

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 14, 2018, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

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

Also Present: Recording Secretary Marion

Reeve Dowbyhuz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Nichol

29/18 **WHEREAS** the agenda for the regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

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

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

30/18 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 24, 2018, have been submitted to Council for their review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts:

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol

31/18 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 20434 to 20482 Electronic Payments EFT 1038 to 1079;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$255,754.49. **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussions on the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team expenses Reeve Dowbyhuz requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He vacated his chair and did not return until Resolution 32/18 was completed.

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

32/18 **WHEREAS** expense from the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Fund Transfer 1080

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment be approved for an amount not to exceed \$1,032.28. **CARRIED**

Reports of Committees: Were provided verbally by members of Council.

- Police Reports January 22 to February 11, 2018
- Whitemouth Regional Community Development Corporation Inc. minutes of January 18, 2018
- Whitemouth Municipal Museum re: 2018 – 2021 Strategic Plan
- Interlake Regional Health Authority re: minutes of November 23, 2017; and Task Force minutes of February 1, 2018 and request for resolution of support for Clinical Teaching Unit.
- Municipal Emergency Coordinator re: update on Whiteshell clean up,

- Report on January 31st workshop, and Shelter in Place information
- Fire Management Meeting – first meeting minutes of February 6, 2018

Public Works Report: Minutes of January 24 and February 14, 2018
Public Works Supervisor Report for January 2018

Utility Report: Senior Utility Operator Report for January 2018

Delegations:

6:30 p.m. Geoff Reimer of GPS Projects re: Whitemouth Bog/Crownland Conference Call. Mr. Reimer was directed to prepare the report complete with the option estimates for Council for presentation to Deputy Minister Olson.

Communications:

1. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: election training seminars. Administration was directed to register the Senior Election Official which will be appointed later in this meeting.
2. Manitoba Crime Stoppers – request for annual donation
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Nichol
33/18 **WHEREAS** a request has been made from Manitoba Crime Stoppers for their annual donation of tens cents per capita for 2018;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved in the amount of \$155.70. **CARRIED**
3. Rural Municipality of Alexander – copy of support letter for Winnipeg River Bridge Project. Noted.
4. Senior Utility Operator Campbell – Neva Falls check valves/back flow preventers inquiry. Council directed that check valve/back flow prevention as per the Province Senior Drinking Water Officer Belisle’s recommendation be installed.
5. Traffic Analysis Engineer – request direction for Reader Board Placement. Council directed that in Elma it be placed on PTH 15 heading east before the stop sign and in Seven Sisters it be placed on PR 307 between PR 408 and Wall Avenue.
6. Community Futures re: Upcoming Tourism Workshops. Noted.
7. Watershed Planning and Programs Section re: aligning conservation districts to watersheds. Noted.
8. Public Meeting – Land Users. Date for informational meeting in Elma is March 26, 2018, at 1:00 pm., Councillor Sikkenga is organizing same.
9. Selena Papetti re: support for Childcare in Whitemouth. Council agreed this support complete with response be placed in the Childcare file.
10. Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet re: Water Project. An update was provided on information provided to their affected ratepayers. Noted.
11. Manitoba Good Roads Association – January 2018 Newsletter. Noted.
12. Whitemouth Lions Club re: use of old fire hall for storage. Council denied this request and suggested they contact Mr. Friesen.

13. Eastman Vocational Training Centre – feasibility study. Noted.
14. Eastman Vocational Training Centre – request for letter of support. Council directed Administration to provide same.
15. Regional Health Authority – Municipal Information Pack. Noted.
16. Reynolds & Whitemouth District Chamber of Commerce – newsletter for February and March 2018. Noted.
17. Local Government District of Pinawa re: Water Project Public Hearing.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman
- 34/18 **WHEREAS** the Local Government District of Pinawa is holding a Public Hearing on March 7, 2018, for utility customers of Awanipark;
AND WHEREAS we as the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth are eager to work with the Local Government District of Pinawa on this initiative;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT available members of Council are hereby authorized to attend same;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies. **CARRIED**
18. Regional CAO's – minutes of February 2, 2018. Noted.
19. Rural Municipality of Ste. Anne – request for STARS support. Council denied this request and directed they be advised in their opinion this is similar to a Provincial Download.
20. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Reeves/CAO meeting. Noted.
21. Regional Health Authority – request support for the Clinical Teaching Unit Community Task Force.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Saxler
- 35/18 **WHEREAS** the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority has formed a Clinical Teaching Unit Community Task Force representing Towns, Rural Municipalities and a Local Government District across the local health region;
AND WHEREAS the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Association Board has passed a resolution endorsing the development of a Primary Health Care Centre and related Clinical Teaching Unit to be located in Selkirk with a broader mandate of serving the region;
AND WHEREAS all communities within the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority may be strengthened in stabilizing the primary health care and emergency department services with this initiative;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth supports in principle the resolution of the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority Board and urges the Provincial Government to consider this project as a priority initiative. **CARRIED**
22. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Resolution Responses. Noted.
23. Manitoba Assessment re: 2019 Board of Revision Date.
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
- 36/18 **WHEREAS** a date is required for the 2019 Board of Revision;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2019 Board of Revision will be held on November 21, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

Unfinished Business:

1. Cell Phone Booster – referred to Public Works. Tabled.
2. Leasing of NE 19-10-12E – open tender.
Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman
37/18 **WHEREAS** an advertisement was placed for tenders to lease municipally owned lands in NE 19-10-12E;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the lease is awarded to Brian Proceviat until December 31, 2022, at the rate of \$125.00 per year;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to prepare a by-law to complete same. **CARRIED**
3. Meeting with Disaster Financial Assistance re: Ombudsman Report.
Moved by Nichol and seconded by Saxler
38/18 **WHEREAS** the Provincial Ombudsman has recommended a meeting be held with Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization in regards to Disaster Financial Assistance funding;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reeve Dowbyhuz and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby authorized to attend same in Winnipeg, Manitoba;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies. **CARRIED**

New Business:

1. Senior Election Official – application
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
39/18 **WHEREAS** request for applications for Senior Election Official has been advertised;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Marilyn Ruta be hereby appointed as the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth for the 2018 Election;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she is responsible to ensure all Provincial Election requirements are met;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT she be paid at the rate of \$18.00 per hour plus mileage as per municipal policies.
CARRIED
2. Elma Lot Line Update – demolish tenders will be in by March 9, 2018.
3. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: conference calls weekly to ensure our services are enhanced. A one page advertisement as to what services are provided and when was received by them will be circulated and posted on our website.
4. Fire Hall Grand Opening – Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.
5. Rural Municipality of Reynolds – fire agreement. Equipment rates to be reviewed and by-law prepared.
6. Road Names – meeting at Registry in Winnipeg update and request for direction. Administration was directed to have the legal descriptions completed by a surveyor as per their recommendation.
7. Equipment Tenders – Council opened all the tenders received. There are to be forwarded to Administration to be analyzed.

8. Legal Initiatives – A resolution was passed and re-visited after the in-camera as authorized by Section 139 of The Municipal Act Council passed the following resolution.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Bachman

40/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a legal committee be created for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this legal committee be comprised of the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

9. Fire Hydrant Reserve Fund – Administration was directed to initiate same.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

41/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be hereby directed to prepare a Fire Hydrant Reserve By-Law;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \$6,000.00 be placed in each annual Budget commencing in 2018.

CARRIED

10. Fire Truck/Land Sale – Direction provided to Administration.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

42/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the 2018 sale of municipal lands be placed into the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund.

Councillor Nichol requested a recorded vote

For: Dowbyhuz, Saxler, Bachman, Sikkenga Against: Nichol

CARRIED

11. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – invitation to the 2018 Municipal Officials Seminar.

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Sikkenga

43/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** all members of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to attend the Municipal Officials Seminar in Brandon, Manitoba, on April 10, 11, and 12, 2018;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies.

CARRIED

12. The Municipal Leader – Page 19 re: Manitoba Provincial Fire Protection Plan. Administration was directed to provide same to Fire Chief Thomson.

13. The Municipal Leader – Page 52 re: The New Provincial Offenses Act. Tabled.

14. Rural Forum – Administration was directed to contact Ms. Reitlo regarding speakers reading reports aloud being much too lengthy. Time restrictions may have to be put in place.

15. Councillor Sikkenga re: debris coming off of trucks. To be brought forward at our next delegation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

16. Cell Tower/Explornet – Councillor Sikkenga advised Community Futures is looking into this as a possible telephone alternative.

In Camera:

Moved by Nichol and seconded by Bachman

44/18 **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

Moved by Saxler and seconded by Nichol
45/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public. **CARRIED**

Administration was directed to advise Sunova Credit Union that Council will not be agreeing to take over a property in Elma; continue pursuing development; work with a land owner on a road/sub-division issue; and to attend legal proceedings with our insurance provider.

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman
46/18 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:42 p.m. **CARRIED**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH


Minutes of the special meeting of Council held on February 14, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Council Chambers called to discuss the 2018 Budget.

Present: Reeve Dowbyhuz, Deputy Reeve Saxler, Councillors Bachman, Nichol and Sikkenga, Wendy Kozmak, Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Call to order: Reeve Dowbyhuz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Financial Officer Kozmak provided an overview of the yearend for 2017. Council then provided further direction on both general and utilities expenditures as well as the capital plan. The consensus of Council was to attempt to incorporate the decisions today without increasing the mill rate. Direction as provided by Council will be implemented into a draft of the Budget which will be provided back to Council for their review at the next Budget meeting on February 28, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 5:55 p.m.



Reeve


Council Johnson

Chief Administrative Officer