

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL**

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**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:**       **R. Kenderdine - S. Cochrane**

**2021-135**       BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED.**

**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

**2021-136**       BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 09<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Road gravel spot work to do before freeze up; Councilors asked to contact Cody if they see any areas that require gravel; news bins at Deleau WTS required, Oak Lake WTS need gravel, culvert extension to do along old highway #1; review grader hours (JD’12-9600 hours, JD’16-5,000 hours, Volvo-12,000 hours); general discussion on leasing versus buying new equipment; semi-truck new tires discussion (re-cap v new).  
**Albert Logeot, Public Works/Utilities Foreman:** Sewer issues resolved by removing valve and flushing lines; curbstop to be replaced; park trail started; hall water inspections discussed and need more info on training for

09:00 a.m.       **Peter Dillon** cancelled meeting to reschedule for November. Letter read to Council by CAO, concerning 254 road allowance survey through Oak Lake Beach, Waste Transfer site and other projects planned for Oak Island Resort.

09:45 a.m.       **Rachelle Stannage** entered meeting to introduce herself to Council and review planned recreation programs.

**E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & ROUND TABLE**

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

**2021-137**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the purchase of six (6) “doggy bag” dispensers at a list price of approximately \$146.00 each plus taxes and shipping. **CARRIED.**

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

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**General Discussion & Round Table:**

**CDB:** Oxcart Trail property repairs done, clean carpet, need RM garbage bin; exploring idea for outdoor rink near bike park; speed issues along Oxcart Trail causing possible need for radar speed sign; CDB Board appreciates the support Council has provided; CAO read letter from CDB to Council asking Council to consider hearing CDB's perspective on the development of any RM properties.

**Arena:** Board is ready to go for 2021-22 season; ice should be in before November.

**Oak Lake Beach:** pedestrian pathway going well; questions regarding condition of old provincial buildings in park; more cleanup to do around park; beach could use more sand now that Oak Lake water levels are so low.

**Waste Management:** Resort WTS burn cage and burn pile fire was monitored, piles needs to be burned more frequently (once a month); RM to explore tender for hauling material from WTS to landfill site and possibly use RM backhoe and hauler trailer. Dig out SW corner of site with RM equipment and possibly rent out wood chipper. Discussion of relocation of Resort WTS. CAO to get more information on the subdivision and transfer of ownership of old MB highway 254 road allowance to the RM and private landowner. Deleau WTS needs cleanup as well.

**Derelict Properties:** many properties around RM and in Oak Lake need to be cleaned up and should receive notice letters to clean up property.

**Utility:** Status of feasibility studies? CAO to look into water supply and sewer extension to Oak Lake Beach and Cherry Point feasibility studies currently underway by Water Services Board.

**RM COVID-19 policy:** Should RM consider having a policy over and above what the province is recommending/ordering? No consensus made by Council.

**Veterinarian:** Souris Vet Clinic – Grand Valley cancelled contract and now looking for new large and small animal vet to take over the services provided from that clinic.

**Ditch off highway #1** between approaches needs to be cut and was approved by MB highways for the RM staff to do.

**RCMP:** Request by Councilor S. Phillips to write a support letter from RM Sifton regarding the need to hire more RCMP staff in region was discussed.

**2021-138** BE IT RESOLVED we now do move into Committee of Whole with Cyril Druwe as Chair to sit as Board of Revision to hear comments on 2022 property assessments.  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to appoint the Board of Revision whose membership shall consist of all Councilors present. **CARRIED.**

*(10:00 am – Board of Revision Hearing See Minutes)*

**MOTION:** **L. Wallace – W. Davis**  
**2021-139** BE IT RESOLVED the Committee of Whole be adjourned and we resume the former order of business. **CARRIED.**

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**MOTION:**       **M. Houston – R. Kenderdine**  
**2021-140**       BE IT RESOLVED the revised 2022 assessment as presented by the Provincial Assessment Officer be approved as per Schedule A. **CARRIED.**

**F. COMMUNICATIONS**

**MOTION:**       **M. Houston – L. Wallace**  
**2021-141**       BE IT RESOLVED the RM of Sifton pay for 10 hours of ice rental at the Oak Lake Arena to be used by the local S.O.S. program through the period of October 2021 through March 2022. **CARRIED.**

*Break for lunch: 12:00 – 12:30 PM*

**D. RECEPTION OF DELEGATES (continued)**

1:00 p.m.       Tara Larway enters meeting to discuss with Council the possibility for the Oak Lake Waste Transfer Site to be open to the public with 24-hour access and to discuss the idea of having a playground for the residents of Oak Lake urban centre.

**G. ACCOUNTS**

*\*\*\* Councilors Mark Houston and Stan Cochrane have declared a Conflict of Interest with the next resolution (2021-142) and have removed themselves from the vote\*\*\**

**MOTION:**       **W. Davis – S. Phillips**  
**2021-142**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Paid/Payable listing as below:

- I.     For the month of September, on-line, direct payments and cheques #252-310 totaling \$150,519.24;
- II.    Accounts Payable cheques #315-365 and direct payments totaling \$88,133.44;
  - a.    Note: Check #326, \$3,591.00 in the above approval is to be HELD until the issue is resolved with vendor and if not resolved by 09 December 2021, cheque is to be VOIDED.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**       **M. Houston - R. Thiessen**  
**2021-143**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports as presented to Council for the Year-To-Date month end September 30, 2021. **CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**       **S. Cochrane – R. Thiessen**  
**2021-144**       BE IT RESOLVED to acknowledge and approve the 2020 Audited Financial Statements as presented;  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to authorize Reeve, C. Druwe and Deputy Reeve, L. Wallace to sign the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2020. **CARRIED.**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (tabled to after Public Hearings)**

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

**MOTION: L. Wallace - M. Houston**  
**2021-145** BE IT RESOLVED we now do move into Committee of Whole with Cyril Druwe as Chair to hear public comment on variation and conditional use applications. **CARRIED.**

*(2:00 PM See Public Hearing Minutes)*

**MOTION: R. Kenderdine – W. Davis**  
**2021-146** BE IT RESOLVED the Committee of Whole be adjourned and we resume the former order of business. **CARRIED.**

**MOTION: S. Cochrane – S. Phillips**  
**2021-147** WHEREAS Murray and Trudy Olive have submitted Conditional Use Application No 21-07 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.  
*Recorded vote requested by Councilor R. Thiessen: (F)= FOR, (A) = AGAINST*  
C. Druwe (F), L. Wallace (F), R. Thiessen (A), M. Houston (F), D. Roulette (F),  
R. Kenderdine (F), S. Cochrane (F), S. Phillips(F), W. Davis (F).  
**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: M. Houston - L. Wallace**  
**2021-148** WHEREAS Allison Robertson has submitted VARIATION APPLICATION 21-07S, as 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/storage shed.  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Variation Application be APPROVED. **CARRIED.**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen - R. Kenderdine**  
**2021-149** BE IT RESOLVED to approve the hire of Rachelle Stannage as Recreation Director as per the terms and condition attached in Schedule A. **CARRIED.**

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**J. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Kenderdine**

**2021-150**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a contract proposal to the Province of Manitoba for the maintenance management of Oak Lake Provincial Park as per the terms and conditions set forth in Schedule A.

**CARRIED.**

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

**2021-151**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the offer to purchase RM property located at 215 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave West, Oak Lake MB, Roll #207150 by Kreutzer Metals Ltd. for the sum of \$12,599.00;  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the purchaser must pay for all RM of Sifton legal fees and any taxes for the transfer of property.

**CARRIED.**

Adjourned by the Chair at 4:00 PM to meet 04<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 08:30AM.

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**Board of Revision for 2022 Assessment Hearing: Minutes**

10:00 am Call to Order by Reeve, Cyril Druwe, Chairperson.

2022 Assessment Appeal for Property at 318 Saskatoon Drive, Oak Lake Beach MB.

Present:

Liz Leatherdale, MB Provincial Assessment Souris Branch  
Art Scott, Appellant for property assessment

Art Scott presents to the Board his case for appeal noting the purchase price of this property in 2020 was well below the assessed price (see appeal letter). Art stated the mobile home building property is assessed too high and wants to see the assessment at or near the purchase price.

Liz Leatherdale reviews the property assessment legislation and the process of reviewing areas sales and comparable properties the assessment office must follow in determining assessment value of individual properties. Liz also states she did do a physical inspection of the property recently and has since then reduced the 2022 assessment noting deck and garage features, which will change (lower) the final 2022 assessment.

Hearing adjourned by the Chair at 10:35am.

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**Public Hearing - Variation and Conditional Use: Minutes**

2:00pm Call to Order by Reeve, Cyril Druwe, Chairperson.

Conditional Use Hearing for Application 21-07

Present:

David Houston, Planning Officer Dennis County Planning  
Scott Henowich, Kylie Nielsen, Ducks Unlimited

David reviews application with Board.

Ducks unlimited reviews DU process for Conservation Agreements and reviews details of offer with Board.

David states he has had no comments or concerns noted from the public.

No comments or concerns from the Board.

Ducks Unlimited exits the hearing.

Variation Hearing for Application 21-07S

Present:

David Houston, Planning Officer Dennis County Planning

David reviews application with Board.

David states he has had no comments or concerns noted from the public.

Council has no comments or concerns.

Hearing adjourned by the Chair at 2:20pm.

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Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner