

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020 - 8:30 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**Regrets:** Stan Cochrane

**A. CALL TO ORDER at 8:35 a.m. by Cyril Druwe.**

**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** R. Thiessen – M. Houston

**2020-014** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of February 6, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** D. Roulette – M. Houston

**2020-015** RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 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:

- Review dozer work and maintenance; old garbage trailer to be weighed for scrap; new tires needed for white truck, volvo grader needs new tires and will get quotes for 4 new tandem tires; water system at shop needs to be looked at by plumber; 870 grader stone chips in driver side window needs replaced; review Wildlife Management Protected Areas protocol for accessing property; new lights for hotsy trailer to be put on; will get quotes for different sizes of portable generators required for emergency situations (EMO).

Albert Logeot, Utilities-Urban Centre Foreman to update Council on Utilities and other activities:

- Deleau well froze up from heat tape not working, needs to be dug up and replumbed in spring, OLS FD was informed of well situation; Cherry Point WTS in good shape, no issues noted; currently working on pumps, machinery to be

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ready for spring; new supply of sand for sidewalks and streets received; discussion of new mower needs by RM, in another year or two RM may need a 54" or 60" zero turn mower, 72" is too large and no advantage in having a rotary mower/tractor combo; RM will hire seasonal staff beginning 01<sup>st</sup> March 2020 as work is required.

Christa Milne, Arts Mosaic to update Council on MB150 wall mural projects planned in RM Sifton for 2020:

- Arts Mosaic will be commissioning a wall mural to go on exterior wall between Oak Lake Public School and Care Centre, work to begin in May, total project will cost \$4,500-\$5,500 total and requesting RM Sifton contribute approximately \$1,500 toward mural. More information to be provided later. Council had discussion about wall choice.

Carleigh Babiak, EDO and Rec Director to update Council on recreation and economic development programs:

- Aeration for Oak Lake project discussed, good participation in curling, stick-and-pucks, and stepping up programs; Tourism guide is completed and at printer; SW BIZ EXPO on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> in Melita, Council invited to attend; Tourism workshop participation reviewed; discussion on developing a Strategic Plan for RM involving consultant and cost to be split 50/50 between RM and OLCDB.

**E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- i. **SOUTHWEST WEED:** Meeting in Hartney to discuss budget 2020 and tender audit.
- ii. **WATERSHED DISTRICT:** Budget meeting went well and there is positive progression toward new system.
- iii. **FLOOD STRATEGY:** Several RMs meeting to prepare for potential risks of a 2020 spring flood.
- iv. **VET CLINIC:** Financial meeting held, possible upgrades to Virden Vet clinic.
- v. **VIRDEN DR RECRUITMENT:** Project discussed in general terms.
- vi. **GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Discussion to update Derelict Properties and Public Street Parking BYLAWS; Rural theft is a big issue and there are new ideas as to how to manage this; Single Mill Rate are issues with many RMs; Review importance and necessity of RM Asset Management; Community Hall needs a better door locking management system, possible camera installation discussed, CAO to get quotes for different systems and recommendations by professional locksmith companies; CPRAIL Arcola land purchase is at a standstill and RM to take no further action at this point; Dry hydrant and well for OLS FD at Cherry Point and Oak Lake Beach discussed. Waiting on quotes.

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**F. COMMUNICATIONS**

**MOTION:** R. Thiessen – L. Wallace

**2020-016** RESOLVED that Council approves Tanis Podobni attending the All-Net Tech Day held in Winnipeg on April 30, 2020 with expenses paid.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** W.Davis – S. Phillips

**2020-017** RESOLVED that Nancy Buckley and Marina Enns are hereby authorized to attend MUGG being held June 12, 2020 in Winnipeg with expenses paid.

**CARRIED.**

**G. ACCOUNTS**

**MOTION:** W. Davis – S. Phillips

**2020-018** BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves month-to-date Accounts Payable listing including cheques #6738 to #6757.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** R. Thiessen – M. Houston

**2020-019** RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 6647 to 6734 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on line payments, inclusive, from January 1 to January 31, 2020 in the amount of \$263,999.29 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** S. Phillips – R. Gabrielle

**2020-020** BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the unaudited 2019 Financial Statements.

**CARRIED.**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** *(no resolutions required)*

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

**MOTION:** W. Davis – S. Phillips

**2020-021** BE IT RESOLVED to approve first reading of By-Law No 02-2020: Watershed Districts Participation.

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**J. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**MOTION:**      **W. Davis – S. Phillips**

**2020-022**      WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has been advised by the Southwest Weed District Supervisor that the Property described in Schedule “A” is found to be infested with leafy spurge;

AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(1) of the Noxious Weeds Act, the Council of the Municipality may levy a charge upon any land that is found to be infested with noxious weeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a levy of \$25.00 per acre be levied against the property as described in Schedule “A” in the year 2020 for each acre so infested; same to be cancelled if noxious weed are controlled;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that notice be sent by registered mail to the property owners advising of the special levy.

**CARRIED.**

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

**2020-023**      BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton join the West Souris River Watershed District GIS Software License for Mapping Software.

**CARRIED.**

**A. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn by the Chair to meet again March 12 2020 at 8:30 a.m.