Council Meeting
October 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Wawanesa, MB.

The Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met in the Council Chamber in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullet, Frank Jones and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Member absent: Craig Hatch

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki, Finance Officer Melissa Sturgeon and Public Works Manager Chelsea Long.

The meeting was open to the public.

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 p.m.

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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Gullett-Fisher
1718 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the October 20, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of drainage on 9-8-17W and reimbursement for plumbing issues under General Business. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

McDonald-Jones
1719 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the September 15, 2026 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

Gullett-McDonald
1720 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the October 1, 2026 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

McDonald-Fisher

1721 BE IT RESOLVED that the October 13, 2026 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 9081 to 9146 and ABW-08 in the amount of $293,233.42 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Jones-Gullett

1722 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 419, being election payroll for the period September 12 to September 25, 2026 in the amount of $573.96 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

1723 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 420, being staff payroll for the period September 12 to September 25, 2026 in the amount of $16,841.85 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Gullett

1724 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 421, being staff payroll for the period September 26 to October 9, 2026 in the amount of $15,960.57 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-Jones

1725 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 422, being Council indemnities for the month of September, 2026 in the amount of $4,337.03 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

McDonald-Gullett

1726 BE IT RESOLVED that the October 13, 2026 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1495 to 1510 in the amount of $27,212.79 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Jones-Gullett

1727 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to September 30, 2026 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

Fisher-McDonald

1728 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of September 2026 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Glen Parsons – Withdrawn

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Gullett-McDonald
1729 BE IT RESOLVED that the regular 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 a conditional use and variation application. CARRIED.

Combined Public Hearing on Conditional Use Application CU-05-26-OW and Variation Applications VO-05-26-OW to VO-07-26-OW to allow a Public Works Shop and to decrease the rear yard setbacks from 25' to 0' in an "RC" Rural Centre Zone in Nesbitt (Municipality of Oakland Wawanesa)

Jones-Fisher
1730 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Conditional Use CU-05-26-OW and Variation Application No's. VO-05-26-OW to VO-07-26-OW to:

(a) Allow a public works shop in an "RC" Zone; and
(b) To decrease the rear yard setbacks from 25' to 0 '

for the property legally described as Lots 11/22, Block 1, Plan 63 (Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa) have been dealt with;

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Accessibility News – Disability Awareness Month
Age Friendly Connections – September Newsletter and Stay Safe at Home Funding
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 9
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 18
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 21
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 23
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 24
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 1
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 1
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 2
Electronic Recycling Association - Introduction
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – September 14
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – September 21
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – September 28
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – October 5
Hudson Bay Route Association – Building Canada's Northern Trade Corridor
Lions Club of Wawanesa – Thank You
Manitoba Good Roads – Nominations Open for A.C. Emmett Award
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – DFA confirms request

Manitoba Wildlife Federation – Wildlife Management Areas
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin #2026-31 – Code of Conduct Training
Municipal and Northern Relations/Justice – NG 9-1-1
Recycle Everywhere – Start Recycling in Your Workplace
Statistics Canada – Business and Community Newsletter

McDonald-Gullett
1731 BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Zone Report (Ward 3)

Councillor Fisher – see written report

Councillor Jones – nothing to report

North Zone Report (Ward 2)

Councillor Hatch – no report

Vacant position

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor Gullett – see written report

Councillor McDonald – see written report

Head of Council's Report – see written report

Chief Administrative Officer Report – see written report

Finance Officer Report

In addition to her written report, the Finance Officer advised that the Municipality had received payment for the first half of the Canada Capacity Building Fund.

Public Works Report

In addition to her written report, the Public Works Manager advised that the new culvert was being installed on the dump road.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

McDonald-Fisher
1732 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 53-2026 – Being a By-law to Amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 08-2020
2nd and 3rd Readings

Fisher-Jones
1733 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 53-2026, being a by-law to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 08-2020, be read a second time. CARRIED.

McDonald-Jones
1734 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 53-2026 be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

A recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR	AGAINST
Head of Council Kreklewich	
Councillor Fisher	
Councillor Gullett	
Councillor Jones	
Councillor McDonald	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Asset Management Plan

McDonald-Gullett
1735 BE IT RESOLVED that the Asset Management Plan dated October 2026 be approved. CARRIED.

Sale of Surplus Equipment

Fisher-Jones
1736 BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Murray Kozak for the purchase of 2 one-way plows at a price of $5,000 each be accepted. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Combined Conditional Use Application CU-05-26-OW and Variation Applications VO-05-26-OW to VO-07-26-OW to allow a Public Works Shop and to decrease the rear yard setbacks in an "RC" Zone in Nesbitt, Manitoba (Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa)

McDonald-Gullett
1737 BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application CU-05-26-OW to allow for a public works shop in an "RC" Rural Centre Zone legally described as Lots 11/22, Block 1, Plan 63 located in Nesbitt, Manitoba (Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa) be approved subject to consolidation of titles. CARRIED.

Fisher-Jones

1738 BE IT RESOLVED that Variation Applications VO-05-26-OW to VO-07-26-OW to decrease the rear yard setbacks from 25' to 0' for Lots 11/22, Block 1, Plan 63 located in Nesbitt, Manitoba (Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa) be approved subject to consolidation of titles. CARRIED.

Addition to Structure at 323 Provincial Road

Gullett-Fisher

1739 WHEREAS the Keystone Planning District has received an application to build an addition to an existing structure located at 323 Provincial Road;

AND WHEREAS Zoning By-law No. 04-2019 states the following in the Footnotes to Table 3.14 for a Conservation and Recreation Zone:

3. In the case of existing development, enlargement of an existing building or the erection of an accessory structure may be considered for approval by Council, subject to a recommendation from Manitoba Sustainable Development regarding flood protection measures to be incorporated into the development, and the development shall comply with such recommendations.

AND WHEREAS the Keystone Planning District has noted that the 1 in 200 year flood level protection is 355.32 meters;

AND WHEREAS the new build would be built at approximately 357 meters (above the 355.32 meters required);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application to build an addition at 323 Provincial Road be approved. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Road 40 (Vint) and PTH 10&2 (Huang) in 26-7-19W

Gullett-Fisher

1740 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path addition on Road 40N and by PTH #10 & #2 located in 26-7-19W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated September 28, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023 and subject to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure permit approvals. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Additions – Across Road 45N in NW18-8-18W (Cartlidge)

McDonald-Fisher

1741 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions across Road 45N in NW 18-8-18W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated September 17, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Additions – Road 113W in Carroll, MB (Thexton)

McDonald-Jones

1742 BE IT RESOLVED that Council's previous approval of the proposed fibre path additions along Road 113W in Carroll, MB outlined on the maps attached to correspondence dated September 16, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023 be confirmed subject to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure permit approvals. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Additions – Along Road 43N in NW 2-8-19W (Doerksen)

Gullett-Fisher

1743 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions along Road 43N in NW 2-8-19W on the map attached to correspondence dated September 15, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

Application for Tile Drainage – S ½ 33-7-17W1 (Precision Land Solutions o/b/o (Donald and Tanya Granger)

Gullett-Fisher

1744 WHEREAS an application has been received from Precision Land Solutions on behalf of Donald and Tanya Granger with respect to a proposed tile drainage project located in S ½ 33-7-17W1;

AND WHEREAS the applicant has indicated that all provincial requirements will be incorporated into the project and will include erosion control and outlet stabilization;

AND WHEREAS downstream landowner consent has been received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application by Precision Land Solutions o/b/o Donald and Tanya Granger for tile drainage on S ½ 33-7-17W1 be approved subject to receipt of all application fees and deposits. CARRIED.

Central Assiniboine Watershed District – Expansion Proposal

McDonald-Fisher

1745 WHEREAS Manitoba has prepared an expansion proposal for the Central Assiniboine Watershed District that supports watershed-based management in Manitoba, and outlines the details of municipal participation in the Central Assiniboine Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa understands that the amendment to the Watershed Districts Regulation will include the final details of participation in the Central Assiniboine Watershed District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa supports the Municipality of North Norfolk's participation as a member municipality of the Central Assiniboine Watershed District. CARRIED.

Proposal to Subdivide – Part of SE 18-8-19 W (Boynton)

McDonald-Jones

1746 BE IT RESOLVED that Subdivision Application No. 4157-26-8858 as submitted by Keith and Patricia Anne Boynton to subdivide part of SE 18-8-19 W be approved subject to:

a Conditional Use Order being obtained for the non-farm dwelling in an "AG" zone to ensure compliance with the Zoning By-law; and

a Variation Order being obtained for the residual land to decrease the allowable site area from 80 acres to 70 acres within the "AG" zone to ensure compliance with the Zoning By-law.

CARRIED.

Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities Grant 2026

Jones-Gullett

1747 BE IT RESOLVED that an application be made through the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities Grant 2026 for road reconstruction on Methven Road at an anticipated cost of $160,000 to be cost-shared 50/50. CARRIED.

MWM Environmental Agreement

McDonald-Jones

1748 WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is in the final stages of transitioning to a province-wide recycling program;

AND WHEREAS the current agreement with Municipal Waste Management will come to an end on December 31, 2026;

AND WHEREAS before re-tendering for this service, it would be beneficial to have the final version of the province-wide recycling program in place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a one-year agreement with MWM Environmental for waste and recycling services be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

Reserve Bank Accounts

McDonald-Gullett

1749 BE IT RESOLVED that:

$10,000 be transferred from the General Operating Bank Account to the Replacement Reserve Bank Account;

$79,868.75 be transferred from the General Operating Bank Account to the Fire Reserve Bank Account;

$8,324.17 be transferred from the Gas Tax – Wawanesa Bank Account to the Gas Tax – Oakland Bank Account;

$5,127.66 be transferred from the Gas Tax – Wawanesa Bank Account to the General Operating Bank Account; and

$8,324.17 be transferred from the Gas Tax – Oakland Bank Account to the General Operating Bank Account.
CARRIED.

Resolution for Overdraft

McDonald-Jones
1750 WHEREAS, the Municipality currently maintains a revolving demand facility, by way of Overdrafts with Royal Bank of Canada in the amount of $525,000.00 in the general operating account; and

WHEREAS, Royal Bank of Canada has recommended that the existing revolving demand facility, by way of overdrafts, be increased to $900,000 to provide sufficient funding for payments related to the shop until the debenture financing has been finalized and put in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the revolving demand facility, by way of Overdrafts with Royal Bank of Canada be increased to $900,000.00. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

McDonald-Fisher
1751 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of September 2026 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Proposed Tile Drainage Project for Spring Valley Colony W9-8-17W1

Jones-Fisher
1752 BE IT RESOLVED that the April 16, 2024 resolution which reads:

> "that the application for tile drainage from NextGen Drainage Solutions o/b/o Spring Valley be tabled pending further review by Council and Administration and proof that all requirements outlined in the 2010 License to Construct Water Control Works have been met"

be upheld. CARRIED.

Reimbursement for Plumbing Issue – 331 Commercial Street

Fisher-Gullett

1753 WHEREAS the owner of 331 Commercial Street has had a second issue with their plumbing that was determined to be the result of the reconstruction on Commercial Street;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that the property owner be reimbursed for payment made in the amount of $1,027.60;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three invoices, totaling $1,610.00 be submitted to The Water Services Board for reimbursement to the Municipality. CARRIED.

Fire Chief Credit Card

Jones-McDonald

1754 WHEREAS the fire chief requires an efficient and secure method of payment for the procurement of emergency supplies, equipment, training, and operational necessities;

AND WHEREAS the establishment of a municipal corporate credit card will streamline the purchasing process while ensuring administrative oversight;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the administration apply for and issue a municipal credit card to Fire Chief Dennis Gullett, with a maximum credit limit of $5,000. CARRIED.

Firefighter Stipend

Councillors Fisher, Gullett and McDonald declared an interest in the following and left the meeting without discussion nor debate.

Jones-Kreklewich

1755 BE IT RESOLVED that the previous decision of Council to provide a stipend to firefighters for attending fire/emergency calls in an amount equal to the provincial minimum wage be confirmed. CARRIED.

Fire Fighting Agreements – Glenboro-South Cypress and Prairie Lakes

Jones-McDonald

1756 BE IT RESOLVED that new three-year agreements be entered into with the Municipalities of Glenboro-South Cypress and Prairie Lakes whereby the Oakland-Wawanesa Fire Department shall provide service as required for an annual sum of *$75* per section. CARRIED.

Fire Fighting Agreement – Cornwallis

Gullett-Fisher

1757 BE IT RESOLVED that a new three-year agreement be entered into with the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis whereby the Oakland-Wawanesa Fire Department shall provide service as required at a rate of $1,250 per hour for the first hour or part thereof and $1,000 per hour for every hour thereafter. CARRIED.

Delegation of Authority for Local Assistants and Fire Inspectors

Jones-McDonald

1758 BE IT RESOLVED that Fire Chief Dennis Gullett, or his designate, be appointed in accordance with The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act, as the "local assistant" for the purposes of section 23(1) of the FPERA and all necessary documentation be forwarded to the Office of the Fire Commissioner. CARRIED.

Signing Authority

Jones-Fisher

1759 BE IT RESOLVED that the names of Dave Kreklewich and Craig Hatch be removed as signing authorities for the Municipality and the name of Dennis Gullett be added as a signing authority effective October 29, 2026. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Fisher-Jones

1760 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (4:50 p.m.) to meet again at the call of the Chair at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

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Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

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Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer