

**Council Meeting**  
**January 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chamber, Wawanesa, MB.**

The Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met in the Council Chamber in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullett, Craig Hatch (via Teams) and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Members Absent: Frank Jones and Dennis Rome

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** – 1:00 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**

McDonald-Fisher

1376 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 20, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of communication from Clay Cory under General Business and Valley Lodge water credit under the In-Camera session. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Gullett-McDonald

1377 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 16, 2025 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

**FINANCE**

**General Account**

Fisher-McDonald

1378 BE IT RESOLVED that the January 14, 2026 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8486 to 8553, 8555 to 8565 and 8567 to 8606 in the amount of \$274,674.77 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Councillor Gullett declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber without discussion or debate.

McDonald-Fisher

1379 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque #8554 to Ryley Gullett in the amount of \$1,913.93 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Councillor Fisher declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber without discussion or debate.

McDonald-Gullett

1380 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque #8566 to Mike Fisher in the amount of \$77.58 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Gullett

1381 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 389, being staff payroll for the period December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026 in the amount of \$14,431.60 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

1382 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 391, being staff payroll for the period January 5 to January 16, 2026 in the amount of \$16,575.39 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

1383 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 390, being Council indemnities for the month of December, 2025 in the amount of \$4,839.58 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Utility Account**

Gullett-Fisher

1384 BE IT RESOLVED that the January 14, 2026 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1375 to 1389 in the amount of \$17,754.48 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

McDonald-Fisher

1385 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to December 31, 2025 be received as presented. CARRIED.

**Bank Reconciliations**

McDonald-Gullett

1386 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of December 2025 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

**DELEGATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Fisher-Gullett**

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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 conditional use and variation applications. CARRIED.

**Public Hearing on Conditional Use Application C1/2026 to allow a non-farm dwelling on Part of NE 1/4 10-8-17 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Treesbank Holding Co. Ltd.)**

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**McDonald-Gullett**

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WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Conditional Use Application No. C1/2026 to allow a non-farm dwelling on Part of NE 1/4 10-8-17 WPM, in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Treesbank Holding Co. Ltd.) have been dealt with;

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

**Public Hearing on Variation Application V1/2026 to vary site area requirements on part of NE 1/4 10-8-17 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Treesbank Holding Co. Ltd.)**

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**Fisher-Gullett**

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WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Variation Application No. V1/2026 to increase the allowable site area from 10 acres to 11.60 acres and to reduce the allowable site width from 200 feet to 49 feet on Lot 1 located in Part of NE 1/4 10-8-17 WPM, in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Treesbank Holding Co. Ltd.) have been dealt with;

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Accessibility News – December Newsletter

Age Friendly Manitoba – Connections Newsletters

Agriculture in the Classroom – Request for Support

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – December 12

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – December 16

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – December 17

Environment and Climate Change Canada – Federal Plastics Registry

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communiqué – December 15

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communiqué – January 12

Hudson Bay Route Association - Membership

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Multi-Year Infrastructure Strategy

Pelican-Rock Lake Planning District – Amendment to Zoning By-law

RFNow – Staff Introduction

Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corp – Webinar

Rural Municipality of Glenboro South Cypress – Amendments to Zoning By-law

Transport Canada – Letter Acknowledging Action Taken

Western Heritage – Archaeology and Heritage Management

Fisher-Gullett

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BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received. CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**South Zone Report (Ward 3)**

Councillor Fisher added to his written report to include that he had attended the Oakland-Wawanese Parks and Recreation meeting the previous evening.

Councillor Jones – see written report

**North Zone Report (Ward 2)**

Councillor Hatch – see written report

Councillor Rome

**Wawanese Zone Report (Ward 1)**

Councillor Gullet – 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** – see written report

**Public Works Report**

The Public Works Manager added to her written report to advise that there was an opening at Oakland Waste Transfer Station that she would be advertising for.

**Fire Chief's Report** – see written report

McDonald-Fisher

1391

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

**BY-LAWS**

**By-law No. 51-2026 to Amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 08-2020 to Replace Schedule “C”**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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Fisher-McDonald

1392 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 51-2026 being a by-law to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 08-2020 to Replace Schedule “C” be read a first time. CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Conditional Use Application C1/2026 to allow a non-farm dwelling on Part of NE ¼ 10-8-17 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone**  
**(Treesbank Holding Co. Ltd.)**

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McDonald-Gullett

1393 BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application C1/2026 to allow a non-farm dwelling on Part of NE ¼ 10-8-17 WPM, in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Treesbank Holding Co. Ltd.) be approved. CARRIED.

**Variation Application V1/2026 to vary site area requirements on part of NE ¼ 10-8-17 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone**  
**(Treesbank Holding Co. Ltd.)**

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Gullett-McDonald

1394 BE IT RESOLVED that Variation Application No. V1/2026 to increase the allowable site area from 10 acres to 11.60 acres and to reduce the allowable site width from 200 feet to 49 feet on Lot 1 located in the NE ¼ 10-8-17 WPM be approved. CARRIED.

**Aurora Land Consulting o/b/o Enbridge – Construct Temporary Approach and Right of Way Remediation**

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McDonald-Gullett

1395 BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Aurora Land Consulting Ltd. on behalf of Enbridge Pipelines Inc. for construction of a temporary approach and right-of-way remediation located in SW 26-7-18 W1M as outlined in the correspondence dated December 16, 2025 be approved under the same terms and conditions as the original agreement. CARRIED.

**Aurora Land Consulting o/b/o Enbridge – Use of Existing Approach for Soil Remediation in SW 33-7-18 W1M**

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McDonald-Fisher

1396 BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Aurora Land Consulting Ltd. on behalf of Enbridge Pipelines Inc. for use of an existing approach for soil remediation in SW 33-7-18 W1M as outlined in the correspondence dated January 13, 2026 be approved under the same terms and conditions as the original agreement. CARRIED.

**Management of Property Tax Arrears Recovery**

McDonald-Gullett

1397 WHEREAS The Municipal Act requires the municipality to conduct tax recovery proceedings every year;

AND WHEREAS council for the municipality deems it to be in the municipality's best interest to hire Taxservice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on its behalf;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa hire Taxservice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on the municipality's behalf for a term of 3 (three) years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign the Taxservice Inc. engagement letter on behalf of the municipality. CARRIED.

**Tile Drainage Impacts on Black Creek Watershed – Clay Cory**

Fisher-Gullett

1398 BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Clay Cory directed to the Province of Manitoba related to Farm Land Tile Drainage Impacts on Black Creek Watershed dated January 16, 2026 be received. CARRIED.

**Application for Tile Drainage – S 36-7-18 WPM (NextGen Drainage Solutions o/b/o Green Acres Holding Co. Ltd.)**

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McDonald-Gullett

1399 WHEREAS information has been received from Nextgen Drainage Solutions on behalf of Green Acres Holding Co. Ltd. with respect to a proposed tile drainage project located on S 36-7-18 WPM;

AND WHEREAS the concerns expressed by the Public Works Manager relate to areas of provincial jurisdiction and permitting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request for tile drainage permission and consent from NextGen Drainage Solutions on behalf of Green Acres Holding Co. Ltd. to supply and install tile drainage on S 36-7-18 WPM be approved subject to receipt of the required application fee. CARRIED.

**Emergency Plan**

**McDonald-Fisher**

1400 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 8(1) (d) of The Emergency Measures Act, the Emergency Plan for the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa for 2026 be adopted. CARRIED.

**Manitoba Municipalities Online Report**

**McDonald-Gullett**

1401 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of December 2025 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Working Alone Policy**

**McDonald-Fisher**

1402 BE IT RESOLVED that Working Alone Policy #PER010 be amended to include the requirement for employees working alone to check in every 2 hours and to remove clauses related to the Nesbitt Administrative Office. CARRIED.

**Council Meeting Times**

WITHDRAWN

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

**Gullett-Fisher**

1403 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss items related to matters in preliminary stages as per Subsections 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.

**McDonald-Gullett**

1404 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

**Offer to Purchase – Roll Numbers 94000, 94100, and 94800**

**Fisher-Gullett**

1405 BE IT RESOLVED that the offer to purchase Roll Numbers 94000, 94100 and 94800 located in Rounthwaite, by Tammy Hill in the amount of \$1,000 plus closing fees subject to receipt of all required provincial and municipal permits be accepted. CARRIED.

**Roll No. 221518 – Lagoon Debenture**

**Fisher-McDonald**

1406 BE IT RESOLVED that the per parcel rate for the Lagoon Debenture on Roll No. 221518 be cancelled and any previous payments be reimbursed. CARRIED.

**Valley Lodge – Water Credit**

**Fisher-Gullett**

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BE IT RESOLVED that a credit be applied to the Valley Lodge water account in the amount of \$2,532.82 because of a faulty meter. CARRIED.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Gullett-McDonald**

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BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (1:35 p.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

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Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

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Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer