

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF SIFTON
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 - 8:30 A.M., OAK LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reeve: Cyril Druwe.
Councilors: Ward 1 - Russell Thiessen Larry Wallace Rick Kenderdine
 Ward 2 - Wilson Davis Scott Phillips Stan Cochrane
 Ward 3 - Dave Roulette Mark Houston
Administrator: Lon Turner

A. CALL TO ORDER at 8:30 a.m. by Cyril Druwe.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: R. Thiessen – W. Davis

2021-032 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the regular meeting of March 11, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – M. Houston

2021-033 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2021, and, 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, Municipal Foreman** to update Council on activities:
Dozer repair completed and now working on projects; grader mower arm is being repaired; burn pit debris needs to be hauled away from Oak Lake and Resort transfer sites; dumpsters should be placed further back to allow more room; culvert replacements planned; new carbide blades ordered; mention of 2011/2014 culvert install could be replaced to proper levels with funding help from DFA; Cherry Point Road cuts into NW section subdivided property lot at west side of the resort; J. Hodson requested some information about widening approaches; request for approach widening and road work to be done in SW RM.

Albert Logeot, Public Works/Utilities Foreman to update Council on activities:
Sewer lines freezing up, plan to repair in spring once frost is out; interviews for Green Team employees scheduled for 15 March; mowers and pumps are ready to go; grey truck heater issues fixed; staff safety training completed; getting quotes on weed whippers for different makes/options; sidewalk in Oak Lake has big crack in it, will fix either with gravel or rip it out; Oak Lake Provincial Park service being planned and looking at different scheduling options.

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10:00AM PUBLIC HEARING for Agenda item I. BY-LAW 02-2021 PUBLIC HEARING

Reeve Cyril Druwe declared a conflict of interest with the next item on the agenda and left the meeting. Deputy Reeve, Larry Wallace to act as Chairperson.

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace
2021-034 BE IT RESOLVED that we move into a Committee of the Whole with Larry Wallace in the chair to sit as a Public Hearing Board for proposed subdivision BYLAW 02-2021.
CARRIED.
(See Public Hearing minutes for proposed subdivision BYLAW 02-2021)

MOTION : R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace
2021-035 BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole be adjourned and that we resume the former order of business, with Deputy Reeve, Larry Wallace still Chairperson.
CARRIED.

MOTION : S. Phillips – W. Davis
2021-036 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 02-2021 pass second reading.
CARRIED.

MOTION : R. Kenderdine – S. Cochrane
2021-037 BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law No. 02-2021 pass third reading and that it be signed, sealed and delivered.
RECORDED VOTE: Thiessen: For Wallace: For Phillips: For Davis: For
Cochrane: For Roulette: For Kenderdine: For Houston: For
Druwe: *Absent due to Conflict of Interest*
CARRIED.

MOTION: R. Kenderdine – D. Roulette
2021-038 BE IT RESOLVED to sell the subdivided section noted in By-Law No. 02-2021 with terms and conditions as per Schedule "A".
CARRIED.

Reeve Cyril Druwe re-entered the meeting and act as Chairperson.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Waste/Recycling:

MARR (MB Assoc Regional Recyclers) webinar provided good examples of what services transfer sites can offer including sorting recycling, warehousing, and handling many different types of waste/recycling materials.

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OLCDB:

Four new people attended last meeting: M. Enns, R. Stannage, A. Bailey, K. Brown. Letter from C. Roulette read to Council by CAO regarding need for new EDO/REC employee. Discussion over the possibility of creating a new role with new responsibilities managing evolving need and opportunities within the RM. Will discuss further at next meeting and hopefully get someone hired in 2021.

RECREATION:

To echo OLCDB, recreation programming adds significant value to the quality of life for residents. Discussion over program reimbursement along with the need for new recreation director or similar position. Nothing resolved at this time and will discuss further. Residents looking for discounts on recreation programs

ARENA:

Arena is now open for business under new Public Health Orders and ice bookings are full. New dehumidifier and loop repair has had a tremendous impact on ice quality, especially this late in the year. There has been preliminary discussion regarding long-term management of the arena facility. Arena Board and RM to discuss options over summer 2021.

BUILDINGS:

Discussion over potential use of property recently gifted to the RM located in Oak Lake on Oxcart Trail.

VET BOARDS:

Review of meetings and concerns for both the Virden Vet Clinic and the Souris Vet Clinic with mention of Souris now only seeing large animals by appointment only.

CELLULAR/INTERNET SERVICE:

Council is interested in speaking to different companies to encourage efforts to boost service to areas around the RM, especially at the lake and southern part of RM.

WATERSHED/AQUIFER:

Review progress of WD region changes and moving forward. Discussion over state of the Oak Lake Aquifer where even though Oak Lake appears to be at lower levels compared to previous years, the aquifer is healthy and fully charged. General comments about potential new developments in region affecting the aquifer which drain and divert water from it.

ASSINIBOINE RIVER BASIN:

AGM via zoom had an overview/presentation of Deep Earth Energy Production (DEEP), which is a Saskatchewan privately held corporation with a mission to develop Saskatchewan's geothermal resources for power generation. DEEP's vision is to be a producer of secure, stable and sustainable energy.

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F. COMMUNICATIONS

- MOTION :** **L. Wallace – R. Thiessen**
2021-039 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton approve the proposed Right-Of-Way Remediation as per attached plans on behalf of Enbridge Pipelines ; AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Lon Turner is authorized to sign the agreement.
CARRIED.
- MOTION :** **S. Phillips – D. Roulette**
2021-040 BE IT RESOLVED to offer a grant of \$500.00 to Arts Mosaic.
CARRIED.

G. ACCOUNTS

- MOTION:** **D. Roulette – M. Houston**
2021-041 RESOLVED that the accounts paid of general account cheque numbers 7501 to 7569 and Direct Deposit payroll, and online payments, inclusive, from February 1 to February 28, 2021 in the amount of \$199,886.99 be approved.
CARRIED.
- MOTION:** **R. Thiessen – R. Kenderdine**
2021-042 BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves month-to-date Accounts Payable listing including cheques #7570 to #7596.
CARRIED.
- MOTION:** **S. Phillips M. Houston**
2021-043 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Financial Statements ending 28 February 2021 as presented.
CARRIED.
- MOTION:** **D. Roulette – M. Houston**
2021-044 BE IT RESOLVED receipt of the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 is hereby acknowledged; FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2019 audited financial statements as presented and authorized the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and CAO to sign documents as required.
CARRIED.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- MOTION:** **R. Kenderdine – L. Wallace**
2021-045 BE IT RESOLVED that the acquisition by the Rural Municipality of the land legally described below by way of gift from the Oak Lake Berean Church Inc. be and is hereby approved:
PARCEL 2 PLAN 678 BLTO IN SW ¼ 26-9-24 WPM -and-LOT 4 SP PLAN 2336 BLTO TOGETHER
WITH A RIGHT OF WAY FOR ALL PURPOSES OVER AND UPON LOT 3 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN

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2336 BLTO IN S ½ 26-9-24 WPM. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality pay all legal fees and expenses associated with the said gifts of land; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CAO be and is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Rural Municipality, to take all such action and to execute and deliver all such deeds, documents, instruments, indentures, and writings, and to do all such acts and things as may, in his opinion, be necessary or desirable for the purpose of giving effect to the said gifts of land.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: **R. Kenderdine – W. Davis**
2021-046 RESOLVED that the award for the lowest 2021 Gravel Hauling Tender for Region 1 go to Sparks Sand and Gravel Ltd, and for Region 2 to Cochrane Stock Farms.
CARRIED.

Councilor Stan Cochrane re-entered the meeting.

MOTION: **W. Davis – M. Houston**
2021-047 BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and the CAO sign the agreement with Muni-Soft for the administration software upgrade.
CARRIED.

MOTION: **R. Thiessen – S. Phillips**
2021-048 BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO sign the agreement with Kelty Management for the administration IT upgrades.
CARRIED.

MOTION: **M. Houston – S. Cochrane**
2021-049 BE IT RESOLVED that receipt of the Oak Lake Provincial Park Maintenance Agreement #6660-2021-22 is hereby acknowledged; AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to accept and approve said documents and provide proof of insurance and worker's compensation coverage as required.
CARRIED.

MOTION: **R. Kenderdine – M. Houston**
2021-050 BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Sifton install 3 Street Lights along South Railway Street at a cost of \$16,134.41 + \$2,039.00 + GST.
CARRIED.

2:00 PM **TAX SALE PROCEEDINGS**
Jessie Campbell from Fraser Auctions entered the meeting to auction off two properties to potential interested buyers. No one from public attended the tax sale auction.
TAX SALE adjourned at 2:15PM.

