

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 09th, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilors: Reeve – Cyril Druwe
 Ward 1 - Russell Thiessen Larry Wallace 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 the Chair, Reeve Cyril Druwe.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: M. Houston – W. Davis
2021-162 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of December 09th, 2021 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED.**

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: M. Houston – R. Thiessen
2021-163 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 04th, 2021, and, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled. **CARRIED.**

D. RECEPTION OF DELEGATES

08:35 a.m. Municipal and Urban Centre/Utilities Foreman attend meeting.
Cody Denbow: report of end-dump trailer stolen from yard, all reports have been filed with RCMP and MPI; dozier needs repair and will source out options; need another dumpster at Bellevue; need new burn cage at Resort WTS.

Albert Logeot: Sewer collection south of tracks was cleaned out and had some sludge build up, should be good now and will plan regular quarterly flushings from now on; waiting on curb-stop supply to repair one site; side-by-side need parking brake; new gas auger needed; will look at attachments for ToolCAT; need a new man-door at PW cold storage, possibly a second location for man-door as well.
Reeve, Cyril Druwe thanked Cody and Albert for working extra scraping ice around the RM.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & ROUND TABLE

General Discussion & Round Table:

Cemetery: Oak Lake cemetery some headstones require maintenance and repair.

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CDB: Programs and new building on Oxcart is coming along. Wendy Peterson from MB Futures coming out about proposal; Pauls' Hauling is coming to Oak Lake to have an OPEN HOUSE for potential Class I drivers; new treasurer will be chosen soon; some discussion about current structure of CDB having EDO operate on a contract basis or to hire as an employee of the RM. Council mentioned any activities organized by the CDB need to reflect the entire RM and not just Oak Lake. Recreation brochure is out and holiday greetings for all RM-based businesses is also out

Arena: Business as usual; dividers in dressing room washrooms; cleanliness of front lobby becoming an issue; new COVID 19 regulations now being enforced as per Public Health Orders.

10:00 a.m. Dean Brooker and Brianna Shepherd from Souris River Watershed District entered the meeting to review with Council the different programs and opportunities SRWD provides: shelter belts, assistance with environmental farm plans, conservation and enhancement of Riparian Zones, discussion on AG Action, GROW funding, MB Habitat, aquifer levels, and potential interest in having an OPEN HOUSE in the RM of Sifton in the future for interested rate payers.

10:30 a.m. Dean Brooker and Brianna Shepherd exited the meeting.

Oak Lake Beach: Landscaping and pathway review; possible need for further dust control in park parking lot in 2022, pathway through campground will involve MI and Bruce's Four Seasons; Scott Phillips mentioned Honorable Cliff Cullen is working to help guide the RM to potentially place the pathway within the road allowance of PR 254 through Oak Lake;

MOTION: W. Davis – R.Thiessen
2021-164 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.**

11:00 a.m. David Houston, Fire Chief, OL-S Fire Department entered the meeting (*see OL-S Fire Department Minutes*).

11:45 a.m. David Houston exited the meeting.

MOTION: M. Houston – R. Thiessen
2021-165 BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business. **CARRIED.**

Break for lunch: 11:45 – 1:30 PM

Oak Lake: Discussion on levels of Oak Lake and impact on fish population surviving the winter.
Grant applications: Discussion for applications for park pathway, Cherry Point gazebo, Griswold picnic shelter.

SW Weed District: District is asking RM for direction on Covid-19 policies

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MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2021-166 BE IT RESOLVED to petition the Province of Manitoba to increase the level of the Oak Lake spillway by 06 inches and to expedite the permit construction process to get the new repairs for the spillway and dyke built by the end of the calendar year 2022.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Cromer Dam meeting scheduled for December 15th, 2022 announced. Many RM Sifton Councillors will attend.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2021-167 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the grant for Ronald McDonald House Charities in the amount of \$500.00 to be expenses in the year 2022. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: S. Cochrane – M. Houston
2021-168 BE IT RESOLVED to approve a donation in the amount of \$ 200.00 to the Brandon Humane Society in memory of Scott Preston. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: L. Wallace – M. Houston
2021-169 BE IT RESOLVED to pay for the Senior Supper Christmas Dessert cost. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – S. Phillips
2021-170 BE IT RESOLVED to approve a donation of 3 poinsettias to the Oak Lake Legion for their Meat Draw and to cover hall rental costs if hall available is on December 18, 2021. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2021-171 BE IT RESOLVED to give each active member of the Fire Dept a 10% bonus based on fire training and fire calls expenses as of Dec 9, 2021, to be paid for by the RM operating budget. **CARRIED.**

G. ACCOUNTS

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – S. Cochrane
2021-172 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Paid listing for all cheques, on-line and direct payments as below:

- a. For the Month of November, cheque #s 370-430 totaling \$183,012.88;
- b. From the Finance committee, cheque #s 441-486 totaling \$ 1,374,260.78.

CARRIED.

MOTION: M. Houston - R. Thiessen
2021-173 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports as presented to Council for the Year-To-Date month end November 30, 2021. **CARRIED.**

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H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Oak Lake Hall and Arena internet service provision will need to be upgraded.
- Oak Lake Hall management and auto-locking mechanism discussed.
- RM to advertise employment for PT office clerk and PT hall caretaker for 2022; possibly combing the two positions into one full-time position.
- Preliminary discussion for future needs for a new grader. Municipal Foreman to work on putting specifications together to request bids.
- Curling rink not being used this season. Building is open for other uses.
- Resort WTS soil evaluation discussed. Quote was given to the RM to place several bore holes and monitoring the site.

I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS *(nothing to report)*

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION: S. Phillips – R. Kenderdine
2021-174 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the salaries and wages for 2022 as presented by the personnel committee as attached in Schedule “A”. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: D. Roulette – W. Davis
2021-175 BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Receivable in arrears as at October 31, 2021 as listed in Schedule “A” be added to the 2021 Tax Collection Roll of the Rural Municipality of Sifton.
CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2021-176 BE IT RESOLVED that the Accounts Receivable Utility in arrears as at October 31, 2021 as listed in Schedule “A” be added to the 2021 Tax Collection Roll of the Rural Municipality of Sifton.
CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – S. Phillips
2021-177 BE IT RESOLVED to approve and adopt the 2021 RM Emergency Plan. **CARRIED.**

Adjourned by the Chair at 4:15 PM to meet 06th January 2022, 08:30AM.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe

Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner

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Schedule A: Resolution 2021-174

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