

**Council Meeting
April 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Nesbitt Hall, Nesbitt MB.**

The Council members of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met at the Nesbitt Hall in Nesbitt, Manitoba on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Councillors Cory, Hargreaves, Hatch, McDonald, McGregor and Sowiak. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki, Finance Officer Elaine McGregor and Public Works Manager Darcy Ketsman.

This was an open meeting of Council, however members of the public were requested to view the proceedings on-line as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Hargreaves-Cory

89-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 21, 2020 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Sowiak-McGregor

90-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 17, 2020 regular meeting be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

McDonald-Hargreaves

91-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the April 14, 2020 general accounts payables, being cheque #'s 4330 to #4350 and #'s 4352 to 4364 in the amount of \$289,822.27 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Councillor Hatch declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber without discussion.

McDonald-McGregor

92-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the April 14, 2020 general account payable for cheque #4351 in the amount of \$318.00 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Cory-Hatch

93-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 128, being staff payroll for the period March 9 to March 20, 2020 in the amount of \$11,165.11 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Sowiak

94-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 129, being staff payroll for the period March 23 to April 3, 2020 in the amount of \$10,893.96 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Hargreaves

95-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 130, being staff payroll for the period April 6 to April 17, 2020 in the amount of \$10,977.05 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Sowiak-Hatch

96-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 131, being Council indemnities for the month of March, 2020 in the amount of \$6,411.45 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

Cory-McDonald

97-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the April 14, 2020 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 582 to 585 in the amount of \$3,959.57 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure

McGregor-McDonald

98-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure report to March 31, 2020 be received as presented. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – to commence at 9:15 a.m.

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 13
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 18
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 19
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 19
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 20
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 20
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 24
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 27
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Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 7
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 9
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 9
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 15
Cleanfarms – Farm Recycling
Construction Association of Rural Manitoba – Online Tender Platform
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 16
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 23
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 23
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 6
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 7
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 9
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 14
Manitoba Communities in Bloom – 2020 Program Cancellation
Manitoba Emergency Coordination Centre – Municipal Update 006
Manitoba Municipal Relations – Covid 19 Social Distancing Measures
Manitoba Municipal Relations – Covid 19 FAQ's
Manitoba Water & Wastewater Association – March 27 Covid 19 information
Manitoba Water & Wastewater Association – April 6 Covid 19 information
Minister of Municipal Relations – Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Initiatives
Prairie Mountain Health – April 8 – Pandemic Information Update
Province of Manitoba – Sandbag Preparation Protocols
Transport Canada – Railway Grade Crossing Safety Assessments and Support Services
Travel Manitoba – Covid 19

Hargreaves-McDonald

99-2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Zone Report (Ward 3)

Councillor Cory added to his written report by providing information from the Watershed District with respect to its cover crop initiative for farmland.

Councillor Sowiak – see written report

North Zone Report (Ward 2)

Councillor Hargreaves added to his written report to advise that he had been contacted by a ratepayer expressing concerns about leafy spurge.

Councillor Hatch – see written report

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor McDonald added to his written report to advise that the handi-van service was currently not operating due to Covid-19 and noted he would check to see if this would result in any reduction in budget requirements.

Councillor McGregor – see written report

Head of Council's Report – see written report

Chief Administrative Officer Report – see written report

Finance Officer Report – see written report

Public Works Report – see written report

Drew Wilton – Wawanesa Public Works

In response to the written report provided by Wawanesa Public Works, the Public Works Manager advised Westman Communication Group was currently working on confirming property lines and would ensure with Wawanesa Public Works that when installation was ready to begin, that they would ensure the fiber optic lines were not installed directly over water lines.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

Souris Vet Board Report

Nothing to report.

Handi Transit Report

Included with Ward Report.

Cory-Hatch

100-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written committee reports be received.
CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Collection and Disposal

McDonald-Hargreaves

101-2020 WHEREAS at the time of the tender award, Green Acres Colony was not interested in extending its agreement with the Municipality for provision of a recycling bin;

AND WHEREAS Green Acres Colony has since decided it would like to continue with the service with the Colony paying the Municipality for the annual costs;

AND WHEREAS Municipal Waste Management is willing to amend the tender to now include this service;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the 3-year bid of Municipal Waste Management accepted at the March 17, 2020 meeting of Council be amended to include Service D as follows:

2020	\$1,280.00
2021	\$1,664.00
2022	\$1,664.00

CARRIED.

Wawanesa Fiber Optic Placement

McDonald-Hatch

102-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that Westman Communication (Westman) be authorized to install fiber optic cable lines within the Village of Wawanesa utilizing directional drilling whereby final fiber placement shall be made in conjunction with Wawanesa Public Works once Westman has surveyed property lines and locates, prior to installation;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Westman shall provide the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa (Municipality) with a digital and paper copy of the final engineered as-built drawings;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Westman will undertake any remediation work required for up to 12 months in their work areas to address any ground settling issues;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality be saved harmless from any and all damages and costs arising for any damage suffered by the fiber optic cable line due to rupture, breakdown or leakage of the utility lines;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Westman indemnify the Municipality for any damage suffered by the utility line as a result of the installation, operation, breakdown or maintenance of the fiber optic cable line. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cancellation of Penalties on Utilities

McDonald-McGregor

103-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to prepare the necessary by-law amendment to temporarily cancel late payment charges for 2020 utility bills with due dates between April 1 and October 1, 2020. CARRIED.

Culvert and Roadway to SE 10-8-18W (Boulton)

Sowiak-Hargreaves

- 104-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the request for installation of a culvert and re-instatement of a municipal road to access SE 10-8-18W be referred to the Administration for review and subsequent report to Council. CARRIED.

Burn Permit

Sowiak-McDonald

- 105-2020 WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has requested that all Fire Departments implement a written burn permit process;

AND WHEREAS the Fire Chief, in conjunction with staff at the Municipal Office, has been able to prepare the required application and process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that anyone wishing to burn within the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa be required to complete the application and receive approval from the Fire Chief prior to any burning taking place. CARRIED.

Tax Sale Proceedings

Hatch-Cory

- 106-2020 WHEREAS Covid-19 has left many residents facing financial uncertainty;

AND WHEREAS tax sale proceedings for properties with unpaid taxes from 2018 or prior would normally commence April 1;

AND WHEREAS such proceedings can be suspended without affecting the Municipality's ability to reinstate proceedings at a future date;

AND WHEREAS Taxervice, being the property tax arrears recovery management company utilized by most municipalities in Manitoba, is suggesting a four-month suspension of the process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that tax sale proceedings for the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa be suspended for four months, until August 1, 2020, to be reviewed again at that time. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

**By-law No. 03-2020 – To Amend Wawanesa Sewer and Water By-law No. 519
1st Reading**

McDonald-Hatch

- 107-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 03-2020 being a by-law to amend Wawanesa Sewer and Water By-law No. 519 with respect to suspension of penalties on current utility bills due between April 1, 2020 and October 1, 2020 be read a first time. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Hargreaves-McDonald

108-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (9:33 a.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nesbitt Hall. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer