
Rural Municipality of West River Finance Committee

Meeting No	9	Chair	Stephen Gould
Meeting Date	Tuesday, October 5, 2021	Phone	902-675-7000
Start Time	7:00 PM	E-mail	admin@westriverpe.ca
Location	Afton Community Center	Session	Public
Present	Councillor Stephen Gould, Councillor Sabrina Loughran, Councillor John Yeo		
Also	Laala Jahanshahloo – CAO		
Regrets	Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail		

- **Call to order**

Chair Stephen Gould called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Councillor Sabrina Loughran joined the meeting virtually.

- **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Councillor John Yeo and seconded by Councillor Sabrina Loughran; the agenda was approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

- **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

No conflict of interest was declared.

- **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Sabrina Loughran and seconded by Councillor John Yeo that the minutes of September 7, 2021, Finance Committee meeting approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

- **Business Arising from Minutes**

- ➔ Transition Funding Report # 3 was signed and sent to Municipal Affair.

- **FIN9.1**

- ➔ CAO mailed the Notice Letter to the Commercial properties Owner within Municipality boundaries on September 14, 2021.

- ➔ The Municipality did not receive any request by the dateline mentioned in the letter (September 30) to hold a special meeting to discuss the tax increase concerns.

- **FIN9.2**

- ➔ The Committee deferred the reviewed and finalized its recommendation for the 2022 proprieties tax rate as:

- Keep the 2021 tax rate for all the Non-Commercial properties within Municipality's boundaries.
 - Add \$0.0825 to the 2021 tax rate for all the Commercial properties within Municipality's boundaries; as the fire duo rate was increased for commercial properties by \$0.16 per \$100 assessment from January 2021, and the Municipality had covered the Fire Duo increase for the Commercial Properties in 2021 with any cost to the Commercial properties owners.

- **FIN9.3**

- ➔ The Committee reviewed and finalized the Transition Funding Report # 3 and all the supporting documents and directed the CAO to send it for the eMunicipal Affair after obtaining the required signatures.

- **FIN9.4**

- ➔ The former Community of Bonsahw received \$25,000 from New Horizons for the Seniors Program for project number 016580953 on March 16, 2020. The total amount of \$25,000 was transferred to the Rural Municipality of West River operating budget after

amalgamation; all the surplus of the 2020-21 operating budget (including unspent New Horizon Fund) was transferred to the Community Priority and Contingency Reserve account.

- ➔ The Committee recommended the Council reallocate \$25,500.00 from the Official Plan expenditure budget to a new item for the Community of Bonshaw Community Center New Horizons project.

- **FIN9.5**

- ➔ The Committee reviewed the Community 13 Letters Patents and Bylaws and recommended the Council to:
 - Keep the former communities name at Communities 13 Inc and fill the Board of Directors positions with the following representatives:
 - Robert Clow from Afton;
 - Colin MacPhail from Meadowbank
 - Stephen Gould from New-Haven Riverdale;
 - Shaun MacArthur from West River.
 - Continue to contribute to the capital fund of Community 13 – APM Center on behalf of former communities of Afton, Meadowbank, New-Haven Riverdale and West River.

- **Adjournment**

- ➔ The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.
- ➔ The next meeting will be on November 2, 2021.

STEPHEN GOULD _____

CHAIR