

**Special Council Meeting
August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre, Wawanesa, MB.**

The Council members of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met at the Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre, in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Monday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Councillors Cory, Hargreaves, Hatch, McGregor, McDonald and Sowiak. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki, Finance Officer Elaine McGregor, Administrative Assistants Cheryl Fraser and Norma Will.

Thirty-eight members of the public also attended. A copy of the attendance sheet is retained on file.

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 a Public Hearing with respect to the 2020 Financial Plan.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

McGregor-Sowiak

201-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the August 4, 2020 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 FINANCIAL PLAN

Cory-Hargreaves

202-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the special meeting of council be recessed to allow council to hold a Public Hearing to receive representations from any person who wish to make them in respect to the 2020 Financial Plan. CARRIED.

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the 2020 budget and a copy of the presentation was retained on file.

Verbal representation was received as follows:

Linda McCrae Walker, SE 31-8-19W, appeared to ask the following questions:

Why did the Municipality move to a harmonized mill rate? She pointed out it was different from Souris-Glenwood Municipality where they also have land.

Could street lighting be put as a special services levy as rural residents do not benefit from it?

What was Council's position on replacement of equipment?

With the Municipality providing funding for fibre optic installation in Wawanesa from funds in the General Reserve raised by Wawanesa residents, could the same not be done for the rural area?

When and where would a new office building be constructed? She highly recommended Nesbitt as a central location.

Will taxpayers who are not interested in the Rural Water Co-op be charged for it?

Margret Kristjansson, NE 22-7-17W, appeared in addition to her written submission to ask questions related to the questions on the survey for a rural water co-op and to ensure that those not interested will not be required to pay.

John Robinson, 4-7-18W, appeared to ask questions on the allocation for computers and suggested it was \$10,000 too high.

Kathy Keating, 29-8-19 (Tower Road) appeared before Council and stated the computer budget seemed very high and to ask questions on the Procurement Policy. She also stated concerns for the work environment at the Oakland WTS.

Written submissions were received from the following and a copy placed on file:

Liane Heinrichs, SE 16-7-18W, requesting that a portion of the funds in the grant allocation be used for library memberships for interested persons.

Margret Kristjansson and Tom Kiesman, NE 22-7-17W, opposing the proposed rural water co-op.

Sabrina Hofer and Phil Dubois, SW 36-7-18W, in opposition to unfair rural taxation rates, the rural water co-op, frequent purchase of graders, new office building, and increases in municipal spending.

Cory-McGregor

203-2020 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to the 2020 Financial Plan have been dealt with;

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Adoption of 2020 Financial Plan

McDonald-McGregor

204-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 Financial Plan of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa, as set out in the form approved by the Minister of Municipal Relations be adopted;

and further, that the operating and capital estimates outlined in said plan be incorporated in and form part of the 2020 Tax Levy By-law. CARRIED.

By-laws

By-law No. 05-2020 – Being the 2020 Tax Levy By-law Amendment, 2nd and 3rd Readings

Hatch-McDonald

205-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 05-2020 being the 2020 Tax Levy By-law be amended by deleting therefrom Schedule “A” and replacing therefor the completed Schedule “A” inclusive of the proposed next year’s budget. CARRIED.

Hargreaves-Sowiak

206-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 05-2020, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

McDonald-Sowiak

207-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 05-2020 be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

A recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR

Head of Council Kreklewich
Councillor Cory
Councillor Hargreaves
Councillor Hatch
Councillor McDonald
Councillor McGregor
Councillor Sowiak

AGAINST

ADJOURN

Hatch-Cory

208-2020 BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (7:50 p.m.). CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer