

**Council Meeting
September 15, 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, September 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullet, Frank Jones (left at 5:27 p.m.) and Bob McDonald. Deputy Head of Council Craig Hatch presided.

Members absent: Dave Kreklewich

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki 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

Fisher-Gullett

1677 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the September 15, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

McDonald-Jones

1678 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 18, 2026 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

Fisher-Jones

1679 BE IT RESOLVED that the September 8, 2026 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 9025 and 9026 and 9028 to 9080 in the amount of \$88,695.77 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Councillor Fisher declared an interest in the following matter and left the Council Chamber without discussion nor debate.

McDonald-Gullett

- 1680 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque #9027 in the amount of \$200.00 to Big Valley Car Wash be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Jones

- 1681 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 415, being staff payroll for the period August 15 to August 28, 2026 in the amount of \$17,794.55 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

- 1682 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 416, being staff payroll for the period August 29 to September 11, 2026 in the amount of \$16,689.06 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Jones-Gullett

- 1683 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 417, being Council indemnities for the month of August, 2026 in the amount of \$4,837.17 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Jones

- 1684 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 418, being election payroll for the period August 29 to September 11, 2026 in the amount of \$148.97 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

Gullett-Fisher

- 1685 BE IT RESOLVED that the September 8, 2026 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1482 to 1494 in the amount of \$13,680.08 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Fisher-Jones

- 1686 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to August 31, 2026 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

Jones-Gullett

- 1687 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of August 2026 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Don Granger – Approach without a Permit

Fisher-Gullett

- 1688 BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Don Granger with respect to building an approach without a permit be received. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

- 1689 BE IT RESOLVED that a decision on the above noted matter be tabled until after the in-camera meeting. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Accessibility News – Review of Accessible Customer Service Regulation
Age Friendly Connections – August Newsletter
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 21
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 31
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 1
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 8
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 8
Brandon & Area Community Foundation – Community Grants Program
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – September 8
Manitoba Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation - Financing Tools
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – Priorities List Sheet
Manitoba Wildlife Federation – Wildlife Management Areas
Municipal and Northern Relations – New Council Orientation
Namaygoosisagagun First Nation – Wildfires
National Dental Care Day – October 10
Rural Municipality of Cornwallis – Zoning By-law Amendment
Synergy Land o/b/o Enbridge Southern Lights CP Inc. – preventative maintenance

McDonald-Jones

- 1690 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 – see written report

North Zone Report (Ward 2)

Councillor Hatch – see written report

Vacant position

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor Gullett added to his written report to ask about after hours opening of the Wawanesa Waste Transfer Station on behalf of a resident.

Councillor McDonald – see written report

Head of Council's Report – see written report

Chief Administrative Officer Report

The Chief Administrative Officer added to her written report to advise that the Title to the Nesbitt General Store had been transferred to the Municipality; conference calls and data collection had started for CVLNS for the Development Plan; the Municipality had been advised of an emergency lagoon discharge in Glenboro and the annual tax sale had taken place earlier in the day with no one in attendance.

Finance Officer Report – see written report

Public Works Report

The Public Works Manager added to her written report to indicate that a one-day course was being offered in October in Russell, Manitoba for winter road maintenance.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

Gullett-Jones

1691 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nuisance Beaver Policy No. TRANS013

McDonald-Fisher

1692 BE IT RESOLVED that Nuisance Beaver Policy No. TRANS013 be approved. CARRIED.

Asset Management Policy

Jones-McDonald

1693 BE IT RESOLVED that Asset Management Policy AMP001 be approved. CARRIED.

Drainage in Vicinity of Commercial, Mill and Park Streets, Wawanesa

McDonald-Jones

- 1694 BE IT RESOLVED that Dillon Consulting Limited be engaged to provide engineering services in support of the design of minor drainage improvements, for a cost not to exceed \$13,500 whereby the said costs shall be expended from existing budgets. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – 39 Souris Street, Nesbitt, 28-7-18W

Gullett-McDonald

- 1695 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path addition at 39 Souris Street in Nesbitt, MB located in 28-7-18W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated August 13, 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 – Along Road 105W

McDonald-Gullett

- 1696 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions along Road 105W in SE 16-8-18W, SW 15-8-18W and NW 9-8-18W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated August 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 – Carroll and Wawanesa

