# **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

This meeting was available by Conference Call.

Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Honke Present:

McDougald and Malkoske (conference call), and Chief Administrative

Officer Johnson

## **Adoption of Agenda:**

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by McDougald

WHEREAS the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed 34/22 by Council;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda shall be

adopted as amended.

For: All **CARRIED** Against: None

# **Reading and Confirming of Minutes**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on 35/22 January 25, 2022, 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 Honke and seconded by Malkoske

36/22 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval 23 Cheques and of payment:

Electronic Payments EFT 6050 to 6082

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$139,991.57.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED** 

Councillor Honke commented that the final Fire Truck payment has been processed and will be issued once the Fire Management Committee confirms to release same at their meeting on February 10, 2022.

Moved by

37/22 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: 2 Personnel Electronic Payments

> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,488.58.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED** 

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 37/22, Reeve Amerongen and Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Public Works: Update of February 2, 2022, and verbal information added by Councillor Honke.

By-Law Officer: January '22 Report

## **Reports of Committees:**

 Regional Health Advisory Council Meeting Information. In addition, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga provided a verbal update.

#### **Communications:**

- 1. CN Appointment of Tracy Robinson as President and Chief Executive Officer. Noted.
- 2. Community Futures Winnipeg River re: Economic Development Officers wage classification Scale & Model Overview. Noted.
- 3. Association of Manitoba Strategic Imperatives Facing Civic Leaders. Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke
- 38/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Chief Administrative Officer Johnson be hereby authorized to participate in the Association of Manitoba Municipalities webinar on Strategic Imperatives Facing Civic Leaders on March 17, 2022;

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

For: All Against: None CARRIED

4. Manitoba Water Services Board – request for annual five-year capital plan Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

39/22 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Water Services Board has requested the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth's water and sewer plans for their next 2 to 5 Year Capital Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby direct Administration to provide the Manitoba Water Services Board with the following: New Lagoon and a Waterline extension south of Elma.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

- 5. Canada Revenue Agency re: benefits and credits webinar available. Noted.
- 6. Fisheries and Oceans Canada re: shoreline stabilization webinar & fact sheet available. Noted.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. NorthStar Communications Inc. By-Law to enter into agreement. Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald
- 40/22 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 725/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the entering into and execution of an Agreement with NorthStar Communications Inc. to utilize our municipal tower, located at our Fire Hall;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby provide first reading for By-Law No. 725/22.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

41/22 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 725/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the entering into and execution of an Agreement with NorthStar Communications Inc. to utilize our municipal tower, located at our Fire Hall;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby provide second reading for By-Law No. 725/22.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

2. Manitoba Water Services Board re: Land for Lagoon. It was noted that the property owner has provided approval for required tree removal to have test holes dug. Tabled.

3. Canada Post re: Elma post office closure Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Sikkenga

42/22 **WHEREAS** Canada Post has advised that they have been unable to secure a provider that meets their criteria to have a post office in Elma, Manitoba;

**AND WHEREAS** Canada Post has advised Council that they now have only 2 options available, those being either the Community Mail Box Option or Amalgamating with another existing Post Office;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth do hereby select the option of a Community Mail Box system.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

- 4. Municipal Fire Inspector Administration was directed to contact the Rural Municipality of Alexander in this regard.
- 5. Christina Putschker re: request to revisit property ownership. Referred to In Camera discussion.
- 6. Way to go Consulting re: Elected Official Candidate's Orientation Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga
- 43/22 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 727/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the entering into and execution of an Agreement with Way To Go Consulting to provide a pre-election seminar to potential candidates;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby provide first reading for By-Law No. 727/22.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Malkoske

**WHEREAS** By-Law No. 72/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the entering into and execution of an Agreement with Way To Go Consulting to provide a pre-election seminar to potential candidates;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby provide second reading for By-Law No. 72/22.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

# **New Business:**

- 1. Pandemic Protocol Update Rapid Tests have been received and will be distributed to employees, Fire Department, Whitemouth Emergency Response Team, Building Inspector and By-Law Officer. Administration Doors will open tomorrow. Training for the Fire Department and Whitemouth Emergency Response Team will be as per Provincial Regulations. Tabled.
- 2. Recreation Director Position Position has been re-advertised. Tabled.
- 3. Fire Hydrant Tenders

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

45/22 **WHEREAS** tenders have been requested and received for a fire hydrant to be installed in Seven Sisters Falls at the corner of Provincial Road 307 and Provincial Road 408;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the successful tenderer is Penner Underground at a cost not to exceed \$30,400.58.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

4. By-Law to amendment to zoning by-law – recommendation from Building Inspector Ruta

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

46/22 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 724/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to amend By-Law No. 706/20, being the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth Zoning By-Law;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby provide first reading for By-Law No. 724/22.

For: Amerongen, Honke, Sikkenga & McDougald Against: Malkoske **CARRIED** 

5. 2022 Budget (Financial Plan) Hearing Date will be April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

### In Camera:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

47/22 **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: 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

48/22 Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

**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

Building Inspector Ruta provided additional information. Administration was directed to continue working with the affected ratepayers at their own expense in regards to Unfinished Business No. 5.

# **Adjournment:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

49/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Original signed in office
Reeve
Original signed in office
Chief Administrative Officer