

February 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton was held in the council chambers in the Town of Oak Lake at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reeve, Rick Plaisier
Cyril Druwe, Fred Faucher
Russell Thiessen, Larry Wallace
Scott Phillips, Stan Cochrane
Administrator: Mary Smith

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 – C. Druwe
2014-020 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of February 11, 2014 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – F. Faucher
2014-021 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2014, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

CARRIED.

10:00 a.m. – Andrew Lewis, Supervisor, Southwest Weed District entered the meeting to introduce himself to Council and to discuss Leafy Spurge issues within the Municipality.

MOTION: C. Druwe – L. Wallace
2014-022 WHEREAS the Oak Lake Town & Country News Board has, with the permission of the RM of Sifton, constructed an addition onto the Municipal Office located at 293-2nd Ave. W in Oak Lake;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve and CAO are hereby authorized to sign the building use agreement between the RM of Sifton and the Oak Lake Town & Country News Board.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – F. Faucher
2014-023 RESOLVED that the payment of general account cheque numbers 20234 to 20353, inclusive, in the amount of \$211,854.96 be approved. Included in the above figures are the following:

Public School Finance Board.....	\$22,689.33
Fort La Bosse School Division.....	\$41,047.23
Southwest Horizon School Division.....	\$13,336.78

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – F. Faucher
2014-024 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1439, being a by-law to authorize the closure of part of a municipal road and sale of land pass first reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – S. Cochrane
2014-025 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton set Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. as the date and time for the Public Hearing for the road closure (Road Plan V119) located within the SW 32-9-24WPM.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – L. Wallace
2014-026 RESOLVED that we approve the payment of Record No. 1 to 244 as contained in the February 11, 2014 edit listing.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Thiessen
2014-027 WHEREAS CP Railway has notified the RM of Sifton of two crossings where there are potential safety concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton install Stop signs at the following locations:

CP Railway (Mile 24.93) as it crosses Harder Street Griswold (SW 25-9-23WPM)
CP Railway (Mile 26.45) as it crosses Road 134W (SW 26-9-23 WPM)

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Thiessen
2014-028 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approve the amendments for the Westman Emergency Plan as presented by Kel Smith, Emergency Coordinator.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – L. Wallace
2014-029 RESOLVED that members of council are authorized to attend the 2014 Annual Municipal Weed Control meeting being held in Carberry, Wednesday March 19, 2014 with expenses paid.

CARRIED.

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

Reeve Rick Plaisier re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: S. Phillips – F. Faucher
2014-030 WHEREAS a Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding in the event of a peacetime emergency has been prepared by Manitoba Conservation and forwarded to the RM of Sifton;

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

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – S. Cochrane
2014-031 RESOLVED that we appoint Rick Plaisier as our representative to the Community Safety Committee which is being implemented by S/Sgt Steve Sumner, the Westman RCMP Area Commander.

CARRIED.

MOTION: F. Faucher – R. Thiessen
2014-032 RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Sifton register with Transport Canada to receive the annual reports on the nature and volume of dangerous goods transported by Canadian railways through our municipality;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality appoint Kel Smith, Emergency Coordinator, Westman Emergency Plan as their designate to receive these reports and the CAO is to provide the necessary contact information to Transport Canada.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – C. Druwe
2014-033 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton donate \$100.00 towards the Oak Lake Community School's "Food for Thought" program for 2014.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – F. Faucher
2014-034 BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of Sifton authorizes the cancellation of Taxes owing to the Municipality as listed in Schedule "A".

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – S. Cochrane
2014-035 WHEREAS the RM of Sifton has determined that there is a need for casual help from June 15 to August 31, 2014.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we complete the 2014 Urban/Hometown Green Team application for a summer student.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2014-036 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 2014 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: F. Faucher – R. Thiessen
2014-037 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 2014 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: R. Thiessen – S. Phillips
2014-038 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 2014 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 – C. Druwe
2014-039 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 2014 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 – R. Thiessen
2014-040 BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve and CAO are authorized to attend the AMM 2014 Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meeting being held in Hartney, March 19, 2014 with expenses paid.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – S. Cochrane
2014-041 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton closes the Municipal Office on Friday, March 28, 2014 to allow staff to attend the Municipal Election Seminar being held in Souris.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – S. Cochrane
2014-042 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton tender by invitation for the 2014 Road Gravelling program;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the deadline for submitting tenders to be March 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – S. Phillips
2014-043 WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Sifton and Town of Oak Lake require a joint sewage collection and treatment facility;

AND WHEREAS an engineering firm was hired to do a study and cost estimate for this project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO proceed to prepare a local improvement plan and borrowing by-law for the construction costs for this joint project.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – L. Wallace
2014-044 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now adjourn at 5:00 p.m. to meet again March 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

Reeve, Rick Plaisier

Chief Administrative Officer, Mary Smith