

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 14, 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, Chief Administrative Officer Lacey Smith and Colleen 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 Stead

253/25 **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 McDougald and seconded by Stead

254/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on September 23, 2025, and of the Board of Revision held on October 7, 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

255/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25829 to 25855

Other 0099 to 0126

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$ 139,240.20.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 255/25, 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 Staerk and seconded by Stead

256/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0127 and 0128

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2847.40.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 256/25, 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 Honke and seconded by McDougald

257/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Other 0129 and 0142

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$9594.75.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

For: All	Against: None	CARRIED
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Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

267/25 **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 Stead and seconded by McDougald

268/25 **WHEREAS** Council has agreed to close a portion of Government Road Allowance which is all that portion of the road allowance on Plan No. 18395, located in the NW ¼ of Section 4, Township 11 and Range 12 EPM;

AND WHEREAS this will be incorporated with Roll No. 89400;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 774/25, being a by-law to close a portion of Government Road Allowance be hereby given second reading as amended.

For: Amerongen, McDougald, Staerk, Stead

Abstained: Honke

CARRIED

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

269/25 **WHEREAS** Council has agreed to close a portion of Government Road Allowance which is all that portion of the road allowance on Plan No. 18395, located in the NW ¼ of Section 4, Township 11 and Range 12 EPM;

AND WHEREAS this will be incorporated with Roll No. 89400;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 774/25, being a by-law to close a portion of Government Road Allowance be hereby given third and final reading.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT administration hereby be directed to provide all required documents to the government for ministerial approval.

For: Amerongen, McDougald, Staerk, Stead

Abstained: Honke

CARRIED

Communications:

1. Whitemouth Museum - Request for Annual Donation to the Remembrance Day Wreath Fund

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

258/25 **WHEREAS** a request for an annual donation for a Remembrance Day wreath has been received from the Whitemouth Municipal Museum Society Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a donation not to exceed the amount of \$250.00 be authorized for this initiative.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

2. Whiteshell Laboratories – Community Information Bulletin - Noted

3. Lac Du Bonnet Wildlife Association – Manitoba Wildlife Federation Eastern Regional Meeting - Noted

4. Eastern Manitoba Tourism Association Inc AGM- Invitation - Noted

5. Interlake Counselling – Letter sent to Premier Wab Kinew concerning Hospice Care for Terminally Ill in Interlake and Eastman regions

6. Letter from Canada Union Postal Workers requesting support via resolution - Noted

7. RCMP S/Sgt Meyers re: Whitemouth Quarterly Report and area - Noted

8. Pointe du Bois to Whiteshell Transmission Line re: Licence Received and anticipated construction start - Noted

9. Request for joint meeting from Reynolds - Waterline South of Elma and Waste Management – Tabled

10. Community Futures - Information regarding the 2025 Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum – Noted – Future notices to go directly to Waste Management.

11. Boreal Shores Art Tour – 2025 Tour Report - Noted

12. Certificate of Appreciation from the Rm of Lac du Bonnet for the Whitemouth Fire department – Recognition and gratitude for support provided - Noted

13. Community Futures – re courses and programs – directly to website and social media

14. Community Futures North Eastman Municipal Forum October 20, 2025

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

259/25 **WHEREAS** a request has been received to attend the North Eastman Municipal Forum in Great Falls on October 20, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of council are hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal bylaws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

15. Invite from Whitemouth Happy Hours Club for Thanksgiving Celebration - Noted

16. Manitoba Municipal Administrators re: request for resolution in support of increased funding for Manitoba Water Services Board -

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

260/25 **WHEREAS** the vast majority of Manitoba municipalities are in dire need of the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) financial, professional, and / or related subject matter expertise assistance for every aspect of water and wastewater projects and initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the provincial economy, municipal residential and commercial growth, community development opportunities, climate resiliency, public health, and convergent federal or provincial programs are at serious risk of being postponed, cancelled, or sub optimally advanced because the MWSB is critically oversubscribed with projects and at current funding levels has a seriously compromised financial capability to complete even a fraction of the queued projects required to drive local prosperity, health, safety, and livability;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of Rural Municipality of Whitemouth fully supports an immediate annual increase to the MWSB's capital budget, beginning in 2026, to \$100 million from its current \$24 million.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

1. Lagoon re: Lift Station Design Drawings reviewed by Whitemouth Staff and Manitoba Water Services Board, awaiting their report. Tabled to hearing on November 12, 2025.

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. 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. Tabled.

5. Gord and Belinda Wilson re: request to purchase unmaintained road allowance. Government Road Allowance. Administration to speak with Wilson's on whether they would like to proceed. Tabled

New Business:

1. Planning District Dissolution re: legal/personal – In camera

2. Application for Manitoba Gro Grant – Bridges

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

261/25 **WHEREAS** Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities Program (GRO) is an application based program designed to address critical infrastructure needs for Manitoba municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Council of R.M. Whitemouth supports submitting an application for GRO funding to assist with the estimated cost of \$265,350 to address the immediate repairs recommended for the River Hills Bridge and Silverbridge;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Council approves the funding application including the municipal commitment of \$132,675 to come from the Bridge Reserve;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED Council approves including the municipal commitment of approximately \$132,675 in the 2026 Financial Plan

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. 2025 Tax Sale cancelled - All paid. Noted.

In Camera:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

270/25 **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 Honke and seconded by Staerk

271/25 **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

272/25 **WHEREAS** a request has been received to pay for the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District indemnities for our RM of Whitemouth Representatives directly from the RM of Whitemouth payroll;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT for the year 2026, this request is hereby approved.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Moved by Honke and Seconded by Staerk

273/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer