

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 - 8:30 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: S. Phillips – W. Davis

2019-251 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of November 14, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2019-252 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2019, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

CARRIED.

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 with discussion review noted:**

- Review of 2018 road construction work done in SW RM, and 2019 custom work
- Garbage trailer issues reviewed, operating slower than old one and takes almost twice as long to do garbage, pros and cons of slower lift arm presented, larger cylinder sizes, oil not overheating
- two private garbage bins at non-operating commercial entity in Oak Lake are being used and discussion as to how to manage these bins
- Waste Transfer Station discussion regarding types of trash taken and how to manage, waste bin rental options, WTS keys issue, overall cost of options of waste management
- Class 1 license discussion on length of time to train and receive certification, possibility of foreman to get Class 1.

Written report read from Albert Logeot, Public Works Foreman to update Council on Utilities and other Public Works activities:

- signs caught up on as well as install of EDB town location signs
- e-waste caught up on and packaged, still about 3 pallets short of a load
- snow plow on gator all ready to go with a new cutting edge on plow and a new drive belt on the machine as was slipping and is running perfect now
- company to be out in the next week to do the annual cleaning of the lift station
- Christmas lights going up start of next week

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- Grey truck will be a project being worked on (wheel bearing etc.)
- plan to clean up falling trees
- Sewers all treated and flushed

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

- Stay at Home safe very successful. Full class and have a waiting list for a second class, date TBD
- Completed Stepping Up with Confidence training and will be running a seniors fitness class in the new year, a pending grant application for equipment has been submitted to Healthy Together Now
- Drop in Volleyball every Wednesday
 - Breakfast club has started Wednesday mornings
 - Tots on Skates to begin November 27
 - Sticks and pucks to begin November 18
 - Wreath making workshop set for November 26
 - P90X begins December 2
 - Sand Mandalas Class December 8
- Successful foundation grant applications for the arena, handi-van, and museum
- Town light up November 24 following the Santa Brunch, locally sourced prize basket for winner
- Town way finding signage and Cherry Point signage installed
- Have been working on the Southwest Business Expo website and obtaining sponsorship for the event
- Manitoba 150 grant application submitted to hold Isaac Days in September 2020. Event to include
 - Farmers market, cultural cook off, museum tour, historical presentations, entertainment, children’s activities, ox cart rides.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- i. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** New projects discussed, working with Rodeo Association regarding signs near AG grounds, MB 150 events planned for Sep 2020, wanted commercial opportunities discussed as well the importance of having a strong daycare program.
- ii. **COMMUNITY HALL:** Hot water tank not keeping up, second tank to be installed, interior renovations discussed and plans will be delivered to office by Hall Committee to then put to tender, Lion’s Club to remove and reinstall trophy case, front doors need weather-stripping, discussion on possibly applying fees for boardroom rentals, Caretaker responsibilities discussed and reporting structure. Purchase of Mixer support base and roasters with lids discussed.
- iii. **ARENA:** New caretaker hired, new clock at rink, work to be done on ventilation to redistribute heat, new nets ordered and sell old ones, possible new dehumidifier discussed, new Zamboni put on hold until funds can be sourced, new doors.

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- iv. **CONSERVATION DISTRICT:** New 2020 Watershed District structure beginning January 2020.
- v. **FINANCE:** Accounts payable reviewed, balance sheet and projected 2019 expenditure reviewed.
- vi. **DENNIS COUNTY PLANNING:** Hearings scheduled.
- vii. **SOUTHWEST WEED:** Meetings scheduled for next week.
- viii. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** 2019 employee reviews schedule for December, job description review with each employee is important along with cross training opportunities on all PW equipment.
- ix. **VIRDEN DR RECRUITMENT:** Discussion over possible clinic expansion in Virden and if there is support from surrounding RMs and impact it would have on medical provisions in area.
- x. **WASTE and RECYCLING:** Possible yard light installation in Oak Lake WTS, discussion over regulations of a WTS, possible sale or succession plan for old garbage trailer.
- xi. **WATER & SEWER:** Griswold public well discussed.
- xii. **GENERAL:** Decock road sign installation, AMM Ministerial meetings regarding Oak Lake, Tendering and Procurement discussed, discussion on more detailed Council and Committee minutes.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Local events presented. Disaster Management Conference in Winnipeg, RM of Sifton MEC to attend. November 2019 AMM Conference and events discussed. MB Building Sustainable Communities Funding Opportunities presented. Canteen request for new window and counter renovation discussed and will be forwarded to Arena Board for decision. Fire Protection training dates presented. MB Red Tape Reduction presented (new public road allowance closure approvals and audit requirements). CONNECT software program by All-Net discussed and will visit booth at AMM. Offer to purchase shed from Cherry Point WTS presented and tabled to next meeting.

MOTION: L. Wallace – R. Thiessen

2019-253 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approve to the Oak Lake & Area Lion's Club to cover the cost of the hall rental for their annual Senior's Christmas Supper;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality agrees to pay for the cost of the Xmas Pudding for this annual supper.

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MOTION: R. Gabrielle – S. Phillips

2019-254 WHEREAS X-Calibur, working for Enbridge Pipelines Inc. would like permission from council for a Blanket Approach Consent Request for maintenance digs along the pipeline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approves this request.

CARRIED.

G. ACCOUNTS

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2019-255 RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 6392 to 6467 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on line payments, inclusive, from October 1 to October 31, 2019 in the amount of \$132,025.82 be approved.

CARRIED.

Councillor Stan Cochrane left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2019-256 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable for Cochrane Stock Farms.

CARRIED.

Councillor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-257 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable including cheque # 6473 to cheque #6512.

CARRIED.

MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette

2019-258 RESOLVED that the Sewer Account Receivables in arrears as at October 31, 2019 as listed in Schedule "A", be added to the 2019 Tax Collection Roll of the RM of Sifton.

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MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-259 RESOLVED that the Account Receivables in arrears as at October 31, 2019 as listed in Schedule “A”, be added to the 2019 Tax Collection Roll of the RM of Sifton.

CARRIED.

MOTION: W. Davis – L. Wallace

2019-260 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$25.00 per acre against the property as described in Schedule “A”;
AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(3) of the Noxious Weed Act, the Southwest Weed District Supervisor may recommend that the Weed Levy be added to the tax roll for the portion of chemical and application used for the control of noxious weed;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the Weed Supervisor’s recommendation that a portion of the levy be added to taxes to account for the cost of chemical applied and application cost to control the noxious weed on the property as described in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION: CP Rail land in south of RM. Oak Lake Community Hall renovations and caretaker.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Reeve, Cyril Druwe stepped down as Chairman due to conflict of interest and exited the meeting for the Public Hearing for proposed subdivision. Deputy Reeve, Larry Wallace sat as chair for the Public Hearing for Subdivision.

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-261 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole for Public Hearing.

CARRIED.

2:00PM A public Hearing was held for the proposed 20-foot frontage parcel subdivision of Oak Lake Beach Public Reserve at north portion of Sifton Park. The pros and cons of such as

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subdivision was discussed thoroughly along with long-term implications for other Public Reserve lands surrounding Oak Lake. See attached for Public Hearing minutes.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2019-262 BE IT RESOLVED to exit Committee of the Whole as a Public Hearing Board and to enter into Committee of the Whole as a Conditional Use Board and a Variation Board with Cyril Druwe as Chair.

CARRIED.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe re-entered the meeting.

2:15PM A Conditional Use and Variation application were presented with no objections or concerns presented from the public hearing. See attachment for minutes.

2:25PM A Variation application was presented with no objections or concerns presented from the public hearing. See attachment for minutes.

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-263 BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business.

CARRIED.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe stepped down as Chairman due to conflict of interest. Deputy Reeve, Larry Wallace to sit as chairman.

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-264 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 15-2019 pass second reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2019-265 (*WHEREAS By-Law No. 15-2019 for third reading receives 4 votes FOR and 4 votes AGAINST*)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 15-2019 be denied.

RECORDED VOTE:

Wallace:	For	Thiessen:	Against
Gabrielle:	Against	Phillips:	For
Houston:	For	Cochrane:	Against
Roulette:	Against	Davis:	For
Druwe:	Absent due to conflict of interest.		

DENIED.

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Reeve, Cyril Druwe re-entered the meeting to resume as Chairman.

MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette
2019-266 WHEREAS Roger and Cindy Branum have submitted Conditional Use Application No 19-05S as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325;
AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to allow exterior storage in the UN Zone to comply with RM of Sifton Zoning By-Law.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application be approved.
CARRIED.

MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette
2019-267 WHEREAS Roger and Cindy Branum have submitted Variation Application No. 19-05S as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325;
AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to vary the minimum North Side Yard from 5 feet to 2.23 feet, and vary the South Side Yard from 5 feet to 2.25 feet, and vary the Front Yard from 25 feet to 16.50 feet, and vary the minimum Rear Yard from 3 feet to 1.28 feet to allow existing building to comply with RM of Sifton Zoning By-Law.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Variation Application be approved.
CARRIED.

MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette
2019-268 WHEREAS Howard Moore has submitted Variation Application No. 19-06S as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325;
AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to vary the minimum Rear Yard from 5 feet to 1 foot, and reduce to South Side Yard from 5 feet to 1 foot to allow existing buildings to comply with RM of Sifton Zoning By-Law.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Variation Application be approved.
CARRIED.

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston
2019-269 BE IT RESOLVED we set the Rural Municipality of Sifton Council appointments for the remainder of 2019 and for 2020 to be as in Schedule "A".
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MOTION: M. Houston – S. Cochrane

2019-270 BE IT RESOLVED to increase Bounty paid per tail to as follows:

Mole Tails \$0.60/tail

Gopher Tails \$0.25/tail

Magpie Legs \$0.65/pair

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Gabrielle

2019-271 BE IT RESOLVED to deny the request for an Oak Lake Float Base at the west end of Public Road allowance 48N at Oak Lake entry point.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – W. Davis

2019-272 BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Albert Logeot as Health and Safety Officer beginning ASAP.

K. NOTICE OF MOTION

L. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn by the Chair at 5:00 p.m. to meet again December 5, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe



Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner