

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 17, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Bachman, Honke and Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

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Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

343/19 **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

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

344/19 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 3, 2019, have been submitted to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these minutes be adopted as circulated.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Honke

345/19 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque No. 21888 to 21953

Electronic Payments EFT 2578 to 2602

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$142,455.01.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

2. Financial Statements –

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Sikkenga

346/19 **WHEREAS** the financial statements ending November 30, 2019, have been circulated for Council's review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these Financial Statements be hereby adopted as circulated.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth School re: December Newsletter; and
- Whitemouth Fire Department re: Officer's Meeting of November 18, 2019.

Public Works: Minutes of December 17, 2019. Noted.

Verbal reports were provided by Councillor Bachman on the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team; Councillor Honke on the Eastman Tourism; Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Whitemouth Childcare Centre Committee, Fire Management, and the Clinical Teaching Unit; and Councillor Malkoske on Public Works and Fire Management.

Delegations:

4:00 p.m. Larissa Sveinson, Regional Manager Community Planning Services attended regarding our new Zoning By-Law that is being worked on. She went through to review the changes incorporated from our last zoning meeting. Council provided input and Ms. Sveinson will now incorporate their instructions and prepare the document.

Fire Truck -

It was noted that there were members of the Fire Department in the Gallery which were in attendance for New Business Item Number 3, Fire Truck Tenders. The consensus of Council was to address this item of business prior to Communication Items. Five Invitational Tenders were sent out and Three were received back as follows: Rocky Mountain \$482,197.80, Acres Industries \$570,812.97; and \$531,671.00. Administration was directed to provide copies to the Fire Department Representatives and Council. These documents will be referred by the Fire Management Committee so they can provide a recommendation to Council.

Communications:

1. Manitoba Ombudsman re: Sustainable Development lagoon fine fee. Noted.
2. Manitoba Finance – provincial budget consultation in Gimli. Noted.

3. MuniSoft re: computer equipment.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

347/19 **WHEREAS** Computer enhancements are required for efficient running of the Administration Office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT MuniSoft supply the required computer requirements at a cost not to exceed \$5,679.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

4. Manitoba Hydro re: street lights for Elevator Road.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

348/19 **WHEREAS** it is deemed to be in the best interests of the rate payers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to have Manitoba Hydro install 2 street lights on Elevator Road in Whitemouth, Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the cost to install same is \$2,570.00 plus GST;
AND WHEREAS the annual operating cost per street light is \$94.80;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these installations and annual operating amounts are hereby authorized.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

5. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – Winter 2019 Update. Noted.
6. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – news bulletin, latest news. Noted.
7. Freedom of Information Request approved – information on Diesel spill on Highway 11. Noted.
8. Province denies City of Winnipeg request for more time to remove phosphorus from wastewater. Noted.

9. Province of Manitoba – enhanced cannabis possession rules. Noted.
10. Regional Health Authority – Board Appointments. Noted.
11. Whitemouth District Health Center re: request for services. Tabled.
12. Lidar Workshop available. Administration was directed to acquire additional information for future reference.
13. PSCS Network Communications for Fire Fleetnet – information on transition dates. To be forwarded to our Fire Management Committee.
14. Rural Municipality of Reynolds – notice of public hearing. Noted.
15. Lieutenant-Governor re: invitation to New Year’s Levee. Noted.
16. Province of Manitoba re: Heritage Resources Conservation Grant. To be forwarded to the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.
17. Manitoba Good Roads Association – 2019 Winners. Noted.
18. Royal Canadian Mounted Police – 2018/2019 Annual Report. Noted.
19. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz re: Disaster Management Conference.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

349/19 **WHEREAS** an invitation has been received to the Disaster Management Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from January 22, 2020 to January 24, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz and one additional member of the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team be hereby authorized to attend same;

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

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

20. Whitemouth Lions Club – thank you. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Dumping of Debris – Reeve Amerongen advised that our Municipal Solicitor is currently preparing a by-law for Councils review. Tabled.
2. Organizational By-Law 697/20 – Tabled.
3. Procedural By-Law 696/20 – Tabled.
4. Waste Management By-Law draft. Deputy Reeve Sikkenga provided an overview of the works to date on this initiative which is to be completed by March 31, 2020.

5. Manitoba Crime Stoppers – request for 2020 per capita grant.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

350/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby commit \$233.55 to the Manitoba Crime Stoppers for the year 2020.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

6. Sanding Policy – Tabled for a recommendation from the Public Works Committee.

New Business:

1. Provisional Estimates –

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

351/19 **WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 163 of The Municipal Act requires that an interim operating budget be completed to have effect from January 1, 2020, until the adoption of the operating budget fiscal year is completed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following interim operating budget be adopted:

Operating Requirement –

General Government Services	\$ 200,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 50,000.00
Transportation Services	\$ 200,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 20,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$ 10,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 20,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$ 20,000.00
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$ 4,000.00
Fiscal Services –	\$ 100,000.00

Capital Requirements

Borne by Reserves \$100,000.00

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

2. Computer purchases for Administration Office – See Communications Number 3 above.

3. Fire Truck Tenders - See above prior to Communications.

4. Utility Purchases – software update and leak detector.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

352/19 **WHEREAS** computer equipment is required for the Utility Program; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Neptune provide the required equipment at a cost not to exceed \$2,964.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

353/19 **WHEREAS** a leak detector device is required for our Utility; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this device be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00 plus applicable taxes.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

5. Eastman Tourism – 2020 Membership.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

354/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby commit \$450.00 to Eastman Tourism for the year 2020.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

6. Term Grader Operator –

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

355/19 **WHEREAS** applications have been reviewed for the six month Term position of Grader Operator;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bill Guy is hereby selected as the successful applicant;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT his rate of pay be as per our current Collective Agreement.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

In Camera:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman
356/19 **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 items: Legal and 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 Malkoske and seconded by Honke
357/19 **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**

Administration was directed to research for additional information in regards to past utility connection procedures.

Prior to any personnel discussions Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused and did not return to the meeting.

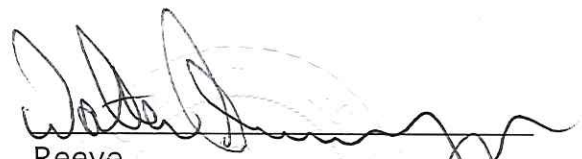
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
358/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following be paid to the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Administrative Staff for 2020:
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer \$23.75 per hour,
Administrative Assistant I \$21.75 per hour; and Administrative Assistant II \$18.00 per hour.


For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga
359/19 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer