

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 28, 2025, at 1:00 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 and Colleen Johnson

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

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

274/25 **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 McDougald and seconded by Honke

275/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on October 28, 2025, have been submitted to Council for their review;

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Financial:

1. Payment of Accounts

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

276/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25857 to 25880

Other 0143 to 0157

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$118,819.22

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

277/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0158 to 0159

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3,170.15

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 277/25, 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.

Public Works: Meeting of October 14, 2025

By-Law Officer: September 2025 Report

Building Inspector: September 2025 Report

Senior Utility Report: September 2025 Report

Reports of Committees:

- North Eastman Community Health Committee
- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke on the Fire Management Committee; Councillor McDougald on the Whitemouth-Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Committee, Community Futures Winnipeg River, Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District and Rural Forum; Councillor Stead on Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society, Eastman Regional Municipal, Whitemouth Emergency Response Team and the North Eastman Community Health Committee.

Public Hearings:

Delegation:

1:30 p.m. Wayne Klepatz – Did not attend meeting

1:45 p.m. Winnipeg River Watershed District re: proposal for formation of Winnipeg River Watershed District. – Three in attendance with presentation on the Watershed District Proposal and to answer questions from Council.

Communications:

1. Eastman SnoPals re: request to move Trail #770 and cut a new portion of bush land along Road 65E

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

278/25 **WHEREAS** a request from Eastman SnoPals has been received to move a portion of Trail #770 further North requiring cutting a 14 ft by 100 ft section of Municipal Road Allowance;

AND WHEREAS the original trail was built prior to a home being built in the area and ran on Road 65E for approximately 150 ft on unmaintained Road Allowance;

AND WHEREAS the section of Road 65E is now shared with the trail running past a driveway entrance resulting in potential hazards to trail users;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Eastman SnoPals has the permission from the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to cut the proposed section of up to 14 ft by 100 ft on Road Allowance to connect to the existing trail further North;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Eastman SnoPals cover all cost associated with this initiative and neatly pile any debris from the new trail within 30 days of completion.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Letter from Honourable Ian Bushie, Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures re: Access onto Agricultural Leased Crown Land policy - Noted
3. Two Rivers Seniors re: Take Action on Radon participation and application to the program information – Admin to submit application
4. Northeast Red Watershed District Annual Meeting Invitation 2025 - Noted
5. Whitemouth District Lions Club re: request for support via calendar ad - Admin to submit advertisement

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon re: Lift Station Design Drawings reviewed by Whitemouth Staff and Manitoba Water Services Board, awaiting their report. New tentative

date of December 2, 2025, 6pm at the Whitemouth Community Hall - To be confirmed with Admin if Hall available

2. Waterline South of Elma awaiting the Rural Municipality of Reynolds Response. Joint Meeting held with Reynolds October 27th – To continue to look at options
3. Zoning By-Law – Tabled to February, 2026
4. Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Re: proposal for formation of Winnipeg River Watershed District – Delegation – Resolution was proposed and moved but not seconded, program not to be proceeded with

New Business:

1. Tax Incentive By-Laws – Review and update – Council to review
2. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Resignation – Discussion on interim - Admin to advertise for position

In Camera:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

279/25 **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/Legal

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 Staerk

280/25 **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

Two items were discussed In Camera.

1. A legal mater concerning bylaw - Discussed and noted.
2. A legal mater concerning the ombudsman was brought forward in which Councillor McDougald declared a conflict of interest and requested to be excused prior to any discussion and did not return until the matter was complete. Tabled for Ombudsman response

Adjournment:

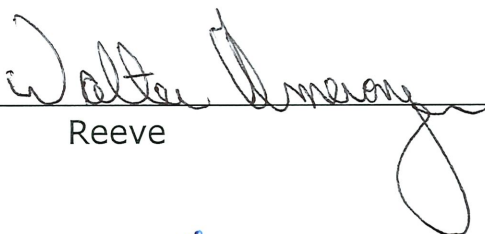
Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

281/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 3:37 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer