THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald and

Staerk, Municipal Finance Officer Smith and Chief Administrative Officer

Johnson

Excused: Councillor Stead

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

228/25 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by

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

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

229/25 WHEREAS the minutes of their regular meeting held on August 26, 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

230/25 WHEREAS the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25781 to 25807

Other No. 0053 to 0073

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$97,196.06.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

231/25 WHEREAS the following items have been submitted for approval of payments: Cheque Nos. Other 0074 to 0083

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,130.77.

For: All

Against:

None

CARRIED

Public Works: Meeting of August 26, 2025

Building Inspector: July, 2025 Report

Senior Utility Operator: July, 2025 Report

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor McDougald reported on the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc..

Communications:

- 1. Harry Pluchinski request permission to hunt/trap on municipal lands. Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk
- 232/25 **BE IT RESOLVED** authorization is hereby granted to Harry Pluchinski to hunt and trap until August 31, 2026, on the following properties:

Roll No.	Description
137300	NW 13-12-12 EPM
141600	NE 23-12-12 EPM
143500	SE 26-12-12 EPM
59200	SW 24-11-11 EPM
134725	NE 2-12-12 EPM
113500	NW 4-12-11 EPM

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 2. Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Re: proposal for formation of Winnipeg River Watershed District. Tabled for a delegation appearance.
- 3. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Community Wellness Facilitator about Super Clinic Information. Noted.
- 4. Auditor General report on six municipal allegations and gaps in provincial oversight. Noted.
- 5. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories re: Public Liaison Committee notice of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited contract transition for the management and operation of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories. Noted.
- 6. Association of Manitoba Land Surveyor re: concern of persons working that are unqualified and acting unlawfully. Noted.
- 7. Moon Gate Guest House re: invitation for Reeve's attendance to Metis Arts & Cultural Days to welcome participants to Whitemouth.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

233/25 WHEREAS Moon Gate has requested the Reeve's attendance to their Metis Arts & Cultural Days on October 3 & 4, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby approved; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 8. Rural Municipality of Reynolds re: notice of public hearing for By-Law No. 04-2025. Noted.
- 9. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories re: notice of Regional Gathering of Leaders Meeting.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

234/25 WHEREAS Canadian Nuclear Laboratories has invited Council to their Regional Gathering of Leaders on November 5, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request is hereby approved; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None **CARRIED**

10. Town of Beausejour re: notice of public hearing for By-Law No. 1824-25

Unfinished Business:

- Lagoon re: Lift Station Design Drawings reviewed by Whitemouth Staff and Manitoba Water Services Board, awaiting their report. Borrowing By-Law to be prepared for First Reading. Tabled.
- 2. Waterline South of Elma awaiting the Rural Municipality of Reynolds response.

 Tabled to October 14, 2025. Council directed Administration to pursue additional information should the Rural Municipality of Reynolds not participate. Tabled.
- 3. Zoning By-Law Tabled to February, 2025.
- 4. Chief Administrative Officer Position Referred to In Camera.

New Business:

- 1. Fire Department By-Law No. 703/20 as information. Noted.
- Sand Shed Tender.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

235/25 **WHEREAS** advertisements have been placed and received for a concrete floor 35' x 31'4" for our sand shed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the quote received in the amount of \$19,196.36 including all taxes from Rally Construction is hereby accepted.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Meeting Dates Inquiry for November and December, 2025.

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Honke

236/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting of Council to be held on November 24, 2025, is hereby cancelled;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in December the regular meetings of Council will be held on December 2nd and December 16th, 2025.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

In Camera:

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

237/25 **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

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 McDougald

238/25 **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 McDougald and seconded by

239/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth must appoint a Chief Administrative Officer to administer the duties under The Municipal Act; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth does hereby appoint/hire Lacey Smith to the Chief Administrative Officer position as of October 1, 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED she be paid at the rate of \$95,000.00 per year, with a monetary review to be completed by January 1, 2026.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk 240/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:55 p.m.

Against: None

CARRIED

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Chief Administrative Officer