

**Council Meeting
March 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, Wawanesa, MB.**

The Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met in the Council Chamber in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, Bob McDonald, Brett McGregor and Dennis Rome. Head of Council Kreklewich presided.

Member Absent: Frank Jones

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki, Finance Officer Elaine McGregor and Public Works Manager Chelsea Long

The meeting was open to the public.

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.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

563 McDonald-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 19, 2024 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of Derrick Shearer as a delegation and the Knipping claim under General Business. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

564 Fisher-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 20, 2024 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

565 McDonald-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the March 12, 2024 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 7128 to 7178, in the amount of \$82,487.67 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

566 Fisher-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 306, being staff payroll for the period February 19 to March 1, 2024 in the amount of \$18,129.41 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

567 Hatch-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 308, being staff payroll for the period March 4 to March 15, 2024 in the amount of \$13,056.62 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

568 McGregor-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 307, being Council indemnities for the month of February, 2024 in the amount of \$6,285.67 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

569 Fisher-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that the March 12, 2024 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1132 to 1142 in the amount of \$15,895.21 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

570 McGregor-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to February 29, 2024 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

571 McGregor-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of February, 2024 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Derrick Shearer - Drainage

572 Rome-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Derrick Shearer, related to drainage, be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 15
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 22
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 1
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 4

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Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 5
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 7
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 8
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 11
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Environment and Climate Change – Central Assiniboine Watershed District
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 20
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 26
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 4
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 6
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 7
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 8
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 11
Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation – 2023 Farmland School Tax Rebate Deadline
Manitoba Emergency Services College – Fire Inspector Level 1 Course Delay
Manitoba Good Roads AGM, Awards Banquet and Road Stabilization Course
Municipal World Daily – February 21
Municipal World Daily – February 28
Office of the Fire Commissioner – The Mary Beth Dolin Meritorious Fire Service Award
Prairie Mountain Health – Kidney Disease Awareness

McDonald-McGregor

573 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 added to his written report to advise that he had responded to ratepayers related to road conditions.

Councillor Rome – see written report

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor McDonald added to his written report to provide an update on handi-van ridership and the implications of the current vans not being able to pass safety checks. He advised the new vans should be received by the end of July and in the interim, the Board was looking at bus rentals.

Councillor McGregor – see written report

Head of Council’s Report – see written report

Chief Administrative Officer Report – see written report

Finance Officer Report – see written report

Public Works Report – see written report

Fire Chief’s Report – see written report

Fisher-Hatch

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

Personnel and Policy Committee Report

McGregor-McDonald

575 BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Personnel and Policy Committee of its meeting held February 29, 2024 be received and proposed resolutions be dealt with under the Order of General Business. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

2024 Grant Donations

McGregor-McDonald

576 BE IT RESOLVED that grants to community organizations in the amount of \$7,500.00 be approved as per the following list subject to final budget approvals:

The following is a list of the grants that were approved in 2023. The table below shows grants requested for 2024 and can be used as a worksheet for planning purposes.

	Organization	2023 Grant Amount	2024 Requested	2024 Grant Amounts
1	KidSport	300.00	no	300.00
2	RCA Museum	300.00	no	300.00
3	Souris & Glenwood Ag Society	200.00	no	200.00
4	St. Paul’s Anglican Church	300.00	no	300.00
5	Wawanesa Community Gardeners	250.00	no	250.00
6	Wawanesa Express	300.00	no	300.00

7	Wawanesa Wee Care Inc. Daycare	1500.00	yes	1500.00
8	Academic Bursaries- Brandon S.D	500.00	yes	500.00
9	Academic Bursary- S.W. Horizon (O)	500.00	yes	500.00
10	Academic Bursary- S.W. Horizon (W)	500.00	yes	500.00
11	The Kidz Soccer Crew (Nesbitt)	Continue with in kind grass mowing only	no	Continue with in kind grass mowing only
12	STARS Foundation	500.00	no	500.00
13	Manitoba NW Command	205.00	no	225.00
14	Halloween Patrol Wawa Student Council	320.00	no	320.00
15	Sipiweske Free Tuesdays	25.00		25.00
16	Assiniboine River Basin Initiative	250.00		0.00
17	Lions Country Fair	300.00		300.00
18	Westman Mental Health			1,000.00
	Unallocated (originally)	805.00		480.00
	TOTAL	6,500.00		7,500.00

In accordance with budget approvals, grants in the amounts indicated below will be provided from the related accounts:

	Organization	2023 Grant Amount	Budget Line	2024 Grant Amounts
1	Prairie Mountain Health- Souris	1,000.00	550-500-510	1,000.00
2	Prairie Mountain Health- Wawanesa	1,000.00	550-500-510	1,000.00
3	Brandon Regional Health Centre	1,000.00	550-500-510	1,000.00
4	Carroll Cemetery Committee	1,000.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
5	Methven Cemetery Committee	1,000.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
6	Minnewawa Cemetery Inc.	1,000.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
7	Rounthwaite Cemetery Committee	1,000.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
8	Wawanesa Cemetery Board	1,000.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
9	Glenboro/Sth Cypress Handi Transit	15,000.00	550-500-521	15,000.00
10	Seniors Independent Services	1,300.00	550-500-525	1,300.00
11	Library Services	1,000.00	510-500-510	1,000.00
	TOTAL	25,300.00		27,800.00

In accordance with Special Services By-law 05-2019, grants in the amounts indicated below will be provided from the related accounts:

	Organization	2023 Grant Amount	Budget Line	2024 Budgeted Amount
1	Carroll Community Sportsplex	1,060.00	580-500-140	1,850.00
2	Carroll Memorial Hall Committee	4,260.00	580-500-110	4,345.00
3	Nesbitt Community Club	4,260.00	580-500-110 Requesting \$3,000.00	4,345.00
4	Wawanesa & District Centennial Hall	4,260.00	580-500-110	4,345.00
5	Sipiweske Museum	500.00	580-500-170	500.00
6	Wawanesa & District Recreation	38,200.00	580-500-140	38,965.00
	Souris River Recreation Commission			
7	Wawanesa Waterpark	37,200.00	580-500-101	37,950.00
8	Wawanesa Campground	11,200.00	580-500-101	11,425.00
9	Wawanesa Baseball Inc.	765.00	580-500-101	780.00
10	Swimming Pools & Beaches	5,100.00	580-400-140	5,100.00
11	Grants re Water to Facilities	4,500.00	580-500-120	4,500.00
	TOTAL	111,305.00		114,105.00

CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Rd 41N in N 26-7-17 and N 25-7-17 WPM

McGregor-Fisher

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BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path for the north side of Road 41N located in N 26-7-17 and N 25-7-17 WPM as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated February 16, 2024 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Rd 43N in SE 12-8-19 WPM

McDonald-Hatch

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BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path for the north side of Road 43N located in SE 12-8-19 WPM as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated March 1, 2023 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

Manitoba Water Services Board 2024 Applications

579 McDonald-Hatch
WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is committed to continued investment into water and sewer infrastructure, which includes an annual Board budget currently proposed at \$24 million;

AND WHEREAS effective April 1, 2024, funding for eligible projects under the Municipal Water and Sewer Program is at a single Tier of 50% and the Rural Water Development program funding will increase from 1/3 to 2/3 MWSB grant funding;

AND WHEREAS to initiate the Board’s capital planning process for the 2025-2030 five year capital plan, Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) is requesting assistance in identify new water and sewer projects that each municipality is considering in the next two (2) to five (5) years (starting in 2025);

AND WHEREAS it is important that municipalities and cooperatives continue to submit project requests, not just for potential funding approval under the Board’s capital plan, but also to ensure the province understands Manitoba’s water and sewer infrastructure needs regardless of project scale (small to very large);

AND WHEREAS the deadline for identifying and submitting projects is April 30, 2024;

AND WHEREAS Council has previously identified the Commercial Street Waterline Replacement and upgrade, Water Street relining (one block), and Park Street relining (one block) as priority projects,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to submit the required application to MWSB for the following prioritized projects, whereby if approved, the Municipal portion is to be included for consideration by debenture:

Priority 1 Commercial Street Waterline Replacement and upgrade
Priority 2 Water Street relining (one block)
Priority 3 Park Street relining (one block)
CARRIED.

Seasonal Operator Position

580 Hatch-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that the Seasonal Operator Position be advertised as a permanent position to include Utility maintenance and mechanical work whereby the funds for the additional period of time shall come from a reduction in the Utility Transmission and Distribution and Equipment Repairs line items. CARRIED.

Front Office Position

McDonald-Fisher

581 BE IT RESOLVED that, in light of a vacancy in the front office, a job description be developed for a Council Services and Communications Officer position whereby the increase in proposed salary will be offset by a reduction in the amount being allocated to the General Reserve during the Financial Plan Public Hearing process. CARRIED.

Michael Knipping – Trailer Damage Claim

McDonald-McGregor

582 BE IT RESOLVED that the correspondence from Michael Knipping related to a claim for trailer damage be received and Mr. Knipping be advised that the Municipality does not pay for damage to vehicles travelling on public roads. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

McDonald-McGregor

583 BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss matters as per Subsections 152(3)(b)(iii), (iv) and (v) 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-Hatch

584 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Sale of iPad

Hatch-Fisher

585 BE IT RESOLVED that the old iPads, still holding charge, be offered for sale to staff at a price of \$50.00 following which the remainder will be offered in surplus equipment and if not sold, be donated. CARRIED.

Code of Conduct Complaint #01-2024 (if Investigator’s report is received)

No action as report was not received.

Process to Release Plaintiffs from Non-Disclosure Agreements

Fisher-McGregor

586 BE IT RESOLVED that legal advice be obtained on the process to release the plaintiffs from their non-disclosure agreement in the 2016 lawsuit filed against the Municipality for harassment whereby if released, the documents and information from the lawsuit be made public. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

McDonald-Hatch

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BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (10:00 a.m.) to meet again on April 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer