



**Special Council Meeting
March 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, Wawanesa, MB.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa would like to acknowledge and recognize that we are operating on Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 lands being the original territory of the Anishinaabe and Dakota Nations and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 18, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2025 FINANCIAL PLAN

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 2025 Financial Plan.

WHEREAS all representatives in regard to the 2025 Financial Plan have been dealt with;

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Adoption of 2025 Financial Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Financial Plan as set out in the form approved by the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations be adopted.

By-laws

**By-law No. 45-2025 – Being the 2025 Tax Levy By-law
1st Reading**

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 45-2025 being the 2025 Tax Levy By-law be read a first time.

ADJOURN

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (p.m.).

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer

2025 FINANCIAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING



Agenda

- ▶ Purpose of the Public Hearing
- ▶ Assessment / Tax Levies & Special Service Levies
- ▶ Review of the 2025 Budget
- ▶ Mill Rates & Per Parcel Levies
- ▶ What You Get for your Tax Dollars
- ▶ Next Steps

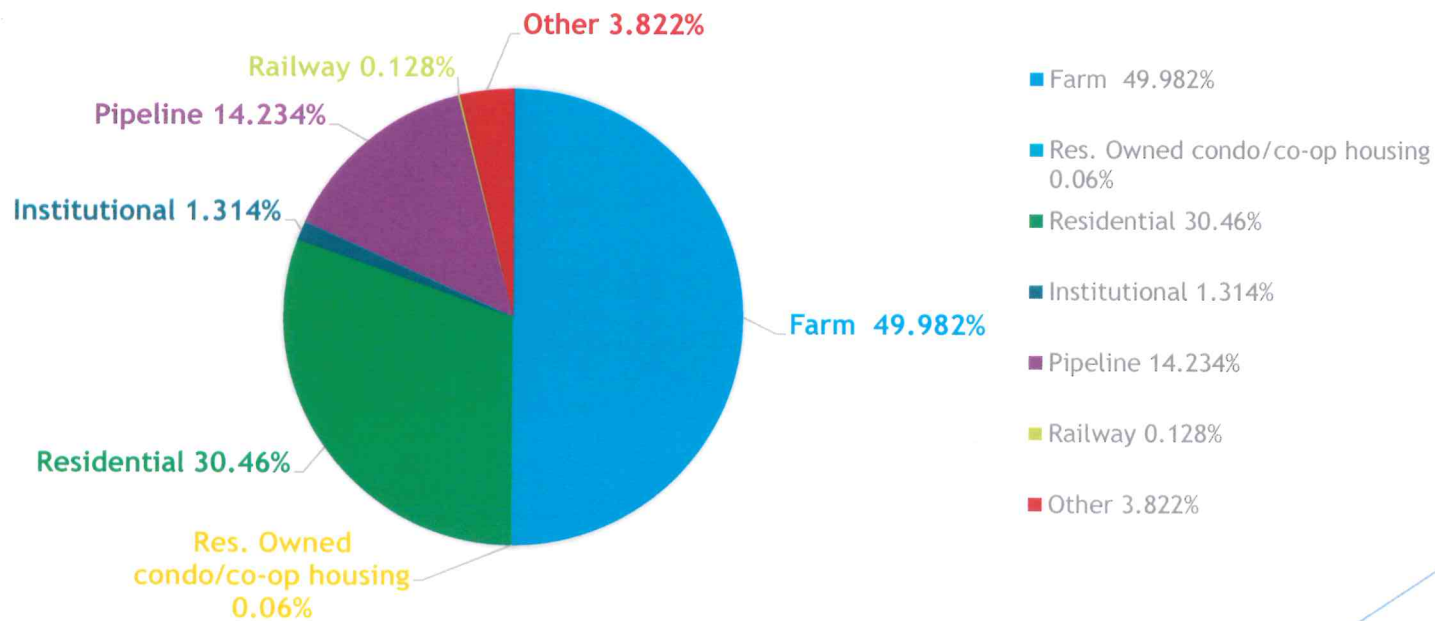
Purpose of a Public Hearing

- ▶ To inform the public about the financial situation and plan of the Municipality.
- ▶ To assist the public to understand how their tax dollars are being spent.
- ▶ Provides an opportunity for public participation and input.
- ▶ Provides an understanding of the relationship between services and taxes and the difficult decisions that must be made by Council to determine a balance between the two.
- ▶ The Public Hearing provides a general overview of the 2025 Financial situation and plan.

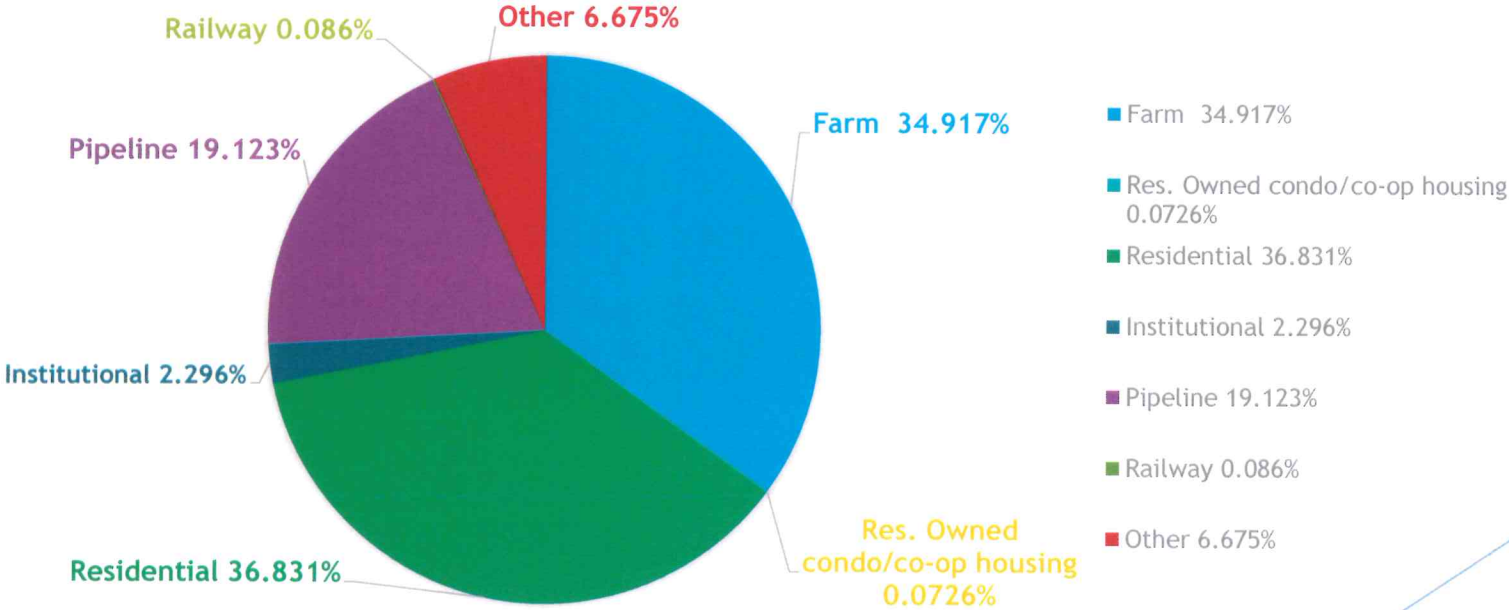
Assessment

- ▶ Assessed values of all properties are determined by the Provincial Assessment Branch. (We pay \$39,000 annually for this service).
- ▶ A property's assessment is the assessor's best estimate of the most probable selling price for a property based on April 1, 2023 market values.
- ▶ Total Municipal "Portioned" Assessment (all properties) for 2025 is 201,271,250.
- ▶ Changes in Total Portioned Assessment from 2024 to 2025 - increase of 20,023,250 or 11.047% attributed to reassessment and new developments

Assessment Percentages By Property Class



Portioned Assessment Percentages By Property Class



2025 Overall Budget

- ▶ 2025 total municipal budget is \$3,243,262.65, which includes a number of capital projects that are funded from reserve
- ▶ The amount to be raised by taxes is \$2,342,713.31
- ▶ This is an increase of \$69,805.77 or 3.07%

General Government Services

- ▶ This category includes Legislative, General Administrative made up of staff, office, legal, audit, assessment and taxation and Other General Government comprised of elections, conventions, insurance, intergovernmental relations and grants
- ▶ The budget for this category is \$635,994.22
- ▶ That is a decrease of \$42,006.16
- ▶ Most of the decrease is related to Computers and reduction in a position

Protective Services

- ▶ This includes Police, Fire, Emergency Measures and Other Protection
- ▶ The budget for this category is \$152,657.74
- ▶ This is a decrease of \$7,675.17
- ▶ Most of the reduction is in Building and Plumbing Inspections

Transportation Services

- ▶ This category includes Roads and Streets (staff, equipment repairs and maintenance, equipment insurance, shop and yard operations and asset management) and Road Construction and Maintenance (gravel crushing, trucking, road maintenance and reconstruction, sidewalks, ditches, bridges etc.)
- ▶ The budget for this category is \$1,015,835.98
- ▶ This is an increase of \$63,828.32
- ▶ This increase is mostly related to the Rotary Mower needing major repair and new tires on loader

Environmental Health Services

- ▶ This includes Garbage and Waste Collection (garbage collection and nuisance grounds) and Other Environmental Health (recycling)
- ▶ The budget for this is \$147,585.37
- ▶ This is an increase of \$9,255.37
- ▶ The increase includes carbon tax levy of \$7,000

Public Health and Welfare

- ▶ This is for Public Health which includes cemeteries, handi-transit and seniors independent services.
- ▶ The budget for this is \$28,600.00
- ▶ There is no change in this line item

Environmental Development Services

- ▶ This includes Planning and Zoning, Community Development
- ▶ The budget is \$6,000.00
- ▶ There is no change in this line item

Economic Development Services

- ▶ This includes destruction of pests, weed control, veterinary services, water resources & conservation, tourism and staff appreciation
- ▶ The budget for this is \$32,280.00
- ▶ This is a decrease of \$19,754.63
- ▶ This decrease is directly related to Weed Control as some product was pre bought last year

Recreation and Cultural Services

- ▶ This includes community centres and halls, pools, rinks and arenas, parks and playgrounds, grants and museums
- ▶ The budget is \$116,570.00
- ▶ This is an increase of \$3,230.00 as approved by the new the special services levy

Fiscal Services

- ▶ This includes transfers to Capital and Utility
- ▶ The budget is \$463,956.34
- ▶ This is an increase of \$103,359.30
- ▶ This includes transfers to Capital for GRO funding projects in the amount of \$158,000

Revenues

- ▶ This includes Other Revenue (taxes added, penalties, licenses, permits, sale of service, sale of goods, trailer park rentals, grazing leases and returns from investments), Municipal Operating Grants (provincial operating grant, gas tax) and transfer from reserves
- ▶ The budget is \$900,983.89
- ▶ This is an increase of \$70,569.11 and is the result of additional provincial basket funding increases as well as grants applied for under the GRO funds

Capital Budget

- ▶ This includes capital projects or purchases planned for 2025 such as purchase of equipment and road projects.
- ▶ The budget is \$2,545,304.00, which is funded by reserves and borrowing

Note:

The Capital Budget includes the proposed utility debenture of 1,600,000.

Utility Budget

- ▶ The utility budget is wholly funded by the utility
- ▶ The budget is \$497,904.00
- ▶ This is an increase of \$129,912.55 which includes funding from the Water Services Board towards the debenture project
- ▶ This budget does not include any capital works that would require grant funding for commencement

What you get for your tax dollars

Road Maintenance & Improvements	Fire & Protective Services	Insurance/Liability Coverage
Snow Removal	EMO Flood Services	Community Halls/Centres/Rinks
Spring Culvert Opening/Drainage	Emergency Coordinator	Soccer Fields/Baseball Fields
Veterinary Services	911 Emergency Services	Handi-Van Services
Grass Cutting - Ditches	Planning & Zoning	Pool and Campground
Weed Control	Signage	Library Services
Waste Transfer Stations	Consultants/Legal	School Bursaries/Hospital Grants
Recycling	Animal Control	Children & Adult Programs
Street Lighting	By-law Enforcement	General Grants

Mill Rates

- ▶ The Mill Rates for 2025 are as follows with 2024 comparisons in ():
 - ▶ 9.894 general mill rate (10.514)
 - ▶ 0.260 is the mill rate for recreation against Class 30 (agricultural lands) (0.265)
 - ▶ 0.419 is the mill rate for recreation against all other classes of property (0.450)
 - ▶ 1.221 is the mill rate against Wawanesa properties for the Lagoon (1.306)
 - ▶ 1.024 is the mill rate against Wawanesa properties for the ice plant (1.095)

Per Parcel Charges

- ▶ 2025 per parcel charges are as follows with 2024 comparisons in ():
 - ▶ \$50 per parcel for recreation for Wawanesa properties that are residential with no dwelling units (same)
 - ▶ \$135 per parcel for recreation for all other Wawanesa properties (same)
 - ▶ \$50 per parcel for waste/recycling for all residential properties with no dwelling units (\$25)
 - ▶ \$14.35 per parcel for waste/recycling for Class 30 (agricultural lands) (\$16.13)
 - ▶ \$101.84 per parcel for waste/recycling for all other class properties (\$98.31)

Next Steps

- ▶ Conclude the Public Hearing
- ▶ Adopt the Financial Plan and give 1st Reading to the Tax Levy By-law
- ▶ Minor amendment on Page 8 related to GIL and Grazing Lease prior to 2nd and 3rd Readings of the Tax Levy By-law
- ▶ Get the information uploaded to the Province for printing of the tax bills
- ▶ Mail the tax bills, with payment due by October 31, 2025
- ▶ Please note, payment options include:
 - online payments
 - e-transfers (to taxespay@oakland-wawanesa.ca)
 - post-dated cheques, and
 - cash



Questions?

MUNICIPALITY OF OAKLAND-WAWANESA

By-law No. 45-2025

BEING a By-law of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa to levy taxes for 2025.

WHEREAS Section 304(1) of The Municipal Act provides that the Council of each municipality must by by-law:

- (a) Set a rate or rates of tax sufficient to raise
 - (i) The revenue to be raised by property taxes as set out in the operating budget, and
 - (ii) The revenue to be raised in the year to pay for a local improvement on special service and to pay the requisitions payable by the municipality;
- (b) Impose taxes
 - (i) In accordance with the tax rate or rates set under clause (a) on the portioned value of each assessable property in the municipality that is liable under The Municipal Assessment Act to that tax, and
 - (ii) Where the tax is in respect of a local improvement or special service, in accordance with the local improvement or special services by-law, and
- (c) Set a due date for payment of the taxes.

AND WHEREAS subsection 346(2) of The Municipal Act provides that “A Council may by By-law

- (a) set a rate, subject to any limitation prescribed by the minister by regulation, at which penalties may be imposed in respect of tax arrears, and
- (b) impose penalties at that rate,

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa has made estimates of all sums required by the corporation for the year 2025, which estimates are attached hereto as Schedule “A” and forms part of this By-law;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary by By-law or By-laws to levy a rate or rates of so much on the dollar upon the assessed value of all rateable property liable therefore in the Municipality as the Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required for the lawful purposes of the corporation as shown by the said estimates;

AND WHEREAS the assessed value of the whole rateable property within the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa according to the latest revised assessment roll is \$201,271,250.00 dollars;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to fix the rates of taxation for the purposes aforesaid and the time for the payment of all rates and taxes so fixed and levied;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa in open Council assembled enacts as follows:

ESTIMATES

1. That the Financial Plan of Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa of all sums required for the lawful purposes of the corporation for the year 2025 as set forth in Schedule “A” hereto attached and identified by the signature of the Head of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer, is hereby approved, and adopted.

REQUISITION PURPOSES

2. That the following respective rates of so much on the dollar be and are hereby levied for the year 2025 upon the assessed value of all rateable property in the Municipality respectively liable therefore according to the latest revised assessment roll of general and personal property thereof, to raise the sum required for the uncontrollable purposes of the corporation, which said rates, assessed values and sums required are set out in Schedule "A", viz;
 - (a) The following respective foundation rates of so many mills on the dollar, levied under Section 184 of The Public Schools Act, shown in Schedule "A", viz;

Farm and Residential – 0.000 mills on the dollar
(ESL) Commercial and Other – 6.933 mills on the dollar
 - (b) The following respective special rate of so many mills on the dollar, levied under Section 188 of The Public Schools Act, shown in Schedule "A", viz:

Brandon School Division #40 – 13.049 mills on the dollar
to provide for payment of the Special School District Levy

Southwest Horizon School Division #43 – 9.380 mills on the dollar
to provide for payment of the Special School District Levy

CONTROLLABLE PURPOSES

3. That the following respective rates of so much on the dollar be and are hereby levied for the year 2025 upon the assessed value of all rateable property in the municipality respectively liable therefore according to the personal property thereof, to raise the sums required for the controllable purposes of the corporation, which said rates, assessed value and sums required are set out in Schedule "A" viz:

General Municipal

- (a) That an At Large Rate of 9.894 mills on the dollar be and is hereby levied for the year 2025 upon the assessed value of all the rateable property in the Municipality liable therefore, according to the last revised general and personal property assessment roll thereof to provide for the payment of the amount estimated as required for the general controllable purpose of the corporation.

Debenture Debt Charges and Special Service Levies

- (b) A rate of 1.221 mills on the dollar to be levied against the whole ratable property of Wawanesa Ward 1 in the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa to provide for the Lagoon Debenture By-Law (5-16) in the amount of \$35,629.73.
- (c) That a per parcel rate of \$252.25 per parcel be levied against Wawanesa Ward 1 properties, who have not prepaid, to pay for levies in accordance with By-Law (5-16) for the Lagoon Debenture in the amount of \$74,918.25.
- (d) That a per parcel rate of \$50.00 per parcel be levied for all Wawanesa Ward 1 residential properties with no dwelling units to provide recreation support services in accordance with By-law No. 43-2024 in the amount of \$1,100.00.
- (e) That a per parcel rate of \$135.00 per parcel be levied for all other Wawanesa Ward 1 properties to provide recreation support services in accordance with By-law No. 43-2024 in the amount of \$40,095.00.
- (f) A rate of 0.260 mills on the dollar to be levied against all Class 30 properties to provide 25% of \$74,875.00 for recreation support services in accordance with By-law No. 43-2024.
- (g) A rate of 0.419 mills on the dollar to be levied against all other class of properties to provide for 75% of \$74,875.00 for recreation support services in accordance with By-law No. 43-2024.

- (h) That a per parcel rate of \$50.00 per parcel be levied for all residential properties with no dwelling units to provide for collection and transportation of waste and recyclable materials in accordance with By-law No. 44-2024 in the amount of \$4,900.00.
- (i) That a per parcel rate of \$14.35 per parcel be levied for all Class 30 properties to provide for collection and transportation of waste and recyclable materials in accordance with By-law No. 44-2024 in the amount of \$13,515.00.
- (j) That a per parcel rate of \$101.84 per parcel be levied for all other class properties to provide for collection and transportation of waste and recyclable materials in accordance with By-law No. 44-2024 in the amount of \$76,585.00.
- (k) That a rate of 1.024 mills on the dollar to be levied on all Wawanesa properties in accordance with By-law No. 13-2021 as amended by By-Law No 24-2022, in the amount of \$29,716.70.

PAYMENT OF TAXES

- 4. That all taxes and rates imposed and levied in the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa for the year 2025 shall be deemed to have been imposed and to be due and payable prior to 4:30 P.M. on the 31st day of October, A.D., 2025. Upon all taxes remaining unpaid after the 31st day of October, A.D., 2025 there shall be added a penalty on the first day of each month and every month thereafter, an amount calculated at the rate of one and one-quarter (1¼%) per centum per month until such taxes are paid, or the land sold for arrears of taxes and costs.

DONE AND PASSED by a By-Law of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa by the Council thereof, in open session assembled, this day of A.D., 2025.

MUNICIPALITY OF OAKLAND-WAWANESA

Head of Council

Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this day of March 2025.

Read a second time this day of April 2025.

Read a third time this day of April 2025.