

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reeve - Cyril Druwe. Councilors: Ward 1 - Russell Thiessen, Larry Wallace, Rick Kenderdine. Ward 2 - Wilson Davis, Scott Phillips, Stan Cochrane. Ward 3 - Dave Roulette, Mark Houston. Administrator - Lon Turner

A. CALL TO ORDER at 8:30 a.m. by Cyril Druwe.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette

2021-001 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of January 7, 2021 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace

2021-002 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 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, Municipal Foreman** to update Council on activities: culverts are ordered; ditches have been mowed; discussion regarding quotes for dozier undercarriage repair; discussion regarding selling unused old RM PW equipment or taking for scrap; discussion on equipment inventory; will fix burn cages for waste transfer sites.

Albert Logeot, Public Works/Utilities Foreman to update Council on activities: Review repairs done to side-by-side; new cutting edge needed for plow on side-by-side; tree trimming work update; seasonal holiday lights and signs to come down; courses for safety and sewer training lined up; discussion on need for equipment for 2021 parks maintenance season.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RCMP: Had meeting with local RCMP and would like to schedule appearance at next Council meeting.

Watershed: Looking for General Manager.

Weed District: Had AGM; tenders are out for 2021; bought truck and looking for spray equipment.

Arena: Board rehired current caretaker at reduced rates and fees to be pro-rated depending on work done once new COVID restrictions are known.

Economic Development: Southwest Biz Expo discussion and need for long-term plan and community promotion to help businesses recover from COVID restrictions.

Code of Conduct: New Provincial **Code of Conduct** training deadline for Municipal Councils was reviewed.

Cemetery: Deleau Cemetery management; heat blanket to be ordered.

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F. COMMUNICATIONS

General discussion of various events.

G. ACCOUNTS

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2021-003 RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 7367 to 7454 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on-line payments, inclusive, from December 1 to December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$1,434,233.56 be approved.

CARRIED.

Councilor Stan Cochrane declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

MOTION: S. Phillips – W. Davis

2021-004 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable as listed in Schedule "A"(attached).

CARRIED.

Councilor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

Councilor Mark Houston declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

MOTION: L. Wallace – R. Thiessen

2021-005 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable for cheque # 7474 as approved by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

Councilor Mark Houston re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2021-006 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves month-to-date Accounts Payable listing including cheques #7455 to #7473.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Kenderdine

2021-007 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2021 Interim Operating Budget from 01st January 2021 to 30th April 2021 for the General Operating Fund and the Utilities Fund. Any operating deficits will be covered by accumulated surpluses.

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MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2021-008 BE IT RESOLVED to approve reimbursing employee for Municipal Administration & Municipal Accounting course fees as per Schedule "A".

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H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – S. Phillips

2021-009 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the updated 2021 season Oak Lake Park Maintenance Agreement as attached in Schedule "A".

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace

2021-010 BE IT RESOLVED to rent SE 23-9-24 approximately 20 acres as per Schedule "A".

CARRIED.

I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS

No new BYLAW readings.

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

General discussion only.

K. NOTICE OF MOTION

L. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Adjourn by the Chair to meet again February 11th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe

Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner