



Rural Municipality of Whitehead Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council June 10, 2024 - 05:30 PM (RM Office)

In attendance: Reeve Trevor Tuttosi, Councillor Chris Semescuk, Councillor Kevin Klassen, Councillor Kaley Mykula, Councillor Jeff Owens and Councillor Curtis Storey

Absent: Councillor Dennis Foerster

- 1 CALL TO ORDER**
- 2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
2024-119 Councillor Owens - Councillor Storey
Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES AS CIRCULATED**
2024-120 Councillor Klassen - Councillor Storey
Resolved that the minutes from May 13, 2024 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- 5 PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- 6 PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**
- 6.1 Darryl & Warren Speers & Vic Richelle - Alexander Cemetery**
2024-121 Councillor Semeschuk - Councillor Mykula
That the delegation of Darryl & Warren Speers & Vic Richelle with respect to the Alexander Cemetery be received.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 7 BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

2024-122 **7.1 Organizational Amending By-law 2024-06 - 3rd Reading**
 Councillor Storey - Councillor Owens

That By-Law No. 2024-06 to amend the Organizational By-Law No. 2018-09 to update the Council committee structures be read a third and final time.

In accordance with Section 137 of the Municipal Act, a recorded vote was taken in the motion to give by-law no. 2024-06 third reading.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Dennis Foerster				✓
Kevin Klassen	✓			
Kaley Mykula	✓			
Jeff Owens	✓			
Chris Semeschuk	✓			
Curtis Storey	✓			
Trevor Tuttosi	✓			

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 SUBDIVISION

9 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10 NEW BUSINESS

2024-123 **10.1 Alexander Cemetery**
 Councillor Owens - Councillor Storey

Be it resolved that Administration is directed to redesign the Alexander Cemetery with the inclusion of a road in the new section and return back to Council for approval of any such design.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Dennis Foerster				✓
Kevin Klassen	✓			
Kaley Mykula	✓			
Jeff Owens		✓		
Chris Semeschuk	✓			
Curtis Storey	✓			
Trevor Tuttosi	✓			

CARRIED

10.2 2025 Gravel Strategy

2024-124

Councillor Owens - Councillor Storey

Be it resolved that Administration is authorized to prepare a gravel plan for 2025 up to 25,000 yards of gravel. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.3 AMM Resolutions

2024-125

Reeve Tuttosi - Councillor Mykula

Whereas rural crime prevention is a top concern for rural residents in Manitoba, and; Whereas staffing levels for both the RCMP and Conservation Officers are not sufficient, and;

Whereas Manitoba has invested in technology, equipment and training for Conservation Officers, including establishing a central dispatch service, which allows the COS to provide first response assistance to the RCMP and greater crime prevention services in general, beyond their traditional duties, and;

Be it known, that other jurisdictions such as Saskatchewan have developed formal collaborative arrangements between their Conservation Officers and RCMP to provide greater effectiveness and shorter response times, and; Be it known, that in recent years, Municipalities and partner organizations have requested from Government, and received an increased budget to provide for the hiring of an additional 25 Conservation Officers, and;

Whereas Manitoba has instituted greater preventative enforcement actions in recent years including enforcement bulletins that highlight enforcement such that has acted as a deterrent along with other measures such as night surveillance via helicopter, all intended to reduce dangerous, illegal night hunting activities that are perpetrated by an array of offenders, and;

Be it known, that illegal night hunting (e.g., on private land without permission) has caused human death, killed and injured livestock, damaged property, crop damage and a general sense of fear in rural communities for decades prior to efforts in recent years by Manitoba to curb this illegal activity, and;

Be it known that a coalition including Rural Municipalities, Agricultural Producers, law enforcement agencies, and hunters advocated for many years, expending significant time and resources for increased enforcement to reduce illegal night hunting activity, and;

Be it known that since increased enforcement efforts have occurred in recent years, rural residents report a huge decrease in illegal night hunting activity, and as such, do not want to see any decrease in enforcement activity and a concomitant increase in illegal night hunting activity.

Therefore, many Westman RM's strongly support the ongoing revitalization of the Conservation Officer Service with direct operational linkages to the RCMP, continued night hunting prevention and overall rural crime prevention through the following measures: - The maintenance of Fall and Winter night hunting enforcement including night helicopter surveillance, consistent enforcement bulletins that describe enforcement results as a deterrent, and

use of all modern techniques, tools and regulations such that illegal night hunting activity is deterred long term. - The follow-through of past and current budget commitments to grow the number of Officers in the field through the immediate approval to hire 25 new Conservation Officers, with a portion of the new officers located in the southwest region, and; - The immediate formalization of operational collaboration between the RCMP and COS leading to reduced response times in rural areas. We respectfully request that these recommendations are implemented in our RM and surrounding areas."

TABLED

10.3.1 Motion Table

2024-126

Reeve Tuttosi - Councillor Mykula

That the above motion be tabled to the July 8, 2024 regular meeting of Council. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.4 Alexander Wastewater Treatment Lagoon - Repair & Improvements Project

2024-127

Councillor Mykula -Councillor Storey

Whereas the RM of Whitehead was required to have an assessment of the Alexander Wastewater Treatment Lagoon dike conditions conducted in response to concerns raised by Manitoba Environment and Climate Change.

And whereas JR Cousins Consultants Ltd. was hired in 2023 for the purpose of conducting the assessment, and a report has been submitted with respect to repairs and upgrades identified.

And whereas the municipality is required to submit to Manitoba Environment and Climate Change an engineered plan of installation for the proposed repairs and upgrades before work can be conducted.

Therefore, be it resolved that JR Cousin Consultants Ltd. be further retained to develop their assessment of the Alexander Wastewater Treatment Lagoon into an engineered installation plan regarding the proposed repairs and improvements. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.5 Ratepayer 2022 Assessment

2024-128

Councillor Klassen - Councillor Owens

Whereas Roll No. 13400, registered to Mr. Joseph Hadley, suffered a fire on or about June 25, 2022 resulting in a full loss of the residence located on the site;

And whereas the 2022 Property Taxes did not reflect the loss;

Be it resolved that the 2022 Property Taxes for Roll No. 13400 be adjusted to reflect a \$2,000 reduction;

And further, that interest and penalties resulting from the \$2,000 reduction be waived.

And further, that administration work with legal to carry out Council's direction. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2024-129 **10.6 Tile Drainage Road 54 Project**
Councillor Semeschuk - Councillor Storey

Be it resolved that the RM of Whitehead approves the proposal by Nextgen Drainage Solutions for a tiled drainage project on Road 54N between 115.5 to 116.5W for an approximate distance of one (1) mile for the quoted price of \$26,531.48 plus taxes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2024-130 **11 ACCOUNTS**
Councillor Storey - Councillor Mykula

Resolved that the List of Accounts as paid for May 2024, cheques numbers #15828 to #15880 (both inclusive) totaling \$214,667.53 and Direct Deposit Register totaling \$27,161.23 including council indemnity as per by-law no. 2023-01 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-131 **11.1 Budget to Actual**
Councillor Owens
Councillor Klassen

That the May 2024 year-to-date budget to actual report be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 COMMITTEE AND BOARDS REPORTS

2024-132 **12.1 Whitehead Elton Regional Water Co-op**
Reeve Tuttosi - Councillor Storey

Whereas Ed Romanowski is a ratepayer of the RM of Whitehead with property adjacent to a test well location being conducted by the Whitehead Elton Water Coop.

And where as Mr. Romanowski wishes to have written guarantees of the long

term stability and use of his well.

Be it resolved that the RM of Whitehead Council recommend to the Whitehead Elton Water Co-op that a proposal be made to provide legal guarantees with respect to his access to water. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2024-133

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Mykula - Councillor Klassen

Resolved that the Correspondence listed below be received;

Support Request - Assiniboine West Watershed District
2024 Annual Competition - Manitoba Good Roads

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14 NOTICE OF MOTION

2024-134

15 IN CAMERA

Councillor Klassen - 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**

15.1 Personnel

2024-135

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. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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16 Adjournment

Councillor Owens - Reeve Tuttosi

Resolved that we now adjourn to meet again on July 8, 2024 at 8:30 am for a Regular Council meeting or at the call of the Reeve.

Time: 7:44 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY