

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 22, 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 Honke and seconded by McDougald

190/25 **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

191/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on June 24, 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

192/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25702 to 25723

Electronic Payments EFT 8924 to 8954

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$139,354.88.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

193/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments EFT 8955 & 8956

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$3,092.19.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 193/25, 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: Meeting of July 8, 2025

Utility Report: June, 2025

Building Inspector Report: June, 2025

By-Law Officer Report: June, 2025

Reports of Committees:

- Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc. re: financial reports for May, 2025;
- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District;
- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: minutes of June 4, 2025; and
- Whitemouth Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: June statistics.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on Public Works; Councillor McDougald on the Whitemouth Reynolds Waste Management Facility; and Reeve Amerongen on the Whitemouth Reynolds Waste Management Facility and the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.

Delegation:

- 1:30 p.m. Whitemouth Fire Department Captain Cliff Friesen attended with 3 additional members. Mr. Friesen, as spokesperson, explained plans for forming an MFR, being a Medical First Response, and requested permission to initiate this program. Mr. Friesen to advise Council of medical aid calls received in 2024, or 2025 to date. As additional information was received immediately prior to the Council Meeting, this information will be reviewed. Tabled.
- 1:45 p.m. Aart Amerongen requesting 1600 feet of dust control, and grading and grass cutting on Juno Road. Tabled to the Public Works Meeting on August 12, 2025.

Communications:

1. Brokenhead River Planning District re: Public Hearing for By-Law No. 1822-25. Noted.
2. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: letter to Minister for leased farmland. Noted.
3. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: CEO Ellis update for state of Emergency due to Wildfires. Noted.
4. Colleen Johnson re: notice of retirement as Chief Administrative Officer effective December 31, 2025. Noted.
5. CN re: request to proclaim Rail Safety Week from September 15 to 21, 2025.
Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke
194/25 **WHEREAS** Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 15 to 21, 2025;
WHEREAS, 261 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2024; resulting in 68 avoidable fatalities and 58 avoidable serious injuries;
WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and
WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, indigenous communities, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;
WHEREAS CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth support in principle, the national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 15 to 21, 2025.

For: All	Against: None	CARRIED
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6. St. Augustine (Catholic) Cemetery re: sign project completed. Noted.

7. S/Sgt Meyers re: Lac du Bonnet Detachment Quarterly RCMP Report. Noted.
8. Community Planner Ellen Enns re: personnel update on co-manager/s acting Holly Ervick-Cote. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon re: Lift Station Design Drawings reviewed by Whitemouth Staff and Manitoba Water Services Board. Awaiting report. Tabled.
2. Waterline South of Elma – Rural Municipality of Reynolds advised they will be addressing at their August 26, 2025, Council Meeting. Tabled to September 9, 2025.
3. Zoning By-Law – draft by-law for Council's consideration. Tabled.

4. Lands for Sale

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

195/25 **WHEREAS** the sales of certain municipal properties have been advertised and tenders received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following lands be sold:

Tender Item #2

Roll No. 11300, being the NW of Section 26, Township 10, Range 11 EPM be sold for \$210,000.00

and

Tender Item #3

Roll No. 20400, being the NE of Section 8, Township 10, Range 12 EPM be sold for \$160,600.00;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to have these lands sold accordingly.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. By-Law Officer (Assistant)

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

196/25 **WHEREAS** advertisements have been placed and applications received for a contract Assistant By-Law Officer;

AND WHEREAS Council directed to complete an interview;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Paul Poirier is hereby the successful applicant, commencing July 10, 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he be paid \$23.00 per hour, and kilometrage as per municipal by-law.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. 2024 Audit received from BDO Canada.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

197/25 **WHEREAS** our Municipal Auditors BDO Canada has provided Council with their Audited Statements ending December 31, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these Audited Statements are accepted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Close portion of Municipal Road re: By-Law No. 773/25, 1st Reading.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

198/25 **WHEREAS** Council has agreed to sell and close a portion of municipal road which is adjacent to our Public Works and Administration building properties at 49 Railway Avenue in Whitemouth which is adjacent to Roll No. 71600;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 773/25, being a by-law to close and sell a portion of road be hereby given first reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Kelly Toews re: Handivan inquiry. Noted that Administration will approve.

3. Seven Sisters Community Centre – request to proclaim Saturday, September 13, 2025, as a Community Event for their Annual Harvest Party.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

199/25 **WHEREAS** Council has received a request from the Seven Sister Falls Community Centre to declare their Annual Harvest Party being held on September 13, 2025, a Community Event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT request is hereby approved.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Adjournment:

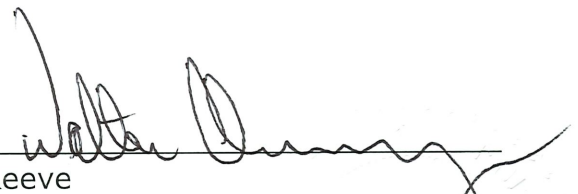
Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

200/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:59 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve
Chief Administrative Officer