

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 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.

*Moment of silence to honor the services and life of Clement Gervais,
Councillor of the RM of Sifton 2014-2018.*

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: R. Kenderdine - S. Cochrane

2021-087 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of June 10th, 2021 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: R. Thiessen – W. Davis

2021-088 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13th, 2021, and, 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 (not present)** submitted report to update Council on activities: 99% road gravel complete; Cherry Point Road work complete; black dirt hauled, leveled, seeded. Dozer overheating, Council discussion to repair.

Albert Logeot, Public Works/Utilities Foreman to update Council on activities: Lagoon isolated for sample and discharge; trees to clean up at OLPP, rocks cleaned from beach, plumbing service to clean out bathroom drains at OLPP, PW to flush once per month going forward; 2 loads dirt hauled to Deleau Park; Watch for Children signs placed on 3rd Ave Oak Lake; public garden by arena needs hoses trench dug to prevent mower from hitting hit; e-waste to do; sewer install planned; MB Hydro changing 13 poles in Oak Lake; Red Dodge need new tires (quotes given); wood chipper still up for discussion; ¾ Ton or 1 ton truck needed for PW department, Council to seek quotes on potential trucks; Deleau Waste Transfer Site requires cleanup. Grass along declared MB PTH road (Oxcart Trail) and designated MB PR (Tower Road) ditches need cut.

10:00 a.m. **Matt Enns** entered meeting to discuss with Council economic development opportunities and recent activities of the OLACDB. Drone videos are being completed and website campaign was a great success obtaining over 60,000 new views and 4,000 “clicks” on

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the newly developed “Work from home” website, which resulted in one new resident moving to Oak Lake. OLACDB will continue these efforts and build on by working on marketing municipal assets to potential new residents and businesses with new videos and marketing strategies.

10:15 a.m. Jim Wilson was invited by Councilor Dave Roulette to attend meeting to voice his concerns with the CAO and Council, but did not attend.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Chokecherry Crescent Development Agreement: road to be inspected to make sure it was built to agreement specifications and standards before road can be turned over to the RM for maintenance.

General discussion:

RCMP staffing and rural crime issues update.

Livestock producer support - The governments of Canada and Manitoba are advising that livestock producers who have been affected by dry conditions on pasture in Manitoba can apply for funding to support water source development under Ag Action Manitoba; Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development advises that due to dry conditions in parts of the province over the past few years, livestock producers will temporarily be allowed to cut hay on Crown lands not normally designated for agricultural use.

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

Watershed: Dean Brooker is planning to meet with regional Councils in 2021.

Public Works/Transportation: Some culverts should be lowered as they were placed during time of high-water levels. CAO to look at this.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

Grant to Shrine Circus discussed. Tabled to next meeting. Advertising with NWO Legion approved.

G. ACCOUNTS

Councilor Stan Cochrane declared a conflict of interest with the next agenda item and removed himself from the vote.

MOTION: D. Roulette – L. Wallace

2021-089 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable listing for Cochrane Stock Farms.

CARRIED.

Councilor Stan Cochrane returned to the meeting.

Councilor Mark Houston declared a conflict of interest with the next agenda item and removed himself from the vote.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – D. Roulette

2021-090 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable listing for Mark’s Mobile welding.

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Councilor Mark Houston returned to the meeting.

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MOTION: R. Thiessen – S. Cochrane

- 2021-091** BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Paid/Payable listing as below:
- I. For the month of May, on-line, direct payments and cheques #001-075 totaling \$198,260.96;
 - II. From the Finance committee, cheques # 081-112 totaling \$209,451.69, &
 - III. Other A/P, cheques #113-128 totaling \$10,410.86.

CARRIED.

(Note: Cheques # 076-080 are seen in OL-S Fire Department Minutes, to be approved by the OL-S Fire Board)

MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette

- 2021-092** BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports as presented to Council for the Year-To-Date month end May 31, 2021.

CARRIED.

Break for lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General discussion on street lights along highway 254 in Oak Lake Beach, park and beach maintenance, pedestrian pathway.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – D. Roulette

- 2021-093** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton hire employee Scott Gervin for the position Supervisor – Waste Transfer Site with terms and conditions of employment as per Schedule A.

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – W. Davis

- 2021-094** BE IT RESOLVED to sell RM of Sifton properties located in the Belleview area to Van Burren Stock Farms as per terms and conditions listed in Schedule A. FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the CAO to sign all administrative and legal documents.

CARRIED.

I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION: M. Houston – W. Davis

- 2021-095** BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole with Cyril Druwe as Chair to hear comments and concerns from the public regarding Variation Application #2021-04S.

2:00PM Public Hearing for Variation Application (see minutes).

MOTION: S. Phillips – R. Thiessen

- 2021-096** BE IT RESOLVED that we do now adjourn from Committee of the Whole to resume former order of business.

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MOTION: 2021-097 **M. Houston – D. Roulette**
WHEREAS Kevin Gabrielle has submitted Variation Application No. 21-04S 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 5 feet and the north side yard from 10 feet to 5 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: 2021-098 **M. Houston – D. Roulette**
BE IT RESOLVED that RMS By-law No 03-2021 being a bylaw to regulate and maintain derelict properties pass first reading.
CARRIED.

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

General discussion on new garbage and recycle bins for Findlay. Approved to build two more garbage bins and obtain one more recycle bin from MWM.

MOTION: 2021-099 **R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace**
BE IT RESOLVED to approve – on recommendation of the OL-S Fire Department Board and Fire Chief – to purchase a Brush Truck as per attached quote and specifications.
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to use funds from the OL-S Operating Surplus (DUE TO) and OL-S Fundraiser Surplus (DUE TO) accounts and the balance remaining from the OL-S Fire Department Reserve Fund.
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Adjourned by the Chair at 4:15PM to meet 08th July 2021, 08:30AM.

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Minutes: Public Hearings 10 June 2021

Council enters Committee of Whole to hear comments and concerns for the following:

2:00PM - Public Hearing:

Variation applications #21-04S. *Kevin Gabrielle has submitted Variation Application No. 21-04S as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325; this application requests approval to reduce the front yard from 25 feet to 5 feet and the north side yard from 10 feet to 5 feet to allow construction of a garage to comply with RM of Sifton Zoning By-Law.*

All Council and CAO present.

No one from the public has attended the hearing:

David Houston, Planning Officer from Dennis County Planning enters meeting.

David reviews with Council application noted above.

No comments or concerns noted.

Council adjourns from Committee of the Whole at 2:10PM.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe

Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner