

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

December 16, 2025@ 1:00 pm

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 16th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Councillors McDougald, Staerk and Stead, Chief Administrative Officer Lacey Smith and Colleen Johnson.

Excused: Deputy Reeve Honke

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

Reading and Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

309/25 **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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

310/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on December 2nd, 2025, 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 Stead

311/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25959 to 26000

Other 0238 to 0260

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$ 158,002.70

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

312/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0261 to 0262

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3008.84

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 312/25, Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

313/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0263 to 0275

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$5,602.45

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 313/25, Councillor Stead 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 December 2, 2025

2 . Utility: November Report

3 . Bylaw: None

4 . Building: None

Reports of Committees:

1 . North Eastman Community Health Committee

2 . Two Rivers Services to Seniors

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Reeve Amerongen: North Eastman Health Committee, Whitemouth
Emergency Response Team, Eastman Regional Municipal
Committee

Deputy Reeve Honke: Excused

Councillor McDougald: Community Futures Winnipeg River, Sunrise School
Division

Councillor Staerk: None

Councillor Stead: None

Public Hearings:

None

Delegation:

None

Communications:

1 . Sunrise Budget Public Presentation Invitation - December 2, 2025

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

314/25 **WHEREAS** the Sunrise School Division 2026 Public Budget
Presentation was held on December 2nd, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council be hereby
authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal
by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2 . Invitation from Happy Hours for Christmas Potluck - Noted

3 . Manitoba Disaster Management Conference 2026 - authorize attendance.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

315/25 **WHEREAS** the 2026 Manitoba Disaster Management Conference will
be held in Winnipeg, from January 28th to 30th;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Reeve
Amerongen and four Whitemouth Emergency Response Team
members to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per
municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

4 . WERT Budget 2026 Proposal received - referred to 2026 budget discussions

5 . Kississing Lodge Invitation to Nominate Firefighters Appreciation -
firefighters who helped protect Flin Flon - Administration directed to submit
nominations

Unfinished Business:

1 . Lagoon re: Borrowing By-Laws – Tabled

2 . Waterline South of Elma - Tabled

3 . Zoning By-Law – Tabled to February 2026

4 . Tax Incentive – Bylaw - Tabled to January 13th

5 . Senior Election Official for 2026 elections - Tabled

6 . Municipal Emergency Coordinator – Contract Position

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

316/25 **WHEREAS** application have been received and interviews held for the Municipal Emergency Coordinator contract position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dean Ducharme be hereby selected as the successful applicant with services to commence on January 1st, 2026, at the rate of pay to be set as \$20.00 per hour;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a contract be prepared accordingly.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

New Business:

1 . Holiday Closure

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

317/25 **WHEREAS** office hours are to be set for the 2025 Holiday Season;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Office closes on December 24th, 2025, at noon, and opens on January 5, 2026.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

2 . Fire Department Purchase Request

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

318/25 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Fire Department has ordered mugs for member appreciation not set out in the fire department annual budget;

AND WHEREAS the request has received council approval and there are sufficient funds in the Fire Department budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the fire department is hereby authorized to incur these purchases not to exceed \$1008.00.

For: 3 Abstained: Stead Against: None **CARRIED**

3 . Outstanding Utilities - added to taxes

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

319/25 **WHEREAS** there are 78 outstanding Utility Accounts in the amount of \$45,460.23;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these outstanding Utility Accounts be and are hereby added to the Tax Roll.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

4 . 2026 Emergency Plan - circulated to Council on flash drives

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

320/25 **WHEREAS** the 2026 Emergency Plan has been provided to council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve same.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

5 . Fire Department re: add members

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

321/25 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Fire Department has recruited new members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby appoint Patrick Penner, Jordan Pearson, Frank Guenther, Jeremy Friesen, Colton Penner, Shirley Friesen, Levina Toews, Nicholas Dueck and Gabe Storli to the rank of probationary firefighter.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Probationary Firefighter Tyler Stead be terminated due to nonattendance.

