

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, July 9, 2020 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reeve: Cyril Druwe. Councilors: Wilson Davis, Scott Phillips, Russell Thiessen, Rick Gabrielle, Mark Houston, Larry Wallace, Stan Cochrane, Dave Roulette Administrator: Lon Turner

- A. CALL TO ORDER at 8:35 a.m. by Cyril Druwe.**
- B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION: **W. Davis – S. Phillips**
2020-090 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of July 9, 2020 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: **R. Thiessen – L. Wallace**
2020-091 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.
CARRIED.

D. RECEPTION OF DELEGATES

- 8:45 a.m. Cody Denbow, Public Works Foreman entered the meeting to update Council on Operator’s schedules and machine maintenance:
- Road gravel finishing up in Ward 2 and will move to northern pit to work on Ward 1; Cody asks Council to advise of any locations where more gravel is needed; mower on grader to start mowing roads; roadwork projects include: drainage for 255 culvert, river hill by shale pit; culvert wash out needs replaced; sink hole at CP WTS fixed up; back to full staff now; Mack truck being worked on (head gasket); garbage outsourced until complete.
- Albert Logeot, Utilities-Urban Centre Foreman to update Council on Utilities and other activities:
- Lagoon discharge complete and ditch clean out is scheduled; red dodge fixed faulty fuel pump, evap control cannister needs repair, seeking options, Council agrees to get truck fixed whichever method is preferred by Albert; Civid Addressing signs going in; cold patch asphalt projects starting today; CP WTS fence to complete; Many trees/bushes around RM to clean up; Deleau Park ready for weekend.
- Carleigh Babiak, EDO and Rec Director to update Council on recreation and economic development programs:
- Camps coming together, waiting on permits; Deleau Camp next week; other programs being developed; EDO-working on tourism ideas, applying for grants. Idea of contacting developer to visit RM to explore development ideas for hotel, residences.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Rink Board:** Air circulation ductwork completed; Request for RM assistance in loan or purchase of Zamboni.
- Waste/Recycling:** Discussion about transfer site hours and who ratepayers feel is “eligible” to use RM transfer sites.
- Fire Department:** Agreement with SVDN has been signed. Impressive ceremony at SVDN to honor the new agreement.

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- Machinery & Equip:** Discussion of skid steer and trailer value to RM; consider hauling GVWR and license requirements.
- Water:** Meeting in Alexander was informative and preference is that the RM of Sifton look at possibility of becoming COOP partner. RM to apply to MWSB for water feasibility study for entire RM.
- Roads:** Heavy work in areas of RM caused degradation of dust control. Looking at options to recover and reapply dust control in heavy use areas.
- Watershed Dist:** Changeover challenges being managed with some issues to still be resolved.
- Econ Dev:** Discussion about larger projects. Council to consider and to re-discuss at next meeting.
- Derelict Properties:** Several properties are to get notices to bring property into compliance with BYLAW.
- Hall:** Combi-oven training at hall scheduled. Hall donor recognition design plaques considered and to be completed before grand re-opening, date TBD.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

- MOTION :** **D. Roulette – M. Houston**
2020-092 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approves the request from the Arena Board to purchase a Zamboni as per schedule “A” with the intent that the Arena Board will pay back the RM of Sifton within 5 years from date of purchase;
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to source the funds from the Machinery and Equipment Reserve.
CARRIED.
- MOTION:** **R. Thiessen – S. Cochrane**
2020-093 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton provides a grant of \$100.00 to OLCOA for the purchase of fountains for the Oak Lake Beach.
CARRIED.
- MOTION:** **L. Wallace – W. Davis**
2020-094 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton provides a grant of \$3,500.00 to the Ag Society to support fireworks.
CARRIED.

G. ACCOUNTS

- MOTION:** **R. Gabrielle – W. Davis**
2020-095 RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 6978 to 7034 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on line payments, inclusive, from June 1 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$216,687.22 be approved.
CARRIED.
- MOTION:** **R. Thiessen – W. Davis**
2020-096 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves month-to-date Accounts Payable listing including cheques #7039 to #7066.
CARRIED.

Councilor Stan Cochrane left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

- MOTION:** **S. Phillips – W. Davis**
2020-097 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable as attached.
CARRIED.

Councilor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

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MOTION: **W. Davis – S. Phillips**
2020-098 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approves the Financial Statement as presented.
CARRIED.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: **M. Houston – R. Thiessen**
2020-099 BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the tender from MWM for the recycling pick-up services contract.
CARRIED.

MOTION: **R. Thiessen – R. Gabrielle**
2020-100 BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Virden Water & Portables for the cleaning of the LUD resident septic tanks and for other jobs as authorized by council.
CARRIED.

Councilor Scott Phillips left the meeting due to a prior engagement.

MOTION: **R. Gabrielle – L. Wallace**
2020-101 BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the installation of 3 steel St Lights with underground wiring along the west side of Pintail St at Cherry Point for the cost of \$15,374.56 + GST as quoted by Estimator/Planner from Manitoba Hydro at Virden.
CARRIED.

MOTION: **M. Houston – W. Davis**
2020-102 BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve or the CAO sign the Fire Service Agreement contract with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation.
CARRIED.

I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS (none)

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION: **R. Gabrielle – S. Cochrane**
2020-104 BE IT RESOLVED to request technical and Financial Assistance from MWSB to undertake a water supply study looking at all options available including developing a system within the RM of Sifton and regional options.
CARRIED.

MOTION: **W. Davis – S. Cochrane**
2020-105 BE IT RESOLVED to offer for sale the lot at 313 Lakeshore Dr. in Oak Lake Beach Resort (PR 12-24313) subject to approval by all applicable authorities and regulations.
CARRIED.

K. NOTICE OF MOTION

L. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn by the Chair to meet again August 13, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.