

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 08, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL**

---

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors:           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 - M. Houston**

**2021-100**       BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of July 08<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:       R. Thiessen – W. Davis**

**2021-101**       BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 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)** to update Council on activities: Class 3 written scheduled; rad for dozier to be put in and is in good shape; some catch-up needed for regular road maintenance and Council should consider hiring another staff for public works; road allowance mowing will commence after August long weekend to allow for more haying opportunity.

**Albert Logeot, Public Works/Utilities Foreman** to update Council on activities: clean out lift-station scheduled for today, curb-stop install next week and lagoon water testing being done; mower repair needed new rim on JD 810; quote for tree mulch rent equipment \$150/hr; will clean up Deleau WTS and Class 3 written scheduled.

**E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Community Development** – General discussion on business opportunities for Oak Lake and other opportunities to promote the RM of Sifton in general; working with Matt Enns to steer projects and project costs, CDB budget may need to be revisited.

**Beach Community** – speed radar sign working well providing information on traffic counts and speeds; RM maintaining Provincial Park is working well and general feedback is positive; still need lighting along PR 254 near marina.

**Personnel** - General discussion on increasing workforce or hiring contractors to help with

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 08, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL**

---

increasing work load.

**MOTION:**       **S. Cochrane – R. Kenderdine**  
**2021-102**       BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton advertise employment opportunity for heavy duty full-time public works operator.  
**CARRIED.**

**General discussion** – trees in ditches are becoming a problem and need to be sprayed out or cut down; derelict properties in Deleau need to be addressed; dust control rework to be done in areas due to excessive dryness and problem spots; leafy spurge becoming a serious issue around the RM as a whole; Some culverts should be lowered as they were placed during time of high-water levels.

**Budget 2021** – Review of planned capital and operating expenses to date and other potential projects to be done in 2021.

**F. COMMUNICATIONS** (*Nothing to report*)

**RECEPTION OF DELEGATES** (*continued*)

11:30 a.m.       **Derek Chrisp** attends meeting to discuss potential business ideas for Oak Lake.

*Break for lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 PM*

**G. ACCOUNTS**

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

**MOTION:**       **R. Thiessen – W. Davis**  
**2021-103**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable cheque #153 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:**       **D. Roulette – S. Phillips**  
**2021-104**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable listing for Mark’s Mobile welding.  
**CARRIED.**

*Councilor Mark Houston returned to the meeting.*

**MOTION:**       **M. Houston – W. Davis**  
**2021-105**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Paid/Payable listing as below:  
          I.       For the month of June, on-line, direct payments and cheques #076-149 totaling \$312,989.85;  
          II.      Accounts Payable cheques # 150-186 and direct payments totaling \$172,972.95  
**CARRIED.**

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 08, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL**

---

**MOTION:**       **M. Houston – R. Thiessen**  
**2021-106**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Unaudited Financial Reports as presented to Council for the Year-To-Date month end June 30, 2021.  
**CARRIED.**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**General discussion:**

- Letter to Council read by CAO from Rachele Stannage regarding potential recreation programs for the municipality
- Pedestrian pathway through Provincial Park

**MOTION:**       **L. Wallace – R. Thiessen**  
**2021-107**       BE IT RESOLVED to transfer \$1,000.00 from Griswold Reserve Fund to Operating General Fund to help cover Griswold-related expenses as per schedule A.  
**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**       **R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace**  
**2021-108**       BE IT RESOLVED to award the Oak Lake (Town) resident septic tank bid to Crossfire Oilfield Services.  
**CARRIED.**

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of RMS Bylaw No 03-2021 tabled to next meeting.*

**RECEPTION OF DELEGATES (continued)**

2:00 pm - James Rolfe, Petroleum Division Manager – COOP, enters meeting to update and discuss COOP within RM of Sifton.

**J. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**General discussion:**

- Picnic tables at Sifton Park and Oak Lake Beach (\$750 grant received from Oak Lake Beach Farmers Market for new picnic table at Sifton Park)
- Accessibility matt and ramp for beach
- RM shop on 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue west needs maintenance
- Oak Lake Waste Transfer Site hours of operation and potential maintenance at site that needs to be addressed
- Infrastructure needs for the RM including roads and drainage control in Oak Lake and pedestrian pathway near marina in Oak Lake Beach
- Council size, ward boundaries and best representation options for ratepayers in the future

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 08, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL**

---

**MOTION:**       **R. Kenderdine – W. Davis**  
**2021-109**       BE IT RESOLVED to approve the feasibility study for the extension of sewer line connection from lagoon to the Oak Lake Beach and Cherry Point resort areas at a total cost of \$30,000.00, of which the RM of Sifton’s share is 50%, or \$15,000.00.  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to pay for this expense utilizing the Oak Lake Beach Development Reserve Fund and Cherry Point Development Reserve Fund.  
**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**       **S. Cochrane – L. Wallace**  
**2021-110**       WHEREAS an application for proposal to subdivide SE 19-07-23-W, as contained in File No.4184-21-8279 was received and presented to Council;  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the application for the proposed subdivision is APPROVED.  
**CARRIED.**

Adjourned by the Chair at 3:55PM to meet 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 08:30AM.

---

Reeve, Cyril Druwe

---

Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner