

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

*Moment of silence to honor the services and life of Mary Smith,
CAO of the RM of Sifton and Town of Oak Lake 1995-2018.*

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: **W. Davis-M. Houston**
2021-067 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of May 13, 2021 be adopted as presented.
 CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: **R. Thiessen – D. Roulette**
2021-068 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 08th, 2021, and, 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:
Gravel maps good to go, just to confirm Town of Oak Lake; dust control planning in process; damage to road during road bans reviewed and will be billed to trucking company; culvert work to be done on old #1 shared road with RM Wallace Woodworth, RM WW public works is aware; other culvert replacements need to be done and issues with beaver dams in area; dozier needs new alternator; Sifton Park needs grass seed; Resort WTS needs to be pushed up and cleaned; garbage trailer showing rust and needs sandblast/paint to be schedule for fall/winter (DR on equip committee to arrange); trailer conversions complete but will need new tires.

Albert Logeot, Public Works/Utilities Foreman to update Council on activities:
Back lane road allowance in TOL to be surveyed (east of 3rd ave east between Aspen and Assiniboine St-CAO to arrange); OLPP bathroom and water supply to be activate this week; sewer hookup on Schwindt street will need to be done; work being done at 272 Oxcart Trail RMS property; Sifton dock to be placed this week; Councilor Stan Cochrane wishes to THANK Albert and the Green Team: K. Kobialko, R. Enns and J. Smith for doing a great job cleaning up

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the Oak Lake Beach Resort area this spring; 2 yield signs are needed; Council to call the office and place work orders with reception.

Derek Chrisp entered the meeting to discuss business proposal with Council.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Kenderdine
2021-069 BE IT RESOLVED to approve a conditional offer of a lease proposal to D. Chrisp with terms and conditions as per Schedule “A”, which will be revisited and read for vote of final approval on the 10 June 2021 Council meeting.
CARRIED.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Public School: Discussion on changes to public school boards noting concerns.

OLCDB: Review of positive progress CDB is making noting the web campaign, work being done by Matt Enns, and future projects. CDB is looking at options available to rehire an EDO.

Weed Dist: Selection of vendor for chemicals; RM has need for weed control for RM properties.

RCMP: RK read RCMP report to Council reviewing staffing and funding.

AR Basin: Discussion on the impending drought conditions.

OLCOA: Public works management of resort area going well; desire to explore future projects for resort area to continue developing the lake area.

Personnel: Sick time accruals and discussion of revisiting policy. All staff and Council - because of position - are responsible for any and all comments on social media, reflects on RM.

Governance: Derelict property an issue for many properties. Review RMS Bylaw for next meeting.

Cemetery: Survey of Deleau cemetery in discussion. CAO to arrange.

Vet Clinic: Discussion of Souris Vet Clinic.

Fire Dept: Discussion of Fire Ban protocols, requirements for a fire ban and impacts on residents both for agriculture and recreation.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Kenderdine
2021-070 BE IT RESOLVED to approve to petition the Government of Manitoba Department of Conservation and Climate to transfer ownership of the Oak Lake Provincial Park and Beach to the RM of Sifton.
CARRIED.

Break or lunch: 12:10 – 1:00 PM

F. COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION: R. Kenderdine - M. Houston
2021-071 BE IT RESOLVED to approve a donation to VESC for \$1,200.00.
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MOTION: L. Wallace - S. Phillips

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2021-072 BE IT RESOLVED to approve a grant to the Oak Lake AG Society for \$3,500.
CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – L. Wallace
2021-073 BE IT RESOLVED to approve a grant to the MB Provincial Exhibition for \$500.00.
CARRIED.

G. ACCOUNTS

MOTION: M. Houston – R. Kenderdine
2021-074 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Paid/Payable listing for all cheques, on-line and all other payments as below:
I. For the month of April, cheque #7654-7687 totaling \$214,737.21, &
II. From the Finance committee, cheque # 01-34 totaling \$71,653.05, &
III. Other A/P, cheque #35-55 totaling \$35,346.62.
CARRIED.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tabled until after public hearings.

I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION: D. Roulette – W. Davis
2021-075 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole with Cyril Druwe as Chair to hear comments and concerns from the public regarding the 2021 Financial Plan (RMS By-Law No. 01-2021) and multiple Conditional Use and Variation applications.

2:00PM Public Hearing for Financial Plan (see minutes)

2:30PM Public Hearing for Conditional Use and Variation Applications (see minutes)

MOTION: L. Wallace – M. Houston
2021-076 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now adjourn from Committee of the Whole to resume former order of business.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – M. Houston
2021-077 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 01-2021 being a by-law for the 2021 Property Tax pass second reading.
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MOTION: D. Roulette – W. Davis

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2021-078 BE IT RESOLVED that Property Tax By-Law No. 01-2021 pass third reading and that it be signed, sealed and delivered. RECORDED VOTE:
Druwe: For Wallace: For Thiessen: For Kenderdine: For Davis: For
Phillips: For Cochrane: For Roulette: For Houston: For
CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Kenderdine
2021-079 WHEREAS Avery Brigden has submitted Conditional Use Application No 21-04 as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325; AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to allow a conservation agreement to comply with RM of Sifton Zoning By-Law. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application be Approved.
CARRIED.

Councilor Scott Phillips declared a conflict of interest with the next agenda item and removed himself from the vote.

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – D. Roulette
2021-080 WHEREAS Scott Phillips have submitted Conditional Use Application No 21-05 as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325; AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to allow the establishment to a fuel sales and storage facility including a coffee shop and convenience store to comply with RM of Sifton Zoning By-Law. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application be Approved.
CARRIED.

Councilor Scott Phillips returned to the meeting.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – W. Davis
2021-081 WHEREAS Roger and Cindy Branum have submitted Variation Application No. 21-02S as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325; AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to reduce the South Yard from 5 feet to 1 foot to allow construction of a garage to comply with RM of Sifton Zoning By-Law. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Variation Application be Approved.
CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Cochrane
2021-082 WHEREAS Wade and Catherine Bewski has submitted Variation Application No. 21-03S as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325; AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to reduce the South Yard from 10 feet to 6 feet and reduce the North Yard from 10 feet to 6 feet to allow construction of a garage to comply with RM of Sifton Zoning By-Law. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Variation Application be Approved.
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- MOTION:** **M. Houston – R. Thiessen**
2021-083 BE IT RESOLVED to sell RM Sifton property with Legal Description:1/16-21-2660 (approximately 2.35 acres in Griswold), Roll 134400 on the following terms and conditions as per Schedule “A”:
CARRIED.
- MOTION:** **R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace**
2021-084 BE IT RESOLVED to approve Oak Lake SOS Lighthouse Program – Project Distribution Agreement between the RM of Sifton and Province of Manitoba and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Reeve and CAO to sign the documents as requested.
CARRIED.

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

- MOTION:** **S. Phillips – R. Thiessen**
2021-085 WHEREAS the current dry conditions have created challenging conditions for beef producers in the area;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to petition these concerns on behalf of our producers to the Manitoba government and other entities such as Ducks Unlimited, Wildlife Management, MB Habitat Heritage Co., etc. to free up otherwise restricted pasture land in order to provide an important option for producers who require additional feed options.
CARRIED.
- MOTION:** **M. Houston – D. Roulette**
2021-086 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request from BELLMTS to relocate and existing pedestal along Birch Street in Oak Lake with conditions as noted on request form.
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to approve the CAO to sign the documents.
CARRIED.

Adjourned by the Chair at 4:30PM to meet 10th June 2021, 0830AM.

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Minutes: Public Hearings 13 May 2021

Council enters Committee of Whole to hear comments and concerns for the following:

2:00PM - Public Hearing:

RMS BYLAW 01-2021 Property Tax

All Council and CAO present.

No one from the public has attended the hearing:

CAO Lon Turner reviews the 2021 proposed budget, 2020 budget and actual 2020 performance.

Copy of the Financial presentation is available in the administration office per request.

No comments or concerns noted.

Council remains in Committee of Whole to hear comments and concerns for the following:

2:30PM - Public Hearing:

Conditional Use applications #21-04, #21-05 and Variation applications #21-02S, 21-03S.

All Council and CAO present.

No one from the public has attended the hearing:

David Houston, Planning Officer from Dennis County Planning enters meeting.

David reviews with Council all applications noted above.

No comments or concerns noted.

Council adjourns from Committee of the Whole at 2:45PM.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe

Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner