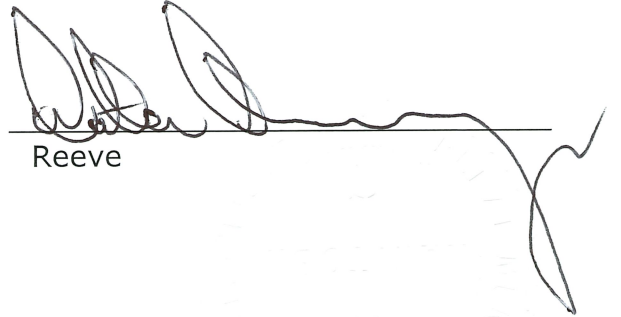
**Adjournment:**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke  
144/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this  
meeting does hereby adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**



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Chief Administrative Officer