

**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON**  
**THURSDAY, May 07, 2020 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

*(Note: The RM of Sifton is granted permission for these Meeting and Public Hearings as per: Gravelle, Stefane (Province of MB), Public Health Update to the State of Emergency Orders as of April 16 2020. More than 10 individuals can meet at the public hearing provided the RM can maintain the 2-meter physical distance requirement. See excerpts referenced as "1(3)" and "Application".*

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

**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips**

**2020-043** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of May 7, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Gabrielle**

**2020-044** RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and approved, all statutory requirements having been fulfilled.

**CARRIED.**

*(Note: Regular Council meeting for April 9, 2020 was cancelled due to Covid-19).*

**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:

- Review of road conditions; waste transfer site clean-up; there is potential use for wood chipper; gravel needed at Resort WTS (5 loads); presented quote on snow angle blade and to possibly sell the snow blower attachment.

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

- Sewer line videoed on Veteran's Way-Assiniboine St and all clear for road work if needed; lift station had remote installed and working well, lift station install of fans to keep cool in summer; will be doing lagoon isolation and drainage scheduled for June; E-waste was packaged and picked up (17 pallets); Deleau well is working but requires more work done on it; fence repair required at Resort WTS; presented quote on 2013 JD 54" lawnmower with 144 hours on it.

Tyrel Richardson and Trever from Strike Welding entered meeting to update Council on the technical issues with the hydraulic system on the garbage trailer:

- Hydraulic pump currently on truck is designed for end-dump trailer, not continual use; a proper pump installed would be more efficient and have less wear and tear on the system; the new garbage trailer has larger cylinders than the old one thus causing this issue that did not exist before; Strike presented two options for a new pump and a used one.

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

- On-line activity for recreation and development course; grant applications out for several projects; EDO meeting via ZOOM once per week.

## **E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- i.* **ARB (Assiniboine River Basin):** Weekly phone call meetings reviewing activities and the challenges of predicting water volumes and appropriate damn control.
- ii.* **WTS – Resort:** Discussion whether to have staff cover year-round, also some debate over the issue of misleading signage currently in place (CAO to look into updating signage).
- iii.* **WTS – Oak Lake:** Install light for evening use for residents.
- iv.* **Oak Lake Provincial Park:** General discussion on the importance of the park to the RM and the RM would like to work with the province to keep the beach and park desirable for people to use.
- v.* **Wood Chipper and Lawn Mower:** Discussion on equipment needs for the RM.
- vi.* **Waste Management:** Discussion on back-up plans for waste pick up services if RM truck and trailer is not working. Also, discussion on replacing pump on Mack Truck with proposed pump options previously mentioned. Equipment committee to look into solutions.
- vii.* **Personnel:** Discussion on using and allowing staff to use FLEX-TIME (work evenings/weekends) as needed to manage personal needs as a result from COVID-19.
- viii.* **Utility:** Review of current rate proposal currently with PUB.

*No other meetings held due to COVID-19 restrictions in place.*

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**F. COMMUNICATIONS**

**MOTION: R. Gabrielle – S. Cochrane**

**2020-050** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton provides a grant of \$ 1,200.00 to Arts Mosaic for 2020.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace**

**2020-051** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton provides a grant of \$ 500.00 to Griswold Cemetery for 2020.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace**

**2020-053** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton provides a grant of \$300.00 to Kid-Sport Manitoba.

**CARRIED.**

**G. ACCOUNTS**

**MOTION: W. Davis – S. Phillips**

**2020-054** BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves month-to-date Accounts Payable listing including cheques #6922 to #6950.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette**

**2020-055** RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 6803 to 6865 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on line payments, inclusive, from March 1 to March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$139,791.87 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

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**MOTION: L. Wallace – R. Thiessen**

**2020-056** RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 6866 to 6920 and Direct Deposit payroll, and on line payments, inclusive, from April 1 to April 30, 2020 in the amount of \$214,677.18 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette**

**2020-057** RESOLVED that we transfer funds in the amount of \$5,611.08 from the Sewer Reserve Fund to the Sewer Operating Account to cover the cost of the Flygt Cloud Scada Modem for the lift station.

**CARRIED.**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION: W. Davis – M. Houston**

**2020-047** BE IT RESOLVED to develop a Fire Services Agreement between RM Sifton (Oak Lake-Sifton Fire Department) and Sioux Valley Dakota Nation based on the following conditions:

- \$3,000.00 upfront for 6 months retainer every 6 months
- \$750.00 for first hour billed
- \$500.00 for every hour after the 1<sup>st</sup> hour
- Approved calls to cover structural fires or risk of lost life only
- Other terms/conditions and Liabilities as per RMs Legal Counsel
- Contract to be reviewed annually

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: D. Roulette – M. Houston**

**2020-058** BE IT RESOLVED to staff the Cherry Point Waste Transfer Site during the Winter hours, hours to be decided.

**DENIED.**

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**MOTION: L. Wallace – M. Houston**

**2020-063** BE IT RESOLVED to purchase for 1-year on a trial basis the All Net Connect Mass Communication System for the quoted price in Schedule “A”.

**CARRIED.**

*Councilor Stan Cochrane declared a conflict of Interest with the next item on the agenda and left the meeting.*

**MOTION: R. Gabrielle – L. Wallace**

**2020-064** RESOLVED that we accept the tender from Midwest Redi-Mix (1980) for the 2020 Road Gravelling.

**CARRIED.**

*Councilor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.*

**MOTION: D. Roulette – M. Houston**

**2020-065** BE IT RESOLVED to award the tender for the Civic Addressing Signs to ATS Traffic.

**CARRIED.**

**I. BY-LAW, POLICY & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace**

**2020-045** BE IT RESOLVED that we do now move into a Committee of the Whole with Cyril Druwe to sit in chair as a Conditional Use Board.

**CARRIED.**

*(See minutes for Conditional Use Board Hearing for Applications 20-01, 20-02)*

**MOTION: D. Roulette – M. Houston**

**2020-046** BE IT RESOLVED that we exit the Committee of the Whole and resume the former order of business.

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**MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette**

**2020-048** BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Conditional Use No. 20-01 for NW ¼ 10-9-25 W;  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to deny the Conditional Use No. 20-01 for  
NW ¼ 15-9-25 W and SW ¼ 15-9-25 W:

- **APPROVED for NW 10-9-25W**
- **DENIED for NW 15-9-25W**
- **DENIED for SW 15-9-25W**

Recorded Vote:

Druwe:	For	Thiessen:	Against
Wallace:	For	Houston:	For
Roulette:	For	Gabrielle:	For
Cochrane:	For	Phillips:	For
Davis:	For		

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: M. Houston – S. Phillips**

**2020-049** BE IT RESOLVED to approve Conditional Use No. 20-02.

Recorded Vote:

Druwe:	For	Thiessen:	Against
Wallace:	For	Houston:	For
Roulette:	For	Gabrielle:	For
Cochrane:	For	Phillips:	For
Davis:	For		

**CARRIED.**

*(Note: No members from the public were in attendance for the Public Hearing-2020 Financial Plan)*

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – W. Davis**

**2020-059** BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 01-2020, Property Tax By-law pass second reading.

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**MOTION: M. Houston – D. Roulette**

**2020-060** BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 01-2020, Property Tax By-law pass third reading and that it be signed, sealed and delivered.

RECORDED VOTE:

Druwe:	For	Wallace:	For
Thiessen:	For	Davis:	For
Phillips:	For	Gabrielle:	For
Cochrane:	For	Houston:	For
Roulette:	For		

**CARRIED.**

**J. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**MOTION: W. Davis – R. Gabrielle**

**2020-052** BE IT RESOLVED to order the removal of a fence from RMS Municipal Road Allowance as specified in Schedule A.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: S. Phillips – W. Davis**

**2020-061** RESOLVED that the Board of Revision date be set for Thursday October 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace**

**2020-062** BE IT RESOLVED to support the proposed Municipality of Glenboro South Cypress Resolution as per Schedule "A"

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**MOTION: S. Phillips – W. Davis**

**2020-066** WHEREAS the RM of Sifton’s contract for recycling pick up services will expire on November 1, 2020; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton will not extend the current recycling pick up services contract and intends on tendering out the recycling pick up services, which will replace this contract once expired.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: S. Cochrane – R. Gabrielle**

**2020-067** WHEREAS Manitoba has declared a state of emergency as a result of Covid-19 pandemic; AND WHEREAS the pandemic is causing financial difficulties for many businesses and individuals; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that proceeding to offer properties for sale at tax sale auction be placed on hold for a period of 4 months.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION: R. Thiessen – L. Wallace**

**2020-068** WHEREAS Section 80 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires that each local public body designate a person or group of persons as its Head for the purpose of this Act:

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Sifton is a public body under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Sifton hereby designates the Reeve as the head of the Rural Municipality of Sifton for the purpose of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act effective May 7, 2020.

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**MOTION:**     **W. Davis – S. Phillips**

**2020-069**     BE IT RESOLVED to enter into and accept a 3-year funding agreement for the Oak Lake & Area District Arena with the RM of Wallace -Woodworth;  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve and CAO sign the agreement.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:**     D. Roulette – M. Houston

**2020-070**     BE IT RESOLVED to purchase the 2013 JD 54” (9304R) lawnmower as quoted from Hepson Equipment.

CARRIED.

**K. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn by the Chair to meet again June 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

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Reeve, Cyril Druwe

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Chief Administrative Officer, Lon Turner