

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Reeve - Cyril Druwe.

Councilors: Ward 1 - Russell Thiessen, Larry Wallace, Rick Kenderdine.

Ward 2 - Wilson Davis, Scott Phillips. Regrets: Stan Cochrane Ward 2

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: L. Wallace – D. Roulette**

**2021-011** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of February 11, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: M. Houston – R. Thiessen**

**2021-012** BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2021, and special meetings of January 19, 2021, January 27, 2021 and February 2, 2021, 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: dozier under-carriage parts in shop and work started; new ice blades purchased; 40K worth of culverts have arrived; old garbage trailer and old recycle bins all sold; equipment for 2021 discussed and ToolCAT quote presented to Council for consideration.

**Albert Logeot, Public Works/Utilities Foreman** to update Council on activities: Reviewed safety H2S Alive training program, next is wastewater conference coming up Feb 22/23; discussed fleet inventory and Council may consider replacing one or two older trucks in near future; discussed MB Hydro line replacement possibility to Oak Lake Beach/Cherry Point area (Council to follow up on this); trees cleaned up in Belleview, flag missing and will be replaced; reviewed quote for \$650 lawn sweep attachment; Red Dodge and Grey Dodge in shop for heater repair; small harrow attachment quote of \$850 presented.

**MOTION: R. Kenderdine – R. Thiessen**

**2021-013** BE IT RESOLVED to purchase Public Works equipment as detailed in Schedule "A".

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**E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

General discussion on feedback of Public Hearing announcement and its subsequent cancellation regarding possible purchase of **Oak Island Resort assets**. CAO to put together a Q&A for ratepayers, list as much financial info as possible without conflicting the non-disclosure agreement. Discussion of different borrowing scenarios with different tax classifications and tax regions. More work to be done to be ready for Public Hearing when COVID-19 Code Red restrictions are lifted.

**Waste Transfer Sites**: Signage and website to be updated to reflect correct hours of operation.

**Recreation**: General discussion on recreation activity and programming and what is the best direction for the RM.

**Community Hall**: Concern about keys. CAO to document all keys available at the office and signed out by users.

**F. COMMUNICATIONS**

**MOTION :**     **R. Kenderdine – D. Roulette**

**2021-014**     BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole with Cyril Druwe in the chair to sit as the Oak Lake-Sifton Fire Board.

**CARRIED.**

*(See OL-S Fire Department meeting minutes)*

**MOTION :**     **R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace**

**2021-015**     BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business.

**CARRIED.**

**RECEPTION OF DELEGATES CONTINUED (10 :30am)**

Mike Eady, RCMP Virden, entered the meeting to review activity in RM of Sifton and surrounding areas.

**G. ACCOUNTS**

**MOTION:**     **L. Wallace – W. Davis**

**2021-016**     BE IT RESOLVED to donate \$100.00 to the Manitoba Ag Hall of Fame.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**     **W. Davis – L. Wallace**

**2021-017**     BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign the 2021 Oak Lake Handi-Van Operating Budget and 2020 report on behalf of the RM of Sifton.

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**MOTION:**       **R. Thiessen – W. Davis**  
**2021-018**       RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 7455 to 7500 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on-line payments, inclusive, from January 1 to January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$215,997.91 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**       **R. Kenderdine – D. Roulette**  
**2021-019**       BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves month-to-date Accounts Payable listing including cheques #7505 to #7533.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**       **M. Houston – S. Phillips**  
**2021-020**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2020 Unaudited Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**       **M. Houston – D. Roulette**  
**2021-021**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve authority for the CAO to sign legal documents as per Schedule “A”.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**       **W. Davis – L. Wallace**  
**2021-022**       BE IT RESOLVED to grant \$300.00 to Seniors Helping Hands of Alstone Inc.

**CARRIED.**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION:**       **R. Kenderdine – W. Davis**  
**2021-023**       BE IT RESOLVED to award the gravel crush and supply tenders for 2021 to:  
                    North (Region 2): Cochrane Stock Farms  
                    South (Region 1): Midwestern Redi-Mix

**CARRIED.**

**I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**MOTION:**       **L. Wallace – R. Kenderdine**  
**2021-024**       BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole with Cyril Druwe in the chair to sit as a Variation Board and Conditional Use Board.

**CARRIED.**

*(See Public Hearing minutes for three conservation agreements and one variation application)*

**MOTION:**       **R. Thiessen – W. Davis**  
**2021-025**       BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business.

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**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace**  
**2021-026** WHEREAS Jolene Toder has submitted Variation Application No. 21-01S required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325; AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to reduce the Front Yard from 25 feet to 15 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.  
**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips**  
**2021-027** WHEREAS Jason and Teresa Vandenberghe have submitted Conditional Use Application No. 21-01 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 with the following conditions:

1. The agreement will allow enhancement for agriculture use (cross fencing, regular fence maintenance, livestock watering system improvements) and that provision for these enhancements will be for the life time of the conservation agreement.
2. The grantor and holder agree to comply with regulations of the Noxious Weeds Act.
3. The agreement will allow parcels of land under the conservation agreement to be burned or herbicide may be applied for management purposes.
4. The agreement will allow brushing and/or mowing of woody vegetation within any applicable natural stream channel(s).
5. A portion of the property (2-5 acres) is set aside for residential development in the future unless the property has no potential for development.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips**  
**2021-028** WHEREAS William and Paulette Smith have submitted Conditional Use Application No. 21-02 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.**

**MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette**  
**2021-029** WHEREAS 4827164 Manitoba Ltd have submitted Conditional Use Application No. 21-03 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.  
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**Cyril Druwe declared a conflict of interest with the next item on the agenda and left the meeting.**

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Larry Wallace stepped in as chair.

**MOTION:** R. Kenderdine – M. Houston

**2021-030** BE IT RESOLVED that the By-Law No. 02-2021 being a by-law to subdivide and sell a portion of the public reserve pass first reading.

**CARRIED.**

Cyril Druwe returned to the meeting and resumed as chair, Larry Wallace back as Deputy Reeve.

**J. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** L. Wallace – R. Thiessen

**2021-031** BE IT RESOLVED that Loretta Black be added as countersigner for bank accounts for the RM of Sifton (in absence of Lon Turner and Nancy Buckley), including online banking.

**CARRIED.**

General discussion on several potential projects that would be eligible for MB Building Sustainable Communities Grants. Three projects of interest are and CAO to apply for in 2021:

1. Roof repair for curling rink social hall building and grandstand on AG grounds
2. Deleau Park – New cook shack
3. Ball diamond backstops in Oak Lake AG grounds

General discussion on potential development of Public Reserves within Oak Lake Beach Resort area.

**K. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Adjourn by the Chair at 4:25pm to meet again March 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

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Reeve, Cyril Druwe

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Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner