

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, March 12, 2020 - 8:30 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Reeve: Cyril Druwe. Councillors: Wilson Davis, Scott Phillips, Russell Thiessen, Rick Gabrielle, Mark Houston, Dave Roulette, Larry Wallace. Administrator: Lon Turner  
Regrets: Stan Cochrane

**A. CALL TO ORDER at 8:35 a.m. by Cyril Druwe.**

**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston**

**2020-025** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of February 6, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette**

**2020-026** RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2020, and special meeting of February 28, 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

**CARRIED.**

**Councilor Scott Phillips left the meeting due to a prior engagement.**

**D. RECEPTION OF DELEGATES**

8:45 a.m. Cody Denbow, Public Works Foreman entered the meeting to update Council on Operator's schedules and machine maintenance:

- Dozer work being done; touring roads screening for gravel needs for 2020; heavy industry working in area and will need gravel; keeping up-to-date on road ban date (tentative March 23<sup>rd</sup>); asked Council to think of wanted road build projects for 2020.

Albert Logeot, Utilities-Urban Centre Foreman to update Council on Utilities and other activities:

- Working on equipment and vehicles; cold storage OH door installed; water pumps are all in good working order; mower servicing to do; new supplier for

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mower parts due to company change; trade-in values of mowers is very low, not worth it to trade, better to run through full life cycle; received quotes on new 60" mower; idea presented to sell RM snow blower as it does not work well with RM equipment; quote received to install cooling fans at lift station to prevent over-heating during summer; quote presented on installing remote access technology for lift station; Oak Lake road Assiniboine-Veteran's Way needs to be repaired at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave West, but need to do camera check of sewer line before any work is done to road; comment about reducing the amount of salt/sand that is put on Oak Lake's sidewalks.

Carleigh Babiak, EDO and Rec Director to update Council on recreation and economic development programs:

- Review rec programs and arena activity; new RM Sifton Guidebooks are in and plan on distributing around to neighboring communities; Amazing Race Sifton on April 25<sup>th</sup>; considering new guide for walking tours throughout the RM.

Hillary Griffith and Tammy Hall, Board Chair and Executive Director Oak Lake Care Centre to increase awareness of Care Centre operations and governance with Council:

- Provincial Government sets fees per age group, ratio of teacher/child and square footage per child requirements
- Currently funded for 4 infants, 16 preschool, 15 school age children
- Reviewed training and wage requirements for staffing along with other operational on-going costs
- Provincial funding stagnant for 4-years in a row
- Fundraising for capital projects such as new playground equipment
- Reviewed necessity of Day Care for a healthy community along with economic benefits, daily challenges and misconceptions people have about a Care Centre

## **E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- i. **WATERSHED DISTRICT:** Recent meeting went well; policies are moving forward
- ii. **FLOOD STRATEGY:** Review of 2020 needs of RM to prepare for possible spring flooding
- iii. **CEMETERY:** General discussion with review of rates for plots and perpetual service
- iv. **EMO:** General discussion of mock disaster training
- v. **VIRDEN DR RECRUITMENT:** Meeting scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>
- vi. **WASTE & RECYCLING:** OL WTS needs exterior light to increase evening hours in winter; recycling services contract expires in Nov 2020 with intent on going to tender
- vii. **GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Road work that needs to be done around the RM and in Oak Lake; Minister meetings in Winnipeg went well, dropped off letters and had discussion of Provincial Park Management and possible succession planning; meeting with RCMP for rural security; Water meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Forrest to discuss/review increasing capacities for treated water in the region.

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**F. COMMUNICATIONS**

**MOTION: D. Roulette – M. Houston**

**2020-027** BE IT RESOLVED that Council purchases the “SCADA” system for the Sewer Lift Station and to use the Sewer Utility Reserve Funds to pay for it.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: M. Houston – L. Wallace**

**2020-028** BE IT RESOLVED that Council donate \$2,500.00 for the Oak Lake Day Care Centre project:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we donate \$1,000.00 to the CARE Centre to be reviewed on a annual basis beginning March 2020.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: W. Davis – R. Gabrielle**

**2020-029** BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: L. Wallace – R. Thiessen**

**2020-030** BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business.

**CARRIED.**

~Break for lunch~

**Councilor Scott Phillips re-entered the meeting.**

**MOTION: R. Gabrielle – S. Phillips**

**2020-031** BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request by Prairie Land on behalf of Corex Resources Ltd. To construct a flowline across Government Road 147 between the SW 15-9-25W1M and SE 16-9-25 W1M:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to authorize Lon Turner to sign the approval request papers provided.

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**G. ACCOUNTS**

**MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips**

**2020-032** BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves month-to-date Accounts Payable listing including cheques #6807 to #6837.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette**

**2020-033** RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 6735 to 6802 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on line payments, inclusive, from February 1 to February 29, 2020 in the amount of \$188,300.68 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: M. Houston – R. Thiessen**

**2020-034** BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the recovery of Utility Operating Deficits in 2017 and 2018 with Working Capital Surplus available;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the recovery of any future Utility Deficits with Working Capital Surplus.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: L. Wallace – D. Roulette**

**2020-035** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approve Development Agreement between The RM of Sifton and Rob and Heather Denolf;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Lon Turner and Cyril Druwe are authorized to sign the agreement.

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**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** *(no resolutions required)*

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

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston**

**2020-036** BE IT RESOLVED to approve first reading of By-Law No 01-2020, a Property Tax By-Law

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips**

**2020-037** BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 02-2020, a Participation in Watershed Districts By-Law pass second reading.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace**

**2020-038** BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 02-2020, a Participation in Watershed Districts By-Law pass third reading and that it be signed, sealed and delivered.

**RECORDED VOTE:**

Druwe:	For	Wallace:	For
Thiessen:	For	Davis:	For
Phillips:	For	Gabrielle:	For
Cochrane:	Absent	Houston:	For
Roulette:	For		

**CARRIED.**

**J. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – W. Davis**

**2020-039** BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves payment of a monthly cell phone allowance to Operator (MR) of \$75.00/month effective March 1, 2020.

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**MOTION:**      **L. Wallace – M. Houston**

**2020-040**      BE IT RESOLVED to disclaim all interest and entitlement to the estate of M.F.  
Strong as per attached;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to authorize Reeve Cyril Druwe and CAO to sign  
the disclaimer.  
**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**      **S. Phillips – R. Gabrielle**

**2020-041**      BE IT RESOLVED to approve the purchase of new Community Hall door security  
Key pads for exterior doors.

**A. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn by the Chair to meet again April 9, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.