

February 10, 2015

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 10, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reeve, Rick Plaisier

Cyril Druwe, Larry Wallace

Scott Phillips, Stan Cochrane

Clement Gervais, Dave Roulette

Steve Baron

Absent: Jeff Sigurdson

Administrator: Mary Smith

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

9:00 a.m. Roger Main, Pubic Works Foreman entered the meeting to discuss the Sewer Utility operations.

9:00 a.m. Cody Denbow, Shop Foreman entered the meeting to discuss with Council the operator's schedules and machinery maintenance.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2015-049 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of February 10, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-050 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2015, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

CARRIED.

Councillor Stan Cochrane declared a conflict of interest with the next item on the agenda and left the meeting.

MOTION: C. Gervais – D. Roulette
2015-051 RESOLVED that we accept the tender submitted from Cochrane Stock Farms for the supply of approximately 400 yards of 3"-4" rock to be placed at the following 4 EMO locations:

- 1) Approximately 80 yards on the NW side of 10-7-25 on Road 38N ½ mile – EMO Site #83
- 2) Approximately 200 yards divided as follows:
100 yards on spots along the West side of 10-7-25 and
100 yards on spots along the SW side of 3-7-25 on Road 147W – EMO Site #62
- 3) Approximately 60 yards on the SE side of 10-7-25 on Road 37N ½ mile – EMO Site #84
- 4) Approximately 60 yards on the SW side of 11-7-25 on Road 37N ¼ mile – EMO Site #85

at the cost of \$11,400.00 or 28.50 per yard.

CARRIED.

Councillor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

10:00 a.m. Andrew Lewis – Weed Supervisor entered the meeting to update Council on the Southwest Weed District’s history and its operations.

Councillor Stan Cochrane declared a conflict of interest with the next item on the agenda and left the meeting.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Baron
2015-052 RESOLVED that the payment of general account cheque numbers 1 to 122 inclusive, in the amount of \$273,721.88 be approved.

CARRIED.

Councillor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

10:45 a.m. Howard Friesen entered the meeting to discuss heating/electrical options for the Municipal Shop.

Reeve Rick Plaisier declared a conflict of interest with the next item on the agenda and left the meeting.

11:05 a.m. Peter Andersen, Community Planner and Kevin Sumner, Regional Manager, Brandon Office entered the meeting to discuss the draft Zoning amendment By-Law to create “RR1, RR2and RR5” Zones.

Reeve Rick Plaisier re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2015-053 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 8-2015, being a By-Law to adopt the provisions of the Manitoba Emergency Measures Act and the Town of Virden/ Rural Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth/Rural Municipality of Sifton Joint Emergency Plan pass first reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-054 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 8-2015 pass second reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2015-055 WHEREAS Section 8(1)(d) of The Emergency Measures Act states that every local authority “shall prepare and adopt emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans and submit them to the coordinator for approval and co-ordination with other emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the Town of Virden, RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RM of Sifton Joint Emergency Plan as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – S. Baron
2015-056 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 9-2015, being a By-Law for the purpose of establishing a tax sale manager position, and defining the duties, responsibilities, and power of said position, pass first reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – D. Roulette
2015-057 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 9-2015 pass second reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – D. Roulette
2015-058 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton invoices the Dennis County Planning District \$1102.40 for administrative/clerical time spent assisting the Development officer in 2014.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – L. Wallace
2015-059 RESOLVED that we approve the A/P Preliminary Cheque Run as presented February 10, 2015.

CARRIED.

MOTION: D. Roulette – C. Gervais
2015-060 RESOLVED that we tender by invitation for the repairs to dumpsters from 2015 to 2017. Tenders to be received by 5:00 p.m. March 19, 2015.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – D. Roulette
2015-061 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 2015 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: D. Roulette – C. Gervais
2015-062 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 2015 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. Baron – S. Cochrane
2015-063 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 2015 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
2015-064 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 2015 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
2015-065 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 2015 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. Baron – S. Phillips
2015-066 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 2015 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. Cochrane – S. Phillips
2015-067 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 2015 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 – L. Wallace
2015-068 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 2015 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
2015-069 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move in Camera to discuss the next item on the agenda.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Cochrane
2015-070 BE IT RESOLVED that we go out of Camera and resume the former order of business.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-071 BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO is authorized to sign the MMSM Municipal Funding Agreement between the Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba and the RM of Sifton.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2015-072 BE IT RESOLVED that Council and the CAO are hereby authorized to attend the 2015 Municipal Officials Seminar being held in Winnipeg, March 17-18, 2015 with expenses paid.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Cochrane
2015-073 BE IT RESOLVED that members of Council are authorized to attend the 2015 Annual Municipal Weed Control meeting being held in Carberry, Wednesday, March 25, 2015 with expenses paid.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2015-074 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton appoints Nora Gompf as our representative to the Seniors Access to Independent Living (SAIL) Board.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – S. Baron
2015-075 WHEREAS Section 80 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires that each local body designate a person or group of persons as its Head for the purposes of this Act;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Sifton is a local public body under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton hereby designates the Reeve as the Head of Protection of Privacy Act effective January 1, 2015.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – C. Druwe
2015-076 BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO of the Rural Municipality of Sifton be designated as the Access and Privacy Coordinator for the purposes of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act effective January 1, 2015.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – D. Roulette
2015-077 WHEREAS the Hartney Community Health Centre is hosting their second Annual Pie Auction to raise funds for their health centre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton give a donation of \$25.00 to be used towards a door prize for this event.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2015-078 WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services – killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices;

WHEREAS Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and

WHEREAS closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country;

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Sifton write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase services and revenues in areas such as postal banking;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Sifton ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Baron
2015-079 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now adjourn at 4:55 p.m. to meet again February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Reeve, Rick Plaisier

Chief Administrative Officer, Mary Smith