

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 23, 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, Municipal Finance Officer Smith and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

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

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

241/25 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

242/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on September 9, 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 Honke and seconded by McDougald

243/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25808 to 25828

Other No. 0084 to 0098

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$86,287.01.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

244/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other No. 0051 & 0052

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3,044.15.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 244/25, 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.

Senior Utility Operator: August 2025 Report

By-Law Officer: July & August 2025 Report

Building Inspector: August 2025 Report

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: statistics for August, 2025;
- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: Discovery Days Information;
- Two Rivers Senior Resource Council re: Board Report from May 20, 2025, to September 15, 2025; and
- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: Minutes of July 10, 2025.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on Two Rivers Senior Resource Council; Councillor McDougald on the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility; the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. and the Fire Banquet held in Lac du Bonnet to honour Fire Departments over this summers wild fires.

Communications:

1. Gord and Belinda Wilson re: request to purchase unmaintained road allowance. Referred to Administration. Tabled.

2. Shaun Morrison re: request to hook onto municipal utilities.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

245/25 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water and sewer has been received from Shaun Morrison;

AND WHEREAS this property is located at 32 Elizabeth Way in Seven Sisters Falls, being Lot 35, of Block 2, of Plan No. 46229 WLTO, and identified by assessment roll number 185942;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this request be hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate fees be paid in full to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Keith Kurian re: offer to purchase municipal lands. Referred to In Camera below.

4. Manitoba Emergency Management Organization re: Engagement Activity Invitation. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon re: Lift Station Design Drawings reviewed by Whitemouth Staff and Manitoba Water Services Board, awaiting their report. Borrowing By-Laws first reading.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

246/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 775/25, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the expenditure and borrowing of money for the completion of a new force main to connect to the new municipal lagoon and for upgrades to the lift station as a local improvement for the town of Whitemouth be hereby given first reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

247/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 776/25, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the expenditure and borrowing of money for the completion of a new lagoon for the municipality excluding the region of Seven Sisters Falls already connected to the Seven Sisters Lagoon be hereby given first reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Waterline South of Elma awaiting the Rural Municipality of Reynolds response. Tabled to October 14, 2025. Administration has contacted the Manitoba Water Services Board to see how we may move forward if the Rural Municipality of Reynolds chooses not to participate. We will await the decision prior to moving forward. Tabled.

3. Zoning By-Law – Tabled to February, 2026.

4. Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Re: proposal for formation of Winnipeg River Watershed District. Delegation confirmed for October 28, 2025, and information from the Rural Municipality of Reynolds request for another Open House was denied. Noted.

New Business:

1. Realtor Services re: tender/s received. Councillor McDougald provided Administration a Disclosure of Interest form, and advised he would not be participating in the discussion. Referred to In Camera below.

2. Signing Authority

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

248/25 **WHEREAS** as per Section 134(1) of The Municipal Act provides authority for signing of agreements, cheques, and other negotiable instruments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be signatories for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth effective October 1, 2025:

Reeve Amerongen or Deputy Reeve Honke
and

Chief Administrative Officer Smith or Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Myall.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: legal/personnel. Referred to In Camera below.

In Camera:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

249/25 **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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

250/25 **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

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 251/25, Councillor McDougald requested permission to be excused from this in camera discussion. Permission was granted and he excused himself from the Council Chambers, left and did not return to the in camera session.

When Council came out of Camera they directed that Mr. Kurian's offer from Communications 3 above to purchase municipal lands be denied.

Realtor Services

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

251/25 **WHEREAS** requests for Realtor Services has been advertised and tender/s received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the successful tenderer is Duncan McDougald from RE/MAX for a two year period from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027, with a fee of 3.5 percent for sales on municipal properties sold.

For: All

Against: None

Excused: McDougald **CARRIED**

Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District

Due to the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District dissolution, interim Administration will be required. Our Administration will provide a response to this request once the inner office position has been filled. Tabled.

Adjournment:

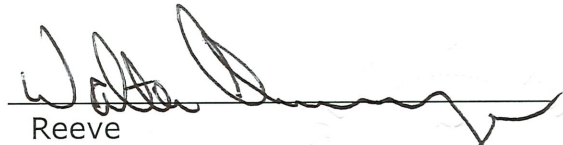
Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

252/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:03 p.m.

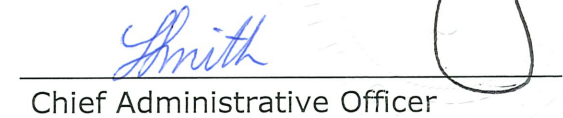
For: All

Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer