

**Special Council Meeting  
March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, Wawanesa, MB.**

The Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met in the Council Chamber in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones, Bob McDonald, Brett McGregor and Dennis Rome. Head of Council Kreklewich presided.

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki, Finance Officer Elaine McGregor and Administrative Assistant Norma Will.

Ten members of the public also attended. A copy of the attendance sheet was retained on file.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Head of Council Dave Kreklewich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing with respect to the 2024 Financial Plan.

**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-Hatch

588 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 20, 2024 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 FINANCIAL PLAN**

Jones-McGregor

589 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 2024 Financial Plan. CARRIED.

The Finance Officer provided a power point presentation, a copy of which was retained on file.

Verbal representations were made as follows:

Trent McCann, NE 35-8-19 WPM, requested information on payroll, vacation and overtime payouts, building inspection charges and items included in the "office" line item.

Patricia Warburton, NE 35-8-19 WPM raised a concern with the increase in general government expenses for things including meals and safety/liability concerns related to handi vans not meeting safety requirements.

Lois Hunter, Lot 2, Plan 2132 in NE 35-8-19 WPM, asked questions related to the administrative staff position and the seasonal equipment operator.

Mike Hawkins, SE 16-8-18 WPM, addressed Council and asked questions related to what was included in the CAO and Staff line item, the wages and benefits line item under Transportation, the operating costs per machine per hour, building deficiencies and what items Council would look at if ratepayers wanted a 5% reduction in taxes. He also asked about road reconstructions plans.

Glen Kirby, Lot 1, Plan 2351 in SE 24-8-19 WPM, asked questions related to the life expectancy of the water treatment plant, the number of staff who were union versus non-union and how wage increases were determined, what the major road projects included and how grader operators were scheduled for work.

Donna McIntosh, Lots B and C, Plan 1614 in NE 35-8-19 WPM, asked about the possibility of having street lights installed at post box locations and the opportunity to negotiate hours with the union that were not strictly Monday to Friday.

McGregor-Hatch

590 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to the 2024 Financial Plan have been dealt with;

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Adoption of 2024 Financial Plan**

McDonald-Hatch

591 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Financial Plan be amended by

Increasing the administration salary line item by \$13,000 and including an allocation for Code of Conduct complaints in the amount of \$18,000 and reducing the allocation to General Reserve by \$31,000. CARRIED.

592 McGregor-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Financial Plan of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa, as amended, as set out in the form approved by the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations be adopted;

and further, that the operating and capital estimates outlined in said plan be incorporated in and form part of the 2024 Tax Levy By-law. CARRIED.

593 Rome-Jones  
BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Glen Kirby be allowed to address Council on this matter. DEFEATED.

**By-laws**

**By-law No. 39-2024 – Being the 2024 Tax Levy By-law**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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594 McDonald-Hatch  
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 39-2024 being the 2024 Tax Levy By-law be read a first time. CARRIED.

**ADJOURN**

595 Fisher-McGregor  
BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (8:20p.m.). CARRIED.

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Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

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Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer