

February 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton was held in the council chambers in Oak Lake at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reeve, Rick Plaisier
Cyril Druwe, Larry Wallace
Scott Phillips, Stan Cochrane
Clement Gervais, Dave Roulette
Jeff Sigurdson
Administrator: Mary Smith

Reeve Rick Plaisier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2016-023 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of February 9, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

9:00 a.m. Roger Main, Pubic Works Foreman entered the meeting to discuss the Sewer Utility operations. And Cody Denbow, Shop Forman entered the meeting to discuss with council the operator's schedules and machinery maintenance.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2016-024 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton purchase a septic tank and submersible pump as well as holding tank and a metered gas slip tank to be placed at the Municipal Shop.

CARRIED.

10:05 a.m. - Kevin Tenycke representing Nature Conservancy of Canada entered the meeting to discuss a Farmland Purchase.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2016-025 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2016 and special meetings of January 28, 2016, and January 29, 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

CARRIED.

Reeve Rick Plaisier requested a recorded vote on the next item on the agenda

MOTION: D. Roulette – C. Druwe

2016-026 WHEREAS The Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (Sioux Valley) notified Sifton of a proposal to develop land located in Sifton at the corner of PTH No. 1 and PTH No. 21 (the Eva McKay Memorial Highway), and that it was interested in having the land set apart as reserve and as result of Sioux Valley's request and to assist Sioux Valley's development, on March 3, 2015 Council passed Resolution No. 2015-093 which provided:

“that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton acknowledges and supports Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation's confirmations and requirements respecting the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation's reserve creation proposal and;

“that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton acknowledges and supports Sioux Valley Nation's request to Manitoba and Canada that the 1 and 21 site be set apart as “reserve” as defined in the *Indian Act*, identified as Sioux Valley Dakota Nation lands pursuant to the Sioux Valley Dakota Governance Agreement if a municipal services agreement satisfactory to the parties is entered into addressing the issues of mutual concern to the parties”;

AND WHEREAS Sioux Valley and Sifton discussed the entering into of a municipal services agreement to address the parties' issues of concern which included: land use and development, use and development of the lands adjacent to the land, servicing, and a mechanism to deal with matters of mutual concern. Sioux Valley and Sifton met in May and there were numerous discussions by telephone and email over the next number of months;

AND WHEREAS the preparation of a draft municipal services agreement was delayed as a result of a question over which authority had jurisdiction over the service road adjacent to Sioux Valley's land, Sifton or the Province through MIT. Sioux Valley will be using the service road for access to the land. As part of the development of the land, Sioux Valley will be upgrading the road and dealing with the long term maintenance of the road. To resolve the question over the authority over the service road, Sifton in late 2015, ultimately decided to turn responsibility over the service road to MIT;

AND WHEREAS Sifton then finalized the draft municipal services agreement in December 2015 and sent it to Sioux Valley for review. The parties worked on the wording of the agreement in the first few weeks of January;

AND WHEREAS Sioux Valley informed Sifton that the agreement had to be agreed upon and entered into as soon as possible. Council for Sifton therefore, at its January 12, 2016 meeting, approved the wording of the agreement and authorized its signing. Sifton advised Sioux Valley of the wording changes and the approval of the agreement. To accommodate Sioux Valley's request to have the agreement entered into as soon as possible, Sifton approved the entering into of the agreement based on the wording changes. Sifton expected to hear back from Sioux Valley right away and sign the agreement as all that remained were minor wording changes;

AND WHEREAS Sioux Valley did not respond to Sifton on finalizing the services agreement. Instead, Sioux Valley through its letters dated January 25 and 27, 2016 said it is no longer prepared to enter into a services agreement. Sifton attempted to resolve Sioux Valley's concerns. Sioux Valley's response was that it will not enter into a services agreement;

AND WHEREAS by letter dated February 3, 2016, Sifton advised Sioux Valley that in Sifton's view Sioux Valley is no longer acting in good faith in the discussions over the entering into of a services agreement, Sioux Valley's refusal to enter into a services agreement on the basis discussed by the parties in January 2016 is unreasonable, and that Sifton therefore has no alternative but to reconsider at Sifton's February 9, 2016 meeting Resolution No. 2015-093 that gave support to the setting apart as reserve of Sioux Valley's land;

AND WHEREAS Sioux Valley has not responded to Sifton's February 3, 2016 letter;

THEREFORE BE IT IS RESOLVED THAT Sifton hereby withdraws its support for the setting apart as reserve of Sioux Valley's land at the corner of PTH No. 1 and PTH No.21. under the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Governance Agreement.

MOTION RECORDED VOTE:
2016-026 Plaisier: For Wallace: For
(continued) Phillips: For Gervais: For
Cochrane: For Druwe: For
Sigurdson: For Roulette: For

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2016-027 RESOLVED that the payment of general account cheque numbers 1543 to 1667, inclusive, in the amount of 2,105,070.33 be approved. Included in the above figures are the following:

Public School Finance Board.....8,127.73
Fort La Bosse School Division.....12,653.19
Southwest Horizon School Division.....3,610.90

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – S. Phillips
2016-028 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 20-2016 pass third reading and that it be signed, sealed and delivered.

RECORDED VOTE:

Plaisier: For Wallace: For
Phillips: For Gervais: For
Cochrane: For Druwe: For
Sigurdson: For Roulette: For

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2016-029 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 21-2016 pass third reading and that it be signed, sealed and delivered.

RECORDED VOTE:

Plaisier: For Wallace: For
Phillips: For Gervais: For
Cochrane: For Druwe: For
Sigurdson: For Roulette: For

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2016-030 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton pays the \$100.00 membership fee to the Prairie Mountain Municipal Health Committee for 2016.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2016-031 RESOLVED that we approve the A/P Preliminary Cheque Run as presented February 9, 2016.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2016-032 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 \$10.00 per acre be levied against the property as described in “Schedule A” in the year 2016 for each acre so infested; same to be cancelled if noxious weeds 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: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2016-033 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 \$10.00 per acre be levied against the property as described in “Schedule A” in the year 2016 for each acre so infested; same to be cancelled if noxious weeds 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: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2016-034 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 \$10.00 per acre be levied against the property as described in “Schedule A” in the year 2016 for each acre so infested; same to be cancelled if noxious weeds 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: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2016-035 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton tender by invitation for the 2016 Gravelling Program:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the deadline for submitting tenders to the Municipal Office is March 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2016-036 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton tender for sale the 8 recycle containers on the portable recycle trailer, tenders to be received by 5:00 p.m. March 3, 2016.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2016-037 RESOLVED that the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign the 2016 Oak Lake Handi-Van Operating Budget on behalf of the RM of Sifton.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – D. Roulette
2016-038 WHEREAS Manitoba Conservation, Boissevain District has prepared a Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding as part of their 2016 Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Oak Lake Provincial Park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve and CAO are hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the RM of Sifton and Manitoba Conservation.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – L. Wallace
2016-039 RESOLVED that members of Council are authorized to attend the 2016 annual municipal weed control seminar being held in Carberry, Wednesday, March 16, 2016 with expenses paid.

CARRIED.

Councillor Cyril Druwe requested a recorded vote on the next item on the agenda.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2016-040 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approves the 2016-2018 Operating Budget and the 2016-2018 allocation to the Fire Equipment Reserve as recommended by the Oak Lake-Sifton Fire Board.

RECORDED VOTE

Plaisier:	For	Wallace:	Abstain
Phillips:	For	Gervais:	For
Cochrane:	For	Druwe:	Against
Sigurdson:	For	Roulette:	For

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2016-041 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approves the 2016-2018 Municipal Grant allocation to the Souris & Glenwood Veterinary Services District;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve and CAO are authorized to sign the Veterinary Services District Agreement between the RM of Sifton and the Souris & Glenwood Veterinary Clinic Board.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2016-042 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approves the 2016 Budget for the Westman Emergency Group as submitted from Scott Simpson, Emergency Coordinator;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approves the recommendation to purchase the CodeRED service at the estimated cost of \$9625.09 shared on a per capita basis with the participating member municipalities.

CARRIED.

MOTION: J. Sigurdson – D. Roulette
2016-043 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton accept the quote submitted from JCI for the annual clean at the Oak Lake Community Hall.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2016-044 WHEREAS the RM of Sifton received an email from The Dimestore Fishermen Television Outdoor Program indicating that they would like to come to our community in 2016 to film content for a future episode;

AND WHEREAS Council agrees that this would be a unique tourism opportunity for our area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton agrees to the cost of \$3,500.00 as presented from The Dimestore Fishermen.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2016-045 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now adjourn at 4:46 p.m. to meet again March 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

Reeve, Rick Plaisier

Chief Administrative Officer, Mary Smith