McDonald-Jones

- 1697 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions along Road 113W in NE 17-7-19W; along 7th Street in Wawanesa in NE 22-7-17W and NW 23-7-17W in Wawanesa; and along Road 42N off PR 340 outlined on the maps attached to correspondence dated August 20, 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 – Along Road 36N in SE 3-7-17W

Fisher-Gullett

- 1698 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions along Road 36N in SE 3-7-17W on the map attached to correspondence dated September 1, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

Telecommunication Tower Proposal – SW 13-8-19W

Fisher-Jones

- 1699 WHEREAS a request for construction of a telecommunication tower has been received from Xplore Communications Inc. to be located in SW 13-8-19W;

AND WHEREAS telecommunication towers are governed under Federal Policy CPC-2-0-13 – Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems;

AND WHEREAS all notification requirements under that policy have been adhered to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request to construct a telecommunication tower to be located in SW 13-8-19W be approved. CARRIED.

Approval of Tax Additions and Deletions

McDonald-Gullett

1700 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Sections 326 and 300 of The Municipal Act, the taxes added and cancelled listings provided by the Provincial Assessment Branch and supplementary taxes in the following amounts be approved:

Taxes Added	\$36,506.34
Taxes Cancelled	\$8,376.44

CARRIED.

Oakland Waste Transfer Station – September 30

Jones-Gullett

1701 WHEREAS September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland Waste Transfer Station be open on Tuesday, September 29 and closed on Wednesday, September 30. CARRIED.

Animal Control Officer Agreement

McDonald-Gullett

1702 WHEREAS an agreement is in place with Wendy Petersen to act as the Animal Control Officer for the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS correspondence has been received from Wendy Petersen expressing her desire to retire;

AND WHEREAS Michele Whittaker, Paws Crossed Shelter and Adoption Centre, has been working alongside Wendy Petersen for the previous number of years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a new agreement be prepared with Paws Crossed Shelter and Adoption Centre under the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement, with rates as established in the Fees and Charges Amending By-law. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

McDonald-Jones

- 1703 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of August 2026 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Work on Waterline Replacement along Commercial Street

Jones-McDonald

- 1704 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with direction from The Water Services Board, following the required two week notification period, any uncompleted work on waterline replacement project along Commercial Street be undertaken by the Municipality with costs to be paid from the contractor's holdback funds. CARRIED.

Sale of Surplus Equipment

McDonald-Jones

- 1705 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Tendering and Procurement Policy ADMIN002, 2 one-ways plows be offered for sale. CARRIED.

Fee and Charges By-law Review

Gullett-Jones

- 1706 BE IT RESOLVED that the fees and charges report of the Finance Officer dated September 1, 2026 be received. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Fisher-Jones

- 1707 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourns to an "in-camera" meeting to discuss items related to matters in preliminary stages 152(3)(b)(iii) of The Municipal Act, and all matters discussed in-camera are confidential until discussed in an open meeting as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

- 1708 BE IT RESOLVED that this "in camera" meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Fuel Surcharge

Fisher-Gullett

- 1709 BE IT RESOLVED that a fuel surcharge in the amount of \$15/load be approved for Gilbert Trucking for gravel hauling in the year 2026 only. CARRIED.

Closure and Conveyance of Unmaintained Public Road in Wawanesa, MB

McDonald-Gullett

- 1710 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to prepare the necessary by-law and conduct the necessary Public Hearing for the closure and conveyance of an unmaintained municipal public road described as Part of SW ¼ 26-7-17, being Part of Lots 2 and 3, Plan 25001; Part of Lot 2, Plan 54906; and Part of Plan 25346 and located south of 210 Provincial Road in Wawanesa, MB;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Community and Regional Planning be requested to assist in the preparation of the above noted by-law. CARRIED.

Shop Tender

Fisher-McDonald

- 1711 BE IT RESOLVED that the adjusted timeline and cost estimates provided by Wohlco Contracting Ltd. be approved;

AND FURTHER be it resolved that Administration request a 15% minor variation from the Keystone Planning District for the back yard (west) setback. CARRIED.

Don Granger – Approach without a Permit

Fisher-McDonald

- 1712 BE IT RESOLVED that a fee of \$1000 be charged to Don Granger for building a new access without permission;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no charges be levied for two approaches that were widened without previous approvals. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 53-2026 – Being a By-law to Amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 08-2020

1st Reading

Fisher-McDonald

- 1713 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 first time. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Fisher-Gullett

1714 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (5:50 p.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer