

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020 - 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: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2020-001 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of January 9, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2020-002 RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2019, and Special Meeting of December 30, 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:**

- WTS Resort clean-up
- Dozer in shop for maintenance, Mack truck tank to be looked at.
- All 3 graders running well
- Volvo tandem will need fixing soon (getting quotes)
- Work on Grey Dodge; wheel bearing
- Dead-End sign needs installed (43N)
- OH door in cold storage installation in 2020; get quotes

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

- Lift station cleaning done; some repair was needed
- New battery for generator required
- Both Decock road signs are up
- WTS Resort fence/gate needs repair

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- Waste signs for types of waste needed for WTS Resort

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

- Review of programs
- Curling ice is ready
- Grant applications for Isaac Days, MB 150, Hall renovations
- Hall marketing brochure draft review
- Presented a deep fryer that does not require hood for hall
- SW Biz Expo review
- EcDev strategy planning with Ruth Mealy Consulting presented
- 2020 OLCDB budget review
- Wants to advertise RMS-owned properties

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- i. **ARENA:** Ice convener/sec treasurer to remain for remainder of 2019-20 season; President has now resigned from Arena Board; Council member would like to see more advertising of local events done at arena.
- ii. **OLS FIRE DEPT:** Dry hydrant and/or well installation at resort area for water supply discussed. OLS Fire Chief to look into options and costs.
- iii. **WATERSHED DISTRICT:** Jan 17th meeting, regional task.
- iv. **FLOOD STRATEGY:** Meetings coming up to prepare for possible 2020 spring flood.
- v. **VET CLINIC:** No new clinic planned. Finance meeting Jan 17th.
- vi. **VIRDEN DR RECRUITMENT:** New project proposal draft includes several Phases with multiple RM's.
- vii. **UTILITIES:** Elton Water COOP meeting happening soon. Feasibility study for treated water supply, sewer upgrade and new service would benefit the RM for development.
- viii. **PERSONNEL:** Green team 2020 discussed: one student from May 15th and second July 1st. Also, hire seasonal FT March 1st or April 1st through September 30th discussed.
- ix. **GENERAL DISCUSSION:** CP RAIL Arcola land offer of \$150/acre was denied by CPR. Council/CAO to look into the market value of this land further. Noxious weeds along rail line property was discussed. Break-in at Deleau, Council would like to see more RCMP presence in area. Discussion of RMS bid to manage Provincial Park in 2020. Chokecherry Crescent has more work to be done before RMS takes over maintenance. (trees,

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grading, gravel). Will work with current developer on this. Discuss need for 9,000-WATT portable generator and will look into costs and feasibility of purchase.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION: W. Davis -R. Gabrielle

2020-003 RESOLVED that Albert Logeot and Marina Enns are hereby authorized to attend the Wastewater Treatment Conference being held in Brandon, February 23-26th, 2020 with expenses paid.

CARRIED.

G. ACCOUNTS

MOTION: R. Gabrielle – S. Cochrane

2020-004 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable cheque #6552 to # 6687.

CARRIED.

Councillor Mark Houston declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – D. Roulette

2020-005 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable for cheque # 6551 as approved by Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

Councilor Mark Houston re-entered the meeting.

Councillor Stan Cochrane declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips

2019-006 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Accounts Payable as attached.

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Councilor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

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MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2019-007 RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 6546 to 6646 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on line payments, inclusive, from December 1 to December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$1,418,399.83 be approved.

CARRIED.

MOTION: S. Phillips – W. Davis

2020-008 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2020 Interim Operating Budget from 01st January to 30th April for the General Operating Fund and the Utilities Fund. Any Operating Deficits will be covered by Accumulated Surpluses.

General Operating FUND	
REVENUES	
Other revenues	375,000.00
EXPENDITURES	
General Govt Services	165,000.00
Protective Services	78,000.00
Transportation Services	195,000.00
Environmental Health Services	26,000.00
Public Health and Welfare Services	1,000.00
Environmental Development Services	1,000.00
Economic Development Services	29,000.00
Recreation and Cultural Services	65,000.00
Fiscal Services	50,000.00
Total Expenditures	610,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(235,000.00)
Utilities FUND	
Revenues	30,000.00
Expenses	20,900.00
Surplus (Deficit)	9,100.00

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H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace

2020-009 BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Sifton Council appoints Dennis Griffith to the Assiniboine Watershed District.

CARRIED.

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

J. GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette

2020-010 WHEREAS Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2019 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2018 or prior);

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with s. 363 (1) of the Municipal Act, "costs" shall be the actual costs incurred for each parcel listed for the 2020 tax sale;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 tax sale be held October 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rural Municipality of Sifton council chambers.

CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Thiessen – M. Houston

2020-011 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton support the Doctor Recruitment and Retention Project with a grant in the amount of \$4000.00 made payable to Westman Health Care Access.

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MOTION: D. Roulette – M. Houston

2020-012 BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Roger Branum Construction for the upgrades at the Oak Lake Community Hall.

CARRIED.

MOTION: L. Wallace – R. Thiessen

2020-013 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton pay \$50/month to the designated Safety Officer payable in quarterly payments of \$150/Quarter or \$600/Year, taxable.

CARRIED.

A. NOTICE OF MOTION

B. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn by the Chair to meet again February 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.