



**Rural Municipality of Whitehead
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting of Council September 16, 2024 - 08:30 AM

In attendance: Reeve Trevor Tuttosi, Councillor Chris Semeschuk, Councillor Kaley Mykula, Councillor Jeff Owens and Councillor Curtis Storey, Councillor Dennis Foerster

Absent: Councillor Kevin Klassen

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2024-172

Councillor Mykula - Councillor Storey

Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES AS CIRCULATED

2024-173

Councillor Foerster - Councillor Storey

Resolved that the minutes from August 12, 2024, and September 5, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5 PUBLIC HEARINGS

2024-174

Councillor Semeschuk - Councillor Storey

Be it resolved that the regular meeting of council be recessed to allow council to hold a Public Hearing to receive representations for any person who wishes to make them in respect to the following:

Zoning By-law Amendment 2024-09

Time: 8:31 am

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1 Zoning By-law Amendment 2024-04

2024-175

Councillor Storey - Councillor Owens

Whereas all representatives regarding matters listed below have been dealt with:
Zoning By-law Amendment 2024-09

Therefore be it resolved that the public hearing be concluded, and council resume its normal order of business.

Time: 8:32 am

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2024-176 **6.1 Grant Jackson - MLA Sprucewoods**
Councillor Foerster - Councillor Owens

That the presentation by Grant Jackson, MLA for Sprucewoods be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Scott Henowitch - Ducks Unlimited Canada

The delegate Scott Henowitch on behalf of Ducks Unlimited Canada was absent without providing regrets.

7 BYLAWS AND POLICIES

2024-177 **7.1 Zoning By-law Amendment 2024-04 - 2nd Reading**
Reeve Tuttosi - Councillor Foerster

That By-Law No. 2024-04 - To amend the Zoning By-law 2021-04 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 SUBDIVISION

9 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024-178 **9.1 Reconsideration of Resolution 2024-149**
Councillor Storey - Reeve Tuttosi

That pursuant to Subsection 139(1) of The Municipal Act and in accordance with the notice of motion given at the regular meeting held on August 12, 2024, be it hereby moved that Council reconsider the vote on Motion 2024-149 of the regular meeting held July 8, 2024, with respect to the Ducks Unlimited Canada Revolving Land Conservation Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-179 **9.1.1 Ducks Unlimited Canada - Revolving Land Conservation Program**
Councillor Storey - Reeve Tuttosi

In view of the above motion of reconsideration having been adopted, the following motion was before the RM of Whitehead Council as if it had not yet been voted on.

Be it resolved that a letter be provided to Ducks Unlimited Canada of no opposition to the proposed purchase as part of the Revolving Land Conservation Program.

DEFEATED

2024-180 **9.1.1.1 AMENDMENT**
Reeve Tuttosi - Councillor Storey

That the above motion be amended to delete the words "in support of" and substitute with the words, "of no opposition to".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NEW BUSINESS

2024-181 **10.1 Appointment of Auditor**
Councillor Semeschuk - Councillor Foerster

Resolved the Rural Municipality of Whitehead contract with Sensus Partnership of Accountants for Auditing Services for 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Autumn RM Tour

10.3 Blue Hills RCMP - AMM Resolution

2024-182

Councillor Owens - Councillor Mykula

Whereas the Blue Hills area has experienced significant population growth and economic activity in recent years, leading to an increase in crime rates and public safety concerns;

And whereas the current Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachment in the Blue Hills area, despite their commendable efforts, is increasingly stretched thin and struggling to meet the demands of the expanding community;

And whereas there has been a notable rise in property crimes, traffic violations, and domestic disturbances in the area, exacerbated by the rural nature of the community, which presents unique challenges for law enforcement due to the vast geographic area that must be covered;

And whereas the expansion of the Blue Hills detachment's coverage to include an additional municipality will now strain RCMP resources, increasing the coverage area to over 2,200 square miles and adding over 3,000 residents to their responsibilities, thereby impeding response times and limiting proactive policing efforts;

Therefore be it resolved that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) strongly urges the province and the RCMP to increase the number of RCMP officers assigned to the Blue Hills area to ensure adequate law enforcement coverage and enhance public safety;

And be it further resolved that the AMM calls upon the provincial government to provide the necessary resources and support to the RCMP to facilitate this increase in personnel, thereby ensuring that the growing population and geographic challenges of the Blue Hills area are effectively addressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 Building Sustainable Communities Program - Kemnay Hall

2024-183

Councillor Foerster - Councillor Mykula

That Administration be authorized to tender a further project as part of the Building Sustainable Communities Program Grant at the Kemnay Hall for up to \$15,000 with the purpose of improving the infrastructure and accessibility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 Fall AMM Convention

10.6 Reimbursement Request

2024-184

Councillor Foerster - Councillor Semeschuk

Be it resolved that Brian Logan be reimbursed the amount of \$3,450.72 as per the invoice submitted from CAT Country Sand & Gravel.

DEFEATED

10.7 Private Event Noise Variance

2024-185

Councillor Mykula - Councillor Owens

Whereas Whitney Sharkey has requested that Council permit an event to be held September 20, 2024 to vary from the provisions of Noise By-law No. 2023-08;

And Whereas Section 5.1(a)(i) of the Noise By-law allows for exemptions to events when given approval by Council;

Therefore, be it resolved that the request to vary from Noise By-law No. 2023-03 for the event held by Whitney Sharkey at 69 Hellendale Road on September 20, 2024, be approved. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2024-186 **10.8 Community Event Status**
Councillor Semeschuk - Councillor Mykula
Be it resolved that the Alexander & Area Fall Harvest Festival to be held on October 5, 2024, be granted community event status.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2024-187 **11 ACCOUNTS**
Councillor Storey - Councillor Foerster
Resolved that the List of Accounts as paid for August, cheques numbers #15977 to #16022 (both inclusive) totaling \$134,792.45 and Direct Deposit Register totaling \$31,254.46 including council indemnity as per by-law no. 2023-01 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2024-188 **11.1 Bank Reconciliation**
Councillor Owens - Councillor Storey
Resolved that the July Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2024-189 **11.2 Budget to Actual**
Councillor Foerster - Councillor Storey
That the August 2024 year-to-date budget to actual report be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2024-190 **12 COMMITTEE AND BOARDS REPORTS**
- 2024-190 **13 CORRESPONDENCE**
Reeve Tuttosi - Councillor Storey
Resolved that the Correspondence listed below be received;
- 2024-191 **14 NOTICE OF MOTION**
- 2024-191 **15 IN CAMERA**
Councillor Mykula - 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.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2024-192 **15.1 Legal Matters**
- 2024-192 **15.2 BACK TO OPEN SESSION**
Reeve Tuttosi - Councillor Mykula
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this ‘in camera’ meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting.
- 2024-193 **16 Adjournment**
Reeve Tuttosi - Councillor Foerster
Resolved that we now adjourn to meet again on October 15, 2024, at 5:30 pm for a Regular Council meeting or at the call of the Reeve.
Time: 11:21 a.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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