

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on August 12, 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, 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 Stead and seconded by Staerk

201/25 **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 Stead

202/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on July 22, 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 Honke

203/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25724 to 25756

Electronic Payments EFT 8957 to 8981

Other No. 0001 to 0014

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$221,016.09.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

204/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payment Other 0015 to 0018

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$4,998.46.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 204/25, 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.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

205/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments Other 0019 to 0032

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$4,804.69.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 205/25, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Public Works: Meeting of July 22, 2025

Building Inspector: Overview of Provincial Disaster Financial Assistance meeting in Elma on June 25, 2025

Reports of Committees:

- North Eastman Community Health Committee re: staffing update. Noted.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Reeve Amerongen reported on the North Eastman Community Health Committee, Eastman Regional Municipal Committee, and the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.; Deputy Reeve Honke on Public Works; Councillor Stead on the Library and Eastman Tourism; and Councillor McDougald on the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District.

Public Hearing:

1:30 p.m. Conditional Use Application No. C03/2025, from Steven McAlpine at 50 Natalie Lake Drive, in Seven Sisters Falls, requesting placement of 3 shipping containers on Lot 11, of Plan No. 59808 in the SE of 27-13-11EPM.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

210/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular order of business of Council be temporarily suspended to open a public hearing to consider Conditional Use Application No. C03/2025 for Roll No. 185720, located in SE 27-13-11 EPM to allow for the placement of three shipping containers to be placed in a Rural Commercial/Industrial Zone for equipment storage.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

211/25 **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 Stead

212/25 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from Steven McAlpine has applied for a Conditional Use;
AND WHEREAS the Conditional Uses Application C03/2025;
AND WHEREAS the property is located in SE of Section 27, Township 13, Range 11 EPM and identified as Roll No. 185720;
AND WHEREAS no representations were made and no objections were received;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby approve this Variation Application on the condition that this approval is utilized within twelve months.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Communications:

1. Rural Municipality of Reynolds re: notice of public hearing for By-Law No. 05/2025. Noted.
2. Building Inspector Brooks re: request for compensation review. Tabled to In Camera below.

3. Lac du Bonnet & District Chamber of Commerce re: 2025 Winnipeg River Burger Trail support request.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

206/25 **WHEREAS** the Lac du Bonnet & District Chamber of Commerce has requested funding for the 2025 Winnipeg River Burger Trail;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$150.00 be hereby authorized for same.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

4. STARS re: Mission Record. Noted.

5. Taxservice re: 2025 Tax Sale

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

207/25 **WHEREAS** Taxservice is requesting direction on the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth 2025 Tax Sale Process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT they be directed that Council does hereby, as per Section 762 of the Municipal Act, set a reserve bid on all tax sale properties in the amount of the tax arrears and costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer Johnson is the appointed Designated Officer to bid on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon re: Lift Station Design Drawings reviewed by Whitemouth Staff and Manitoba Water Services Board. Awaiting report. Borrowing By-Law draft. Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma awaiting the Rural Municipality of Reynolds response. Tabled.
3. Zoning By-Law – draft information. Tabled.
4. Land Sales – request for direction. Tabled.

5. Whitemouth Fire Department re: request to implement "MFR" Medical First Response

Moved by Honke and seconded McDougald

208/25 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Fire Department Personnel has requested to implement a Fire Based Emergency Medical Response Program for fire fighters to be the first response to a medical emergency due to the Whitemouth Ambulance regularly being posted in other communities or in services;

AND WHEREAS this added service does not alleviate the Province of Manitoba from providing this important service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports this added service in principle.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Chief Administrative Officer re: succession planning. Council advised that this position will commence on October 1, 2025, to run parallel for 3 months. Advertisements to be prepared and placed.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

208A/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the resignation of the Chief Administrative Officer, Colleen Johnson, is hereby accepted effective December 31, 2025.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

2. Daycare re: project complete. Noted.

3. By-Law Enforcement Retainer – Tabled to In Camera below.

4. Fire Department Budget Update. Noted.

5. Whitemouth Library – request to cost-share cookies for 40th Anniversary.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

209/25 **WHEREAS** the Whitemouth Library has requested that Council half the cost of cookies for their 40th Anniversary;

AND WHEREAS Council feels it is more financially responsible to propose a monetary donation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed \$150.00.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – Councillors McDougald and Staerk advised of a meeting held with Provincial representatives regarding the Planning District. Tabled to In Camera discussion.

In Camera:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

213/25 **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 McDougald

214/25 **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

Building Inspector

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

215/25 **WHEREAS** Building Inspector Brooks has requested a compensation review after completing a year in her position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby agree to increase her hourly rate to \$35.00 per hour, with a minimum of 16 hours, with an additional 8 hours weekly if required;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should additional hours be required they shall be authorized by Administration.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

By-Law Officers

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

216/25 **WHEREAS** an additional by-law officer has been hired and a review of scheduling and current pay structure;

AND WHEREAS retainer fees will be changed to reflect a \$100.00 weekly amount for the officer on call for up to 4 hours of work, with the hourly rate being paid in excess of 4 hours per week;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this is effective August 1, 2025.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

217/25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth supports the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District’s initiative to dissolve same.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

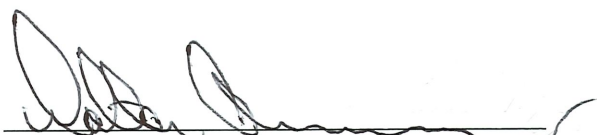
Adjournment:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke
218/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this
meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:56 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer