

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

May 26th, 2026@ 1:00 pm

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 26th, 2026, at 1:02 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.

Councillor Stead was excused for a fire call and returned when complete.

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

Reading and Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

147/26 **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 Honke and seconded by McDougald

148/26 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on May 12th, 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

149/26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 26211 to 26225

Other 0588 to 0602

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$146,479.54

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

150/26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0603 to 0604

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3,297.59

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 150/26, Deputy Reeve Honke 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 May 12th, 2026

Reports of Committees:

1 . Two Rivers Service to Seniors

2 . North Eastman Municipal Forum

3 . Whitemouth Municipal Museum

4 . Fire Management

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Reeve Amerongen: Whitemouth Municipal Museum, Whitemouth Emergency Response Team

Deputy Reeve Honke: Public Works

Councillor McDougald: Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management

Public Hearings:

None

Delegation:

- 1 . 1:30 pm S/Sgt. Meyers re: Policing in the Local Area

Communications:

- 1 . Teranet Manitoba re: Digital Plan Invitation and Digital Plan Agreement

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

151/26 **WHEREAS** Teranet Manitoba has invited the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to enter into a Digital Plan Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby direct Administration to sign this Agreement;

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 2 . RCMP Staff Sergeant Cory Meyers re: Lac du Bonnet & Area RCMP New Facebook page - Administration directed to share information on Social Media

- 3 . Community Future Winnipeg River re: AGM and Awards Banquet invitation

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

152/26 **WHEREAS** Council has received an invitation to the Community Futures Winnipeg River Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet to be held Monday, June 15th, 2026 at the Pioneer Club in Lac du Bonnet;

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

- 4 . Manitoba Hydro re: Winnipeg River Water Levels and Flows - Information

- 5 . Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission re: Independent Environmental Monitoring Program to sample around the Whiteshell Laboratories site - July 20th to 24th, 2026

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

153/26 **WHEREAS** the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will be performing sampling in the area as part of the Independent Environmental Monitoring Program;

AND WHEREAS Council has been invited to join the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in the field to see the program in action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of 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

- 6 . Rural Municipality of Alexander re: Resolution – June District Meeting
Subject: Proposed amendments to section 152(2) of The Municipal Act

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

154/26 **WHEREAS** a recent decision of the Manitoba Court of King's Bench (Bond J.) confirmed that section 152(2) of The Municipal Act authorizes the Chair to direct that a person be removed from a council meeting if the person's conduct at the meeting is improper;

AND WHEREAS the authority to remove a person under section 152(2) applies to that meeting only, and a person so removed is otherwise permitted to attend subsequent council meetings;

AND WHEREAS The Municipal Act does not provide a clear mechanism for councils to restrict attendance at council meetings beyond the removal authority set out in section 152(2);

AND WHEREAS municipal council members are required to complete code of conduct training after each general election, within the time period prescribed;

AND WHEREAS The Municipal Act does not provide a clear mechanism for councils to restrict attendance at council meetings beyond the removal authority set out in section 152(2);

AND WHEREAS the code of conduct establishes consequences for non-compliance, up to and including removal from office in accordance with the applicable process;

AND WHEREAS incidents of improper conduct at council meetings have increased in some communities, creating operational and safety concerns for councils, staff, and the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) lobby that the Province of Manitoba review and amend The Municipal Act as a whole but with special respect to section 152(2), to strengthen municipal authority to maintain order and safety at council meetings while respecting procedural fairness and the public's right to attend;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such amendments include a graduated range of consequences for repeat offenders, including escalating consequences where an individual has a demonstrated pattern of improper conduct at council meetings;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba consider amendments that would allow council, by resolution and subject to clear criteria and procedural safeguards, to prohibit (ban) an individual from attending council meetings for an extended period where a documented history of repeated improper conduct exists.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

7 . Beausejour Community Planning re: Application for Proposal to Subdivide Part of S ½ 19-13-11 EPM, RM of Whitemouth, File No.: 4203-25-7824

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald
155/26

WHEREAS a subdivision application has been submitted by Marc Vleugels on behalf of Vleugels Farms Inc. owners of CT No. 257971/1, and Donald and Brenda Kroker owners of CT No. 2269887/1 within Part S ½ 19-13-11 EPM being file No. 4203-25-7824, and has been received by Council;

AND WHEREAS the Community Planning Branch has determined this subdivision is consistent with the Development Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this subdivision application on the following condition:

- 1) That a conditional use order be obtained for proposed lot 1, as a new residential lot, to ensure compliance with the Zoning By-law;
- 2) That variance orders be obtained as necessary to ensure compliance with the Zoning By-law;
- 3) That a Declaration of Right of Way be obtained for the proposed shared access onto PTH 11.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

8 . Rural Municipality of Rockwood re: Resolution – June District Meeting
Subject: Proposed amendments to section 152(2) of The Municipal Act

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk
156/26

WHEREAS the Manitoba Emergency Services College must cease issuing seals under the previous NFPA 1001 standard as of June 30, 2026, once the new accredited standard comes into effect, pursuant to requirements established by IFSAC and ProBoard;

AND WHEREAS firefighters who are currently in progress under the former NFPA 1001 standard, particularly Fire Fighting Level I, must complete all required components before that date, including co-requisites such as Hazardous Materials Operations and all written and practical evaluations, in order to receive certification seals;

AND WHEREAS this transition places significant pressure on municipal and volunteer fire departments, many of which already face recruitment, scheduling, travel, and training-capacity challenges, and may be unable to ensure all affected members complete the required coursework and evaluations by the deadline through no fault of the municipalities or firefighters involved;

AND WHEREAS efforts have reportedly been made to expand hazardous materials training opportunities and communicate the transition timeline in advance, but access constraints and backlog pressures remain a concern for departments working to maintain firefighter certification and operational readiness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities urge the Province of Manitoba, in consultation with the Manitoba Emergency Services College and relevant accrediting bodies, to pursue immediate transitional accommodations for firefighters who were actively enrolled under the previous NFPA 1001 standard prior to the implementation of the new standard, including options such as an extension, bridging mechanism, administrative accommodation, or other practical measure that would prevent unnecessary loss of training progress and reduce adverse impacts on municipal fire protection capacity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities advocate for improved transition planning, timely communication, and sufficient course capacity for future firefighter certification standard changes so that municipalities and local fire departments are not placed at risk of service disruptions due to training bottlenecks beyond their control.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 9 . Province of Manitoba Office of the Quarry Recorder re: Pending Quarry Lease Applications Rural Municipality of Whitemouth - Administration directed to send comments
- 10 . Whitemouth Recreation Association re: request for Community Event designation for their Annual Sports Day

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

157/26 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Recreation Association has requested to block some streets to accommodate a parade for their Annual Sports Day on August 1st, 2026;

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

- 11 . Bylaw Officer Paul Poirier re: letter of resignation - Personnel 'In Camera'
- 12 . Canada Post Community Foundation re: Request for support to the 2026 fundraising campaign - Noted
- 13 . Property Assessment Services Branch - Steinbach re: Annual Report 2025 - 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 ongoing
- 5 . 2026 General Election - Regional Information for Prospective Candidates presentations from Community Futures locations and dates to be determined
- 6 . Land Sales - Ongoing - Referred to 'in camera'
- 7 . Handi-Van Policy - Information from surrounding areas - Tabled

New Business:

- 1 . Request to hook up onto Municipal water and sewer Roll 86788

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

158/26 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water and sewer has been received from Gina Fender, 5997187 Manitoba LTD;

AND WHEREAS this property is located at Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 24343 WLTO in SE ¼ 36-11-11 EPM, and identified by assessment roll number 86788;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these requests are hereby approved;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the appropriate fees be paid in full to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

In Camera:

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

159/26 **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 McDougald

160/26 **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 #11: Administration to advertise position

Adjournment:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

161/26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

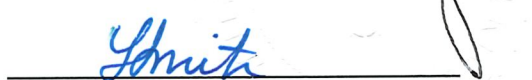
For: All

Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrator Officer