



Rural Municipality of Whitehead Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council March 10, 2025 - 08:30 AM (RM Office)

In attendance: Councillor Kaley Mykula, Councillor Jeff Owens, Councillor Chris Semeschuk, Councillor Curtis Storey, Councillor Dennis Foerster

Absent: Reeve Trevor Tuttosi, Councillor Kevin Klassen

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025-042

Councillor Foerster - Councillor Storey

Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES AS CIRCULATED

2025-043

Councillor Semeschuk - Councillor Storey

Resolved that the minutes from February 10, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5 PUBLIC HEARINGS

6 PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Councillor Storey - Councillor Foerster

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1 Dungannon Road Residents - Area Concerns

2025-044

Councillor Storey - Councillor Foerster

That the delegation by Dungannon Road residents with respect to area concerns be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-045 **6.2 Burns Maendel Consulting Engineers - Drainage Policy Request**
Councillor Storey - Councillor Owens

That the delegation by Daniel Burns and Ashley Haigh, Burns Maendel Consulting Engineers, with respect to a requested exemption to the drainage policy be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-046 **6.2.1 Policy PW-07 Exemption**
Councillor Storey - Councillor Owens

Whereas Policy PW-07 requires that water license applicants to obtain consent from all affected downstream landowners until runoff reaches a natural waterway.

And whereas Burns Maendel Consulting Engineers has requested an exemption to the policy on the grounds that the proposed engineered drainage plan does not increase the flow of water downstream and that obtaining the additional downstream consent is unviable regardless of the proposed works.

Be it resolved that the RM of Whitehead grant an exemption to the application made by Burns Maendel Engineering Ltd. from policy PW-07 on the condition that the Manitoba Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch provides confirmation that the proposed works will either decrease or maintain the current rate of water flow downstream.

CARRIED

7 BYLAWS AND POLICIES

2025-047 **7.1 By-Law 2025-09 - First Reading**
Councillor Owens - Councillor Storey

That By-Law No. 2025-02 - Amendment to Whitehead Utility By-Law 2022-01 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-048 **7.2 By-Law 2025-02 Second Reading**
Councillor Mykula - Councillor Owens

That By-Law No. 2025-02 - Amendment to Utility Rate By-Law 2022-01 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 SUBDIVISION

9 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10 NEW BUSINESS

- 2025-049 **10.1 2023 General Operating Deficit Recovery**
Councillor Foerster - Councillor Storey
- Whereas the 2023 Audited Financial Statements indicated a general operating deficit in the amount of \$21,146;
- And whereas the deficit has been determined by the auditor to have come from an overage in the year-end reserve transfers,
- Therefore be it resolved that the RM of Whitehead request approval to recover the 2023 deficit amount of \$21,146 from nominal surplus.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-050 **10.2 31-10-22 Land Lease Tender**
Councillor Semeschuk - Councillor Storey
- Whereas the Rural Municipality of Whitehead leases municipal lands located at W 1/2 31-10-22 and E 1/2 31-10-22 containing approximately 250 cultivated acres and 350 pasture acres;
- And whereas one (1) compliant bid had been submitted for land at 31-10-22;
- Therefore be it resolved that Tender 2025-03 be awarded to D & P Rooke Farms for the bid amount of \$27,750.00 per year for the lands at 31-10-22 with a lease set to expire March 31, 2027 and rent to be paid on April 1st annually.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-051 **10.3 32-10-22 Land Lease Tender**
Councillor Storey - Councillor Owens
- Whereas the Rural Municipality of Whitehead leases municipal lands located at SE 1/4 32-10-22 containing approximately 130 acres of farmland;
- And whereas one (1) compliant bid had been submitted for land at 32-10-22;
- Therefore be it resolved that Tender 2025-04 be awarded to Richard Joynt for the bid amount of \$650.00 per year for the lands at 32-10-22 with a lease set to expire March 31, 2027 and rent to be paid on April 1st annually.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-052 **10.4 2025 Property Reassessments**
Councillor Storey - Councillor Foerster
- Be it resolved that the CAO is instructed to submit a letter to the Minister of Municipal Relations as an expression of concern with the abnormal adjustment that occurred across residential property values in the 2025 reassessment.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2025-053 **10.5 Office Closure**
Councillor Owens - Councillor Storey
- Be it resolved that the RM Office be closed on Thursday, May 6, 2025 and Friday, May 7, 2025 due respectively to Munisoft System Upgrade Training and MMA Leadership Conference.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 10.6 Regional Community Safety Officer**
- Discussion was held with respect to a proposed regional Community Safety Officer (CSO) initiative. The determination was to not proceed as a participant.
- 11 ACCOUNTS**
- 2025-054 **11.1 Accounts**
Councillor Storey - Councillor Foerster
- Resolved that the List of Accounts as paid for February, cheques numbers #16298 to #16342 (both inclusive) totaling \$158,991.98 and Direct Deposit Register totaling \$27,146.93 including council indemnity as per by-law no. 2023-01 be approved.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-055 **11.2 Bank Reconciliation**
Councillor Owens - Councillor Foerster
- Resolved that the January 2025 Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 12 COMMITTEE AND BOARDS REPORTS**
- 12.1 AMM Executive Meeting**
- 2025-056 **13 CORRESPONDENCE**
Councillor Storey - Councillor Foerster
- Resolved that the Correspondence listed below be received;
- Manitoba Safer Communities and Neighborhood Act
 - MTI - Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 14 NOTICE OF MOTION**

- 2025-057 **15 IN CAMERA**
Councillor Foerster - Councillor Storey
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in camera” meeting to discuss matters in the preliminary stages as per Subsection 152(3)(b)(iii) of The Municipal Act and all matters discussed in-camera are confidential until discussed in an open meeting as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.
- 2025-058 **15.1 Legal Matters**
- 2025-058 **15.2 BACK TO OPEN SESSION**
Councillor Mykula - Councillor Storey
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT this ‘in camera’ meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-059 **16 Adjournment**
Councillor Mykula - Councillor Foerster
- Resolved that we now adjourn to meet again on April 7, 2025 at 5:00 pm for a Regular Council meeting or at the call of the Reeve.
- Time: 12:15 p.m.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**