

December 10, 2013

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, December 10, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

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

MOTION: S. Phillips – F. Faucher
2013-243 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of December 10, 2013 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2013-244 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2013, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

CARRIED.

MOTION: F. Faucher- R. Thiessen
2013-245 RESOLVED that the payment of general account cheque numbers 19961 to 20083, inclusive, in the amount of \$1,333,222.90 be approved. Included in the above figures are the following:

Public School Finance Board.....	\$342,904.79
Fort La Bosse School Division.....	\$620,348.63
Southwest Horizon School Division.....	\$201,559.36

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – C. Druwe
2013-246 RESOLVED that we tender by invitation for the possible upgrades to the RM Municipal Shop; Tenders to be received by 5:00 p.m. January 9, 2014.

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – S. Cochrane
2013-247 RESOLVED that the financial statement for the month ended November 30, 2013 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION: F. Faucher – S. Cochrane
2013-248 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1437, being a By-Law to set the salary for municipal employees for the year 2014 pass first reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – C. Druwe
2013-249 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1438, being a By-Law to provide for the payment of indemnities and compensation to members of Council for 2014 pass first reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – F. Faucher
2013-250 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 1438 pass second reading.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: C. Druwe – L. Wallace
2013-251 RESOLVED that we approve the payment of Record No. 1 to 282 as contained in the December 10, 2013 edit listing.

CARRIED.

Councillor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: C. Druwe – F. Faucher
2013-252 WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba requires a financial audit be undertaken annually for all Vet Clinics which receive Municipal and Provincial funding (annual grants);

AND WHEREAS the Virden & District Vet Clinic, consisting of nine member municipalities, represents a very large vet district catchment area;

AND WHEREAS the Virden & District Vet Clinic is very important to the diverse livestock industry, small animal, and export inspection practice in the area;

AND WHEREAS as the Clinic is an economic stimulus to the region, having seven licensed veterinarians as well as numerous support staff personnel practicing from its clinic;

AND WHEREAS the accounting firms are all back logged as a result of PSAB and other additional audit requirements of the Province, and as result the Clinic's auditors were unable to complete the 2011 audited statements by the date they were due to be submitted to the Province;

AND WHEREAS the audited financial statement due on March 31st of 2012 (for the year ending 2011), was not submitted by the Clinic until after the due date, and as a result the Province has clawed back their matching operating funds of \$19,000;

MOTION

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AND WHEREAS the matching grant of \$19,000 to be provided by the Province in 2012 was listed as revenue in the Clinic's 2012 operating budget leaving them with a short fall in the same amount for their 2012 fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS the Virden Vet Clinic was built in 1974 and is in desperate need of building repairs and equipment replacement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton support in principle the Virden Vet Clinic, in their request to have the Province re-consider penalizing the Virden Vet Clinic by refusing to honour their commitment of \$19,000 which has since been returned to the Provincial Treasury.

CARRIED.

MOTION:

2013-253

S. Cochrane – C. Druwe

BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole, with Rick Plaisier in the chair to conduct the 2013 Tax Sale Auction.

CARRIED.

MOTION:

2013-254

C. Druwe – L. Wallace

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business.

CARRIED.

2:00 p.m. – Scott Campbell, Auctioneer – Fraser Auction Ltd entered the meeting to conduct the 2013 Tax Sale. Scott read information regarding the Tax Sale process to all those in attendance.

- The property shown on Roll #122700 was purchased by Wayne and Susan McKenzie.
- The property shown on Roll #121900 was purchased by the RM of Sifton no one bid against the reserve bid.
- The property shown on Roll #43300 was purchased by Lawrence Wilkinson and Rob Denolf.

2:50 p.m. The Tax Sale Auction concluded.

MOTION:

2013-255

L. Wallace – S. Cochrane

WHEREAS the Oak Lake – Sifton Fire Department are hosting their 4th Annual Fishing Derby on January 25, 2014;

AND WHEREAS they are requesting a donation/sponsorship for this event;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton donate \$300.00 for the 2nd place Walleye.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – R. Thiessen
2013-256 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton donate \$1500.00 for each 2013 and 2014 towards the furnishings needed for the Oak Lake CARE Centre.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Thiessen
2013-257 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton set the following 2013 Christmas hours for the Municipal Office:

Tuesday, December 24 – Closed
Wednesday, December 25 – Closed
Thursday, December 26 – Closed
Friday, December 27 – Closed
Tuesday December 31 – 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Wednesday January 1 – Closed
Regular office hours of 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. will resume Thursday January 2, 2014

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – F. Faucher
2013-258 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton bill Dennis County Planning District \$1000.00 for their share of the Audit fees.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – S. Cochrane
2013-259 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now adjourn at 4:00 p.m. to meet again January 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

Reeve, Rick Plaisier

Chief Administrative Officer, Mary Smith