

November 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, November 10, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reeve, Rick Plaisier
Cyril Druwe, Clement Gervais
Steve Baron, Jeff Sigurdson
Larry Wallace, Stan Cochrane
Dave Roulette, Scott Phillips
Administrator: Mary Smith

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

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

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-308 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of November 10, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – S. Baron
2015-309 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2015 and special meetings of October 19, 2015, October 23, 2015 and October 26, 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: L. Wallace – S. Baron
2015-310 RESOLVED that the payment of general account cheque numbers 1150 to 1275, inclusive, in the amount of \$246,779.67 be approved.

CARRIED.

Councillor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2015-311 RESOLVED that the financial statement for the month ended October 31, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Cochrane
2015-312 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 18-2015, being a by-law to recind By-Law No. 1424 pass first reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – S. Phillips
2015-313 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 18-2015, pass second reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2015-314 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 19-2015, being a by-law to recind By-Law No. 1425 pass first reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – D. Roulette
2015-315 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 19-2015, pass second reading.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-316 RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole, with Reeve Rick Plaisier in the chair to sit as a Variation Board.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2015-317 RESOLVED that the meeting of the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-318 WHEREAS Michael and Joyce Mulligan have submitted Variation Application No. 15-08 as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325;

AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to vary the minimum rear yard setback from 25 feet to 6 feet and to vary the minimum north side yard from 10 feet to 1 ½ feet to allow the construction of an addition to an existing building on the property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Variation Application No. 15-08 be approved subject to the following condition that the minimum north side yard be at 1.79 meters to equal the distance of the existing trailer.

CARRIED.

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

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

MOTION: S. Baron – J. Sigurdson
2015-319 RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole, with Reeve Rick Plaisier in the chair to sit as a Conditional Use Board.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – C. Druwe
2015-320 RESOLVED that the meeting of the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business.

CARRIED.

Councillor Scott Phillips re-entered the meeting

Councillor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

11:30 a.m. Shane and Julie Good entered the meeting to make a presentation regarding their objection to the sewer connection fee.

MOTION: J. Sigurdson – C. Gervais
2015-321 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton deny the request from Shane and Julie Good to not be charged a sewer connection fee to their lots.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2015-322 BE IT RESOLVED that we set the Rural Municipality of Sifton Council appointment for the balance of 2015 and 2016 to be as follows:

Deputy Reeve – Cyril Druwe
Oak Lake LUD Council Representative – Jeff Sigurdson
Finance Committee – 3 councillors - Rick Plaisier, Cyril Druwe, Larry Wallace
Budget Committee – 4 councillors - Rick Plaisier, Cyril Druwe, Larry Wallace, Scott Phillips
Personnel and Policy – 5 councillors - Rick Plaisier, Cyril Druwe, Larry Wallace, Jeff Sigurdson,
Clement Gervais
Equipment/Machinery – 4 councillors - Clement Gervais, Stan Cochrane, Jeff Sigurdson,
Dave Roulette
Waste Disposal Sites and Recycling Program – 4 councillors – Jeff Sigurdson, Clement Gervais,
Dave Roulette, Steve Baron
Municipal Buildings – 5 councillors – Rick Plaisier, Scott Phillips, Larry Wallace, Cyril Druwe,
Stan Cochrane
Southwest Weed District – 2 councillors - Larry Wallace, Cyril Druwe
Virden Vet Clinic – 1 councillor - Larry Wallace, Stan Cochrane (Alternate)
Souris Vet Clinic – 1 councillor - Scott Phillips, Cyril Druwe (Alternate)
Oak Lake District Arena Board – 2 councillors - Stan Cochrane, Dave Roulette
2 citizens at large – Rural-Travis Wallace, Urban _____
Pipestone - Albert Fire Board – 1 councillor - Steve Baron, Cyril Druwe (Alternate)
Oak Lake – Sifton Fire Board – 4 councillors - Clement Gervais, Jeff Sigurdson, Dave Roulette,
Stan Cochrane
West Souris River Conservation District 1 councillor - Scott Phillips, Rick Plaisier (Alternate)
3 citizen appointees - Richard Thiry, Lloyd Atchison, Wilson Davis
Resort Committee – 2 councillors - Steve Baron, Stan Cochrane, Rick Plaisier (Alternate)
Seniors Organized Services – 1 citizen appointee - Florence Robson

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Oak Lake Regional Community Development Board – 4 councillors - Scott Phillips,
Larry Wallace, Stan Cochrane, Dave Roulette
Pound Keepers: West ½ -Fred Faucher East ½ -Louis Vachon
Dennis County Planning District – 2 councillors - Cyril Druwe, Jeff Sigurdson
Westman Emergency Plan – 1 councillor - Steve Baron, Larry Wallace (Alternate)
Animal Control Officer & By-Law Enforcement Officer – Dale Hrynko
Fern Valley Recreation – 1 councillor – Scott Phillips , Cyril Druwe (Alternate)
Virден & Area Medical Recruitment and Retention – 1 Councillor – Rick Plaisier,
Citizen at large-Margaret Foy
Workplace Health & Safety – 3 councillors – Scott Phillips, Clement Gervais, Dave Roulette
Assiniboine Medical Health Committee (AMHC) – 1 councillor – Rick Plaisier,
Clement Gervais (Alternate)
Oak Lake SOS Lighthouse Program – 1 councillor – Larry Wallace
Oak Lake Water & Fish Enhancement Committee – 2 councillors – Stan Cochrane, Steve Baron
Virден Employment Skills Centre – 1 councillor – Steve Baron, Jeff Sigurdson (Alternate)
South West Flood Strategy Committee – 3 councillors – Rick Plaisier, Cyril Druwe,
Stan Cochrane
Oil Producing Municipalities Committee – 1 councillor – Steve Baron, Rick Plaisier (Alternate)
Oak Lake Cemetery Committee – 1 councillor – Dave Roulette
Oak Lake Aquifer Management Advisory Board – 1 councillor – Clement Gervais,
Scott Phillips (Alternate)
Assiniboine Valley Producers – 1 councillor –Rick Plaisier
RCMP Community Safety Committee – 1 councillor – Rick Plaisier
2018 Winter Games –1 Councillor - Rick Plaisier
Assiniboine River Basin Initiative – 1 Councillor – Rick Plaisier
Oak Lake Handi-Van Committee – Larry Wallace
SAIL Seniors Access to Independent Living Board – Nora Gompf
Souris Medical Recruitment and Retention – Rick Plaisier

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-323 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now go “In Camera” to discuss the next item on the agenda.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2015-324 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now go “Out of Camera” and resume the next order of business.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2015-325 RESOLVED that we approve the A/P Preliminary Cheque Run as presented November 10, 2015.

CARRIED.

Councillor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: L. Wallace – C. Gervais
2015-326 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton authorizes the CAO to sign the Manitoba Hydro agreement to provide a 400 AMP, 10-120/240v Customer Service Extension at the Griswold Community Hall located at 400 Assiniboine St in Griswold, MB.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Baron
2015-327 RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of Sifton authorizes the cancellation of charges owing to the Municipality as listed in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Baron – S. Phillips
2015-328 RESOLVED that the Accounts Receivable in arrears as at October 31, 2015 as listed in Schedule “A” be added to the 2015 Tax Collection Roll of the Rural Municipality of Sifton.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-329 RESOLVED that the Sewer Account Receivables in arrears as at October 31, 2015 as listed in Schedule “A”, be added to the 2015 Tax Collection Roll of the RM of Sifton.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – C. Druwe
2015-330 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$10.00 per acre against the property as described in Schedule “A”;

AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(6) of the Noxious Weed Act, the Southwest Weed District Weed Supervisor may recommend that the Weed Levy be cancelled, as appropriate measures have been taken for the control of the noxious weed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Weed Supervisor’s recommendation that the levy be cancelled on the property as described in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – S. Baron
2015-331 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$10.00 per acre against the property as described in Schedule “A”;

AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(6) of the Noxious Weed Act, the Southwest Weed District Weed Supervisor may recommend that the Weed Levy be cancelled, as appropriate measures have been taken for the control of the noxious weed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Weed Supervisor’s recommendation that the levy be cancelled on the property as described in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – J. Sigurdson
2015-332 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$10.00 per acre against the property as described in Schedule “A”;

AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(6) of the Noxious Weed Act, the Southwest Weed District Weed Supervisor may recommend that the Weed Levy be cancelled, as appropriate measures have been taken for the control of the noxious weed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Weed Supervisor’s recommendation that the levy be cancelled on the property as described in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: J. Sigurdson – D. Roulette
2015-333 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$10.00 per acre against the property as described in Schedule “A”;

AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(6) of the Noxious Weed Act, the Southwest Weed District Weed Supervisor may recommend that the Weed Levy be cancelled, as appropriate measures have been taken for the control of the noxious weed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Weed Supervisor’s recommendation that the levy be cancelled on the property as described in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2015-334 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$10.00 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 Weed 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 the noxious weed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts 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.

MOTION: S. Phillips – L. Wallace
2015-335 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$10.00 per acre against the property as described in Schedule “A”;

AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(6) of the Noxious Weed Act, the Southwest Weed District Weed Supervisor may recommend that the Weed Levy be cancelled, as appropriate measures have been taken for the control of the noxious weed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Weed Supervisor’s recommendation that the levy be cancelled on the property as described in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – S. Phillips
2015-336 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$10.00 per acre against the property as described in Schedule “A”;

AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(6) of the Noxious Weed Act, the Southwest Weed District Weed Supervisor may recommend that the Weed Levy be cancelled, as appropriate measures have been taken for the control of the noxious weed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Weed Supervisor’s recommendation that the levy be cancelled on the property as described in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-337 WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton has applied a weed control levy of \$10.00 per acre against the property as described in Schedule “A”;

AND WHEREAS according to Section 28(6) of the Noxious Weed Act, the Southwest Weed District Weed Supervisor may recommend that the Weed Levy be cancelled, as appropriate measures have been taken for the control of the noxious weed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Weed Supervisor’s recommendation that the levy be cancelled on the property as described in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – S. Baron
2015-338 WHEREAS Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization approved the request from the RM of Sifton to extend the 2014 Heavy Rains DFA Program to November 30, 2015 for claim number 200200574;

AND WHEREAS the RM of Sifton will not be able to have all road construction repairs completed by this deadline;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for those sites which are now finished and needing invoices the RM of Sifton requests approval for an extension to April 30, 2016;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that for those sites that are still incomplete and for those which have not been started the RM of Sifton requests approval for an extension to September 30, 2016.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2015-339 BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO is hereby authorized to sign the 911 Emergency Reporting Service Agreement between MTS Inc. and the RM of Sifton.

1:30 p.m. Louise Stitt entered the meeting to discuss with council the existing EMS station in Oak Lake.

MOTION: S. Cochrane – S. Phillips
2015-340 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now go ”In Camera” to discuss the next item on the agenda.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-341 BE IT RESOLOVED that we do now go “Out of Camera” and resume the next order of business.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Baron – L. Wallace
2015-342 WHEREAS Prairie Land & Investment Services Ltd. on behalf of Corex Resources Ltd. proposes to install a Powerline Easement at NW 22-9-25WPM as per their File: Corex #499;

AND WHEREAS this area has been reviewed by council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO advise that the RM of Sifton has no objections to this project.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Gervais – J. Sigurdson
2015-343 WHEREAS landfills are a major source of concern within the province due to overfilling, and the need to burn some products; and

WHEREAS small rural communities are being tasked to transport their landfill waste at a high cost to their municipalities; and

WHEREAS there is a need for an alternative way to handle all waste products and feedstocks handled by a recycling centre and landfill site; and

WHEREAS the Towns of Minnedosa, Neepawa and Carberry and the Rural Municipalities of Minto-Odanah, North Cypress-Langford and Elton have partnered to operate a Class 1 Regional Waste Management Facility, known as Evergreen Environmental Technologies; and

WHEREAS the Southwest Regional Development Corporation is desirous of partnering with Evergreen Environmental Technologies to conduct a demonstration project to investigate the feasibility of using gasification to reduce the amount of waste being deposited in landfills; and

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba has agreed to do the required emissions testing as an in kind service for the SRDC; and

WHEREAS the Evergreen Landfill Site has agreed to look after the operating of the gasification unit and assist in the testing;

AND WHEREAS the RM of Sifton is in support of the SRDC and its efforts to initiate the Gasification Demonstration Project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) on behalf of Evergreen Environmental Technologies and Southwest Regional Development Corporation support and advocate with the Province of Manitoba and the Department of Conservation and Water Stewardship the ongoing work of the SRDC Gasification Demonstration Project at the Evergreen Environmental Technologies Landfill Site within the RM of Minto-Odanah to provide further opportunities for the elimination of waste and reduced costs at local municipal landfill sites; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the A.M.M lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide funding to assist in the construction and operation of the gasification demonstration project.

CARRIED.

MOTION: C. Druwe – C. Gervais
2015-344 WHEREAS Jennifer Bone, Corporate Director for Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (6559710 Manitoba Inc.) has submitted Conditional Use Application No. 15-02 as required to comply with Zoning By-Law No. 1325;

AND WHEREAS this application requests approval to allow a fuel sales and storage establishment with an accessory, small ancillary convenience store on pt. SE ¼ 36-9-23WPM;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application No. 15-02 Be approved subject to the following condition(s)

1. -That Sioux Valley Dakota Nation receive all required approvals required from Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation and the Highway Traffic Board
2. -That the RM of Sifton will not maintain the existing service road should the existing use change from Agriculture to Commercial to accommodate this Conditional Use application – from PTH#21 to west intersection on PTH#1 (1.6 km).

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – C. Gervais
2015-345 BE IT RESOLVED that we do now adjourn at 4:50 p.m. to meet again December 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve, Rick Plaisier

Chief Administrative Officer, Mary Smith