

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 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, Stead 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 Staerk and seconded by Stead

17/25 **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 Honke and seconded by McDougald

18/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on January 14, 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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

19/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25421 to 25443

Electronic Payments EFT 8514 to 8540

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$68,283.04 of which \$8,114.57 is School Tax.

For All: Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

20/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments EFT 8541 and 8542

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,988.40.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 20/25, 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: January 27, 2025 Update

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

21/25 **WHEREAS** two caustic soda pumps are required at the Water Treatment Plant; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be hereby directed to purchase same at cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

By-Law Officer: December, 2024 Report

Reports of Committees:

- Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council minutes of November 20, 2024; and
- Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. re: Financial Statement.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on Public Works and Two Rivers Service to Seniors; Councillor McDougald on Community Futures Winnipeg River; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. and the North Eastman Community Health Committee.

Communications:

1. Boreal Shores Art Tour re: request for 2025 grant.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

22/25 **WHEREAS** the Boreal Shores Art Tour has requested funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 for their 2025 Event to be held on August 16th and 17th, 2025;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve providing \$600.00 for this event.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame re: request for support for ceremony to induct Don McDonald, Rob Wardrop and Wendell Schatkowsky

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

23/25 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame has advised that Don McDonald, Rob Wardrop, Wendell Schatkowsky and players of the International/Ashams Fastball Club are being inducted into the Hall of Fame;
AND WHEREAS funding support for this event is being requested;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a business card size advertisement in the amount of \$100.00 is hereby approved.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Fisheries and Oceans Canada re: Aquatic Species at Risk in Manitoba re: presentation available. Noted.

4. Ronald McDonald House re: request for 2025 grant

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

24/25 **WHEREAS** Ronald McDonald House Charities has requested a 2025 donation;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this request in the amount of \$500.00.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. Manitoba Property Tax Services re: 2026 Board of Revision date will be October 7, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

25/25 **WHEREAS** Manitoba Property Assessment Services has proposed that our 2026 Board of Revision be held on October 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be hereby directed to confirm same.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. RCMP S/Sgt Meyers re: Quarterly Police Report. Noted.

7. Winnipeg River Watershed District re: meetings.

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

26/25 **WHEREAS** a new watershed district is being proposed, being the Winnipeg River Watershed District;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council be hereby authorized to attend meetings in this regard;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

8. Rogers Communications Inc. re: proposed telecommunications facility in SE ¼ 32-10-12 EPM. Noted.

9. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Dowbyhuz re: Budget 2025.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

27/25 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team has provided their 2025 Budget in the amount of \$34,400.00 for Council's consideration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby approved.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon re: borrowing by-law. Tabled.

2. Waterline South of Elma with project participants Manitoba Water Services Board and the Rural Municipality of Reynolds to extend to Prawda. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Public Works Equipment – referred to In Camera

In Camera:

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

28/25 **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: Negotiation/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 Stead

29/25 **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

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

30/25 **WHEREAS** quotes were requested for a 5 year term leasing of a Grader;

AND WHEREAS quotes were received from Brandt Tractor and Toromont Cat;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality will move forward to negotiate an agreement.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Adjournment:


Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

31/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:55 p.m.

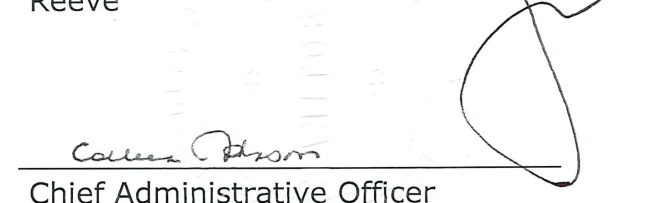
For: All

Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer