

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12th, 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.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: **W. Davis - D. Roulette**

2021-111 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of August 12th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: **R. Thiessen – L. Wallace**

2021-112 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 08th, 2021, and, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

CARRIED.

D. RECEPTION OF DELEGATES

08:45 a.m. **Cody Denbow, Municipal Foreman (not present)** to update Council on activities:
 Albert Logeot, Public Works/Utilities Foreman to update Council on activities:
09:00 a.m Ray Harris to discuss sewer issues south of tracks.
10:00 a.m. Peter and Andrea Dillon for general discussion about Oak Island and Oak Lake Beach.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Community Development – General discussion on business opportunities for Oak Lake and other opportunities to promote the RM of Sifton in general; working with Matt Enns to steer projects and project costs, CDB budget may need to be revisited.

ChokBeach Community – speed radar sign working well providing information on traffic counts and speeds; RM maintaining Provincial Park is working well and general feedback is positive; still need lighting along PR 254 near marina.

Personnel - General discussion on increasing workforce or hiring contractors to help with increasing work load.

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General discussion – trees in ditches are becoming a problem and need to be sprayed out or cut down; derelict properties in Deleau need to be addressed; dust control rework to be done in areas due to excessive dryness and problem spots; leafy spurge becoming a serious issue around the RM as a whole; Some culverts should be lowered as they were placed during time of high-water levels.

F. COMMUNICATIONS *(Nothing to report)*

G. ACCOUNTS

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – W. Davis

2021-113 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Paid/Payable listing as below:

- I. For the month of July, on-line, direct payments and cheques #150-196 totaling \$222,163.38;
- II. Accounts Payable cheques #197-241 and direct payments totaling \$106,751.91.

CARRIED.

MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette

2021-114 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports as presented to Council for the Year-To-Date month end July 31, 2021.

CARRIED.

Break for lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Councilor R. Thiessen has left the meeting (1:00p.m.)

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General discussion:

- Letter to Council read by CAO from Rachele Stannage regarding potential recreation programs for the municipality
- Pedestrian pathway through Provincial Park

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips

2021-115 WHEREAS the RM of Sifton had inadequate precipitation from winter 2020 to spring 2021 resulting in an extreme drought situation causing water shortages in dugouts and not enough moisture for crops, pasture, and hay land to grow;

AND WHEREAS the drought conditions greatly reduced viable grazing locations, available forage, and feed for livestock leading to financial challenges for farmers needing to drill additional wells, find alternative and more expensive sources of livestock feed, and being forced to reduce livestock numbers early in the season;

AND WHEREAS with the severe drought condition the grasshopper population has proliferated in the area which has negatively impacted crops;

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AND WHEREAS agriculture is a major industry within the municipality;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the RM of Sifton hereby declares a State of Agriculture Disaster within the municipality;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Council requests immediate assistance from the Government of Canada, Province of Manitoba, and Department of Agriculture through cost recovery programs that will benefit farmers such as, but not limited to: tax deferrals, subsidies for livestock fee costs, and compensation for additional wells being drilled.

CARRIED.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe, has declared a conflict of interest with the following resolution and has removed himself from the vote. Larry Wallace to sit as Chairman.

MOTION:
2021-116

R. Kenderdine - S. Cochrane

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT for Parcel "B" as shown on Deposit Plan No. 1123/19 sworn by Derek Thomas Arthur, Manitoba Land Surveyor, on March 22, 2021 in NE ¼ 19- 8-24 WPM (the "Public Reserve").

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to authorize CAO Lon Turner to sign the agreement on behalf of RM of Sifton Council.

CARRIED.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe, to resume Chairman

Councilor S. Phillips has left the meeting (2:35 p.m.)

I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION:
2021-117

L. Wallace - R. Kenderdine

BE IT RESOLVED to that RMS BYLAW No 03-2021, being a by-law to maintain property and to regulate nuisances, derelict, abandoned and unsightly property pass second reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION:
2021-118

S. Cochrane - W. Davis

BE IT RESOLVED to that RMS BYLAW No 03-2021, being a by-law to maintain property and to regulate nuisances, derelict, abandoned and unsightly property pass third reading and that it be signed, sealed and delivered. Recorded vote: F=FOR, A=AGAINST:

Reeve – Cyril Druwe (F), Ward 1 - Larry Wallace (F), Russell Thiessen (absent), Rick Kenderdine (F), Ward 2 – Scott Phillips (absent), Stan Cochrane (F), Wilson Davis (F), Ward 3 - Dave Roulette (F), Mark Houston (F).

CARRIED.

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J. GENERAL BUSINESS *(Nothing to report)*

MOTION: **M. Houston - S. Cochrane**

2021-119

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the cancelation of unrecoverable charges owing to the RM of Sifton as attached in Schedule A.

CARRIED.

MOTION: **S. Cochrane – L. Wallace**

2021-120

BE IT RESOLVED to approve sandblasting and painting of RM Sifton garbage trailer for \$8,646.15 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED.

Adjourned by the Chair at 4:00 PM to meet 09th September 2021, 08:30AM.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe

Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner