

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th 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: M. Houston – D. Roulette

2019-273A BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of December 5, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-274 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 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:**

- Deep ditch sign at 51N/136W needs to be checked
- Shop work, scraping ice, planning schedules
- Setting equipment up for winter maintenance
- Cat jobs and manifold work to do
- Personnel training on dozer planned
- Activity logbook setup for garbage trailer/truck

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

- Lift station clean out next week
- Decock road sign installed, 2nd sign waiting on bracket
- Salt/sand picked up
- Sewer issues on Aspen being investigated

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

- Programs overall going well
- New Year new programs planned: cooking, senior programs
- Rec has asked for a locker at hall to store rec equipment
- Town light preparation
- Boxing Day bonfire planned and public skate
- EDO AGM due early 2020
- SW Biz Expo planned for Feb 12th in Melita
- MB150 Provincial grant applied for September 2020 events in Oak Lake
- MB Sustainable Communities grant will be applied for arena, handi-van

10:00 a.m.

MHHC, Conservation Act and Conditional Use Agreements by RMS

Enter Carole Graham (MHHC), Kelly Dickson (TDS Law), David Houston (DCP), Kirk Thompson RMS, Kelly Thompson RMS

- General discussion and review of Conservation Agreements between MHHC and ratepayers, intent and purpose of such agreements, existing agreements within the RMS, types of soils in RMS and location of agreements.
- Review of RMS Zoning BYLAW No. 1410, 5.4 WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS AND CONSERVATION LAND USES.
- Review of previous Conservation Agreement conditional use application.
- Pros and Cons of conservation agreements discussed from different perspectives, both short-term and long-term implications of such agreements.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace

2019-275 BE IT RESOLVED we do now move into a Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

11:15 a.m.

OL-S Fire Board

Enter OL-S Fire Chief, David Houston and OL-S Board Chairman, Erwin Enns

MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Thiessen

2019-276 BE IT RESOLVED the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business.

CARRIED.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- i. ARENA:** Skate sharpener sold and will be run privately due to issues noted by public, grant received for arena from OL&A Foundation, new nets bought, old nets to be sold, other grants applied for dehumidifier project.
- ii. COMMUNITY HALL:** Renovation specifications completed and will go to tender. Water issues noted staining cups. Mixer switch broken to be fixed. Committee would like to see a hall operating committee established once all the renos are completed. Continued training of new Hall Caretaker/manager required.
- iii. CONSERVATION DISTRICT(WATERSHED):** Looking for new rep for board. Amalgamation proceeding with issues to be managed.
- iv. FINANCE:** Griswold will request usage of Griswold reserve fund to fund groundskeeping projects per year.
- v. HANDI-VAN:** Considering the purchase of a new vehicle.
- vi. SOUTHWEST WEED:** 2019 budget performance is within budget; employees offered a 2.3% wage increase. Audit requirements to be reviewed for 2020 due to new Provincial legislation.
- vii. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Personnel review went well, 2020 wages recommended
- viii. VET CLINIC:** Open house in 2020 in Souris purpose to bring producers to see capacity of service at clinic
- ix. VIRDEN DR RECRUITMENT:** AMM meeting with consultant for clinic expansion, more news to follow in early 2020
- x. AMM:** conference meetings with ministers went well. Topics discussed were Oak Lake damn and berm, OLBR park management, PUB, tendering and procurement.
- xi. WASTE & RECYCLING:** Issues with RESORT-WTS gate not being locked, types of garbage coming to WTS, burn timing for RESORT-WTS. Discussion on Mack truck condition and use to RM. Old garbage trailer to be sold discussion.
- xii. GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Discussion on subcommittees in general with particular emphasis on equipment committee's purpose and structure. Preference to have more

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detailed equipment logbooks with more Council scrutiny on issues and work being done on equipment.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION: L. Wallace – M. Houston

2019-277 BE IT RESOLVED to provide an honorarium in the amount of \$230.00 to Chad Bodnarchuk for his time and travel to Oak Lake Community Hall for educational session on how to use the new kitchen equipment.

CARRIED.

G. ACCOUNTS

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

MOTION: R. Thiessen – D. Roulette

2019-278 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable cheque #6549.

CARRIED.

Councilor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-279 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable including cheque # 6550 to cheque #6577.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – R. Thiessen

2019-280 RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 6468 to 6545 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on line payments, inclusive, from November 1 to November 30, 2019 in the amount of \$215,692.86 be approved.

CARRIED.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: W. David – S. Phillips

2019-281 BE IT RESOLVED to offer to purchase CP Rail land in Arcola Subdivision Mile 7.3 to 22.48 (292 acres) as per schedule “A”.

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2019-282 BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Sifton Council appoints Scott Phillips to the Sub District for Pipestone Creek with Rick Gabrielle as alternate.

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Gabrielle – S. Cochrane

2019-283 BE IT RESOLVED to complete Civic Addressing for the RM in 2020.

CARRIED.

I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS - none

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION: S. Phillips – W. Davis

2019-284 WHEREAS Sections 154, 166 and 167 of the Municipal Act allow for the appointment of employees and for the setting of remuneration paid to the municipal employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Sifton hereby enact as listed in Schedule “A”.

MOTION: S. Phillips – W. Davis

2019-285 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton authorizes the CAO to complete the 2020 Urban/Green Team applications for two Summer Students.

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MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-286 BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the transfer of \$154,441 from the Public Parks Specific Purpose Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund to pay for the 2019 construction expenditures of the Oak Lake Community Hall and Commercial Community Kitchen.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – R. Thiessen

2019-287 RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton issue the following grants from their Municipal Program grants:

Crime Stoppers	\$ 120.00
Leafy Spurge	\$ 100.00
OLCS Food for Thought	\$ 200.00
Oak Lake Golf Club	\$1,000.00
Oak Lake Minor Hockey	\$ 500.00
Oak Lake Busy Buddies 4-H	\$ 250.00
Oak Lake 4-H Beef Club	\$ 250.00
Oak Lake Rodeo Association	\$ 500.00
OL RCDB	\$ 500.00
Oak Lake Handi-Van	\$5,000.00
Oak Lake Curling Rink	\$ 500.00
Deleau Community Club (Park)	\$ 500.00
OL-Sifton FD 2020 Fish Derby	\$ 500.00

CARRIED.

A. NOTICE OF MOTION

B. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn by the Chair at 4:30 p.m. to meet again January 9, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Reeve, Cyril Druwe

Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner