



**Special Council Meeting
January 20 at 7:00 p.m.
Nesbitt Hall, Nesbitt MB.**

The Council members of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met at the Nesbitt Hall, in Nesbitt, Manitoba on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.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 Administrative Assistant Norma Will.

Members of the public also attended.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

With a quorum present, Head of Council Dave Kreklewich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hold Public Hearings with respect to the special levies.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

McGregor-McDonald
01-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 20, 2020 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Sowiak-Cory
02-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the special meeting of council be recessed to allow council to hold Public Hearings to receive representations from any person who wish to make them in respect to Recreation Services and Collection and Transportation of Waste and Recyclable Materials. CARRIED.

Special Service Proposal By-law 05-2019 for Recreation Services

Written representation was received from the following in opposition to the special levy: Dan Gullett o/b/o Wawanesa United Church, Brenda Buckley and Brian Giesbrecht, Gwen Ginter o/b/o Carroll Memorial Hall, William and Melanie Mallette, Rick and Judy Andrews.

In addition, a petition was received containing 205 names in opposition to the special levy, two of whom are outlined above as having submitted a letter as well.

Copies of the written representation were retained on file.

Verbal representation was received as follows:

Barry Fowell, NE 4-7-18, asked questions related to contributions from Glenboro-South Cypress to the Souris River Recreation Commission. His name appears on the petition.

Brian Buie, NE 35-7-17, advised the numbers being considered were not inconsequential and asked what Council was going to use the additional 10% or \$250,000 for, as in his view, this was an additional tax over what had been taxed in previous years. He also asked questions about parcels of land that had more than one family living on it and at what point would the levies expire.

Gord McLaughlin, NW 35-8-19W, appeared in objection to paying a recreation levy. His name appears on the petition.

Mike Sitko, SE 24-8-19W, asked why the recreation levy was going to specialized areas of recreation and suggested funding be only by user fees. His name appears on the petition.

Dennis Rome, NE 26-7-18 W, asked why the amount of recreation fees have increased so drastically since pre-amalgamation, particularly with an increase to rural versus the village and why the rural area was paying \$66,000 in 2020. His name appears on the petition.

Mike Hawkins, SE 16-8-18W, asked questions related to life expectancy of the recreation facilities. He also asked if there had ever been a survey on who uses the facilities.

McDonald-Cory

03-2020 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Special Service Proposal By-law 05-2019 for Recreation Services have been dealt with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public hearing be concluded. CARRIED.

Special Service Proposal By-law 07-2019 for the Collection and Transportation of Waste and Recyclable Materials

Written representation was received from the following in opposition to the special levy: Gwen Ginter o/b/o Carroll Memorial Hall, William and Melanie Mallette.

In addition, a petition was received containing 207 names in opposition to the special levy, two of whom are outlined above as having submitted a letter as well.

Copies of the written representation were retained on file.

Verbal representation was received as follows:

Brian Buie, NE 35-7-17, appeared to ask questions related to the change from the first public hearing to the second hearing. He also asked questions related to users from outside the municipality and stated he didn't believe the reference from The Municipal Act related to waste transfer stations. He suggested taxes should be based on population.

Dennis Rome, NE 26-7-18 W, appeared to ask questions related to outside use of the waste transfer stations. He also asked about the rationale of charging bare land a per parcel rate. His name appears on the petition.

Mike Sitko, SE 24-8-19W, appeared to ask questions from the 2014 consolidated financial statements to the 2019 budgets. He also stated there was disproportionate taxation for rural residents on items calculated at-large whereby rural ratepayers pick up 86% of the at-large charges. His name appears on the petition.

Linda McCrae Walker, SE 31-8-19W, appeared to ask if a special levy could be set up to differentiate the waste specific to Oakland and to Wawanesa, particularly on farm property.

Ray Walker, SE 31-8-19, appeared to ask how funds were received from Glenboro-South Cypress for use of the waste transfer station.

Gisele Corriveau, NW 22-8-19W, appeared to ask questions about revenue and expenses and how it relates to changes in residential properties in Wawanesa and Oakland. She objected to the disproportionate increase in rural taxation. Her name appears on the petition.

Jean Boulton, NW 11-8-19W, appeared to ask questions related to increases and suggested the costs seem too high and should be looked at.

Sowiak-Hatch

04-2020

WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Special Service Proposal By-law 07-2019 for Collection and Transportation of Waste and/or Recyclable Materials have been dealt with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public hearing be concluded and council resume its normal order of business. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

Special Service Proposal By-law 05-2019 for Recreation Services

05-2020 McDonald-Cory
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 05-2019 being a special service proposal for recreation services be read a first time. CARRIED.

Special Service Proposal By-law 07-2019 for the Collection and Transportation of Waste and Recyclable Materials

06-2020 Hargreaves-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 07-2019 being a special service proposal for the Collection and Transportation of Waste and Recyclable Materials be read a first time. CARRIED.

ADJOURN

07-2020 Sowiak-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (8:06 p.m.). CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer