

**Council Meeting
September 15, 2023 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 Friday, September 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones, Bob McDonald, Brett McGregor and Dennis Rome. Head of Council Kreklewich presided.

Staff in attendance: A/Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Officer Elaine McGregor, Public Works Manager Chelsea Long and Videographer Cheryl Fraser

The meeting was open to the public.

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

OATH OF OFFICE FOR MEMBER OF COUNCIL

I, Dennis Rome, do solemnly declare:

1. That I am a Canadian Citizen.
2. That I am of the full age of 18 years.
3. That I am an elector of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa.
4. That I am not disqualified under any provision of *The Municipal Act* or any other Act of the legislature from being a member of the council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa.
5. That I will act faithfully in the office of councillor without fear, favour, or affection and will truly, faithfully, and impartially, and to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the duties and responsibilities of the office.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of *The Canada Evidence Act*.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

McDonald-Hatch

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the September 15, 2023 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

339 Fisher-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 18, 2023 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

340 McDonald-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the September 5, 2023 general accounts payables, being cheque #'s 6684 to 6742, in the amount of \$124,046.05 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

341 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 280, being staff payroll for the period August 7 to August 18, 2023, in the amount of \$14,735.96 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

342 McDonald-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 281, being election payroll for the period August 7 to August 18, 2023, in the amount of \$183.74 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

343 Hatch-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 282, being staff payroll for the period August 21 to September 1, 2023, in the amount of \$14,469.08 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

344 McGregor-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 283, being Council indemnities for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$4,362.99 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

345 Fisher-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the September 5, 2023 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1060 to 1070 in the amount of \$15,235.44 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

346 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to August 31, 2023, be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

347 McGregor-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of August 2023 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

None

Head of Council Kreklewich declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber without discussion or debate.

Derrick Shearer – Whippoorwill Condo Development

Hatch-Fisher

348 BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Derrick Shearer related to the Whippoorwill Condo Development be received. CARRIED.

Jones-McDonald

349 BE IT RESOLVED that a culvert be installed, and driveways sloped to drain to the east at 204 Commercial Street, Wawanesa MB with costs being billed to Wawanesa Whippoorwill Housing Inc.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that work be completed by September 29th, 2023 whereby if Whippoorwill Housing Inc. wishes to choose their own contractor to complete the work, let there be a deadline of September 22nd for completion of the work by the property owner's contractor of choice. CARRIED.

Jones-Hatch

350 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration prepare the necessary amendments to Building of Approaches Policy # TRANS008 to include all residential properties within the municipality for subsequent Council consideration. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

351 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration seek solicitor advice on the preparation of a drainage by-law applicable to the municipality for subsequent Council consideration. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Age Friendly Manitoba – Community Collaboration Grant
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 18
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 28
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 1
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 8
Elections Manitoba – Support Voter Registration and Voting
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – August 14
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – August 28
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – September 5
Manitoba Hydro – New Overhead Line Installation
Manitoba Onsite Wastewater Management Association – Septic Awareness Week 2023

Municipal World – Respect – Promoting Civility in Local Government
Prairie Mountain Health – Therapy Dog Team
Wawanesa Children’s Fair – Thank you to Municipality and to Public Works

352 Jones-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Zone Report (Ward 3)

Councillor Fisher – Councillor Fisher added to his report to say that he has driven many of the road in the Municipality and Public works is doing “a bang up job on the roads”
Councillor Jones - nothing to report.

North Zone Report (Ward 2)

Councillor Hatch – Councillor Hatch added to his report to say that the authorities are advising the potato haulers to use the Methven Road. As a result, something needs to be done. This will be added to the agenda for the next Transportation Committee meeting.

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor McDonald – see written report
Councillor McGregor – see written report

Head of Council’s Report – see written report

Chief Administrative Officer Report – see written report

Finance Officer Report –The Finance Officer added to her written report to remind Council that the Tax Sale is next week, Tuesday, Sept 19 @1:30 in the Council Chambers.

Public Works Report – see written report

Fire Chief’s Report – see written report

North Zone Report (Ward 2)

Councillor Rome – expressed concern regarding the large stones in the ditch on Turkey Ranch Road, possibly due to the clay capping and suggested that Public Works be directed to remove them, away from the road and out of the path of the mower. This will be added to the agenda for the next Transportation Committee meeting.

353 McDonald-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Notice of Reconsideration – Payment for Dust Control

354 McDonald-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that Motion No. 304 (July 21, 2023) with respect to payment for dust control be reconsidered. CARRIED.

Councillor Fisher abstained from voting on the above motion, as he had abstained during the original vote.

355 McDonald-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be instructed to withhold payment for dust control services due to product quality and/or application. DEFEATED.

Councillor Fisher abstained from voting on the above motion, as he had abstained during the original vote.

356 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that, following the successful reapplication of dust control products, payment be in full be rendered to the vendor. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

357 AMENDMENT
McGregor-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the above motion be amended by removing the words “payment in full” and replacing therfor the words: “for the second and third application only.”
CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Road 113W in SE ¼ 18-8-19W

358 McDonald-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path for the north side of Road 113W, in the SE ¼ 18-8-19W as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated August 20, 2023, from RFNow be approved subject to the fibre offset being 1m from the property line and all road crossings being directional drilled and work area restored to its former state. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Road 45N in SW ¼ 23-8-19W and NW ¼ 14-8-19W

359 Hatch-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path for the north side of Road 45N, east of Hwy. 10 in SW ¼ 23-8-19W and NW ¼ 14-8-19W as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated August 28, 2023, from RFNow be approved subject to the fibre offset being 1m from the property line and all road crossings being directional drilled and work area restored to its former state. CARRIED.

Purchase of Municipal Right-of-Way in SE 21-7-17W

360 McGregor-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the request to purchase a portion of municipal right-of-way located south of PTH #2 in SE 21-7-17 be denied whereby a letter shall be provided to the applicant outlining that the Municipality does not currently have any interest in opening the road for public use, given its topography and the requirement for bridge construction should it ever be opened. CARRIED.

Observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

361 McGregor-McDonald
WHEREAS the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation falls on Saturday, September 30, 2023;

AND WHEREAS both the Union and Non-Union contracts recognize the day as a Statutory Holiday;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the two waste transfer stations be open on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and closed on Saturday, September 30;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Office be closed on Monday, October 2, 2023. CARRIED.

Shingle Disposition by Commercial Contractors – Policy # TRANS012

362 McGregor-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that Shingle Disposition by Commercial Contractors Policy # TRANS012 be approved effective October 1, 2023. CARRIED.

MWM Environmental Agreement

363 McDonald-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement with MWM Environmental be extended for another one-year period as proposed including a percentage increase for the 2023 Consumer Price Index increase whereby the extension is to allow for additional input to the Province on the transition of the recycling model to a full Extended Producer Responsibility model. CARRIED.

Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program

364 Hatch-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that application be made under the Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program for the following project(s) (in prioritized order):
(1.) Widening Tower Road through the slough
(2.) 107 W T Intersection north from Turkey Ranch Road and T Road Reconstruction to elevate ½ mile north from Turkey Ranch Road
(3.) Unit 3 F250 Fire Truck CARRIED.

Approval of Tax Additions and Deletions

365 McGregor-Hatch
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 as supplementary taxes in the following amounts be approved:

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| Taxes Added | \$ 46,801.60 |
| Taxes Cancelled | \$ 11,852.24 |

CARRIED.

Approval of Change-in-Use Payback Taxes Added

366 McDonald-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Sections 17(5) and 17(7) of The Municipal Assessment Act, the farm use assessment information provided by the Provincial Assessment Branch as change-in-use taxes added in the following amount be approved:

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| Payback Taxes Added | \$2,654.56 |
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CARRIED.

Utility Deficit Recovery

367 McDonald-McGregor
WHEREAS Wawanesa Utility incurred audited PSAB, PUB adjusted deficits of \$23,611 in 2021 and \$64,219 in 2022;

AND WHEREAS Wawanesa Utility had a 2022 audited Working Capital Surplus of \$64,384 which is \$15,849 less than the Public Utilities Board minimum requirement of \$80,233;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Oakland Wawanesa request that the Public Utilities Board authorize Wawanesa Utility deficits of \$23,611 in 2021 and \$64,219 in 2022 with said deficits to be recovered through transfer from the accumulated cash surplus account of the Utility in the amount of \$71,981 and a deficit rate rider of \$1.86 per 1,000 gallons of water sold over 1 year. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

368 Fisher-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss a financial matter 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.

369 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Request for Proposal – Engineering Services - Drainage

Fisher-McDonald

367 BE IT RESOLVED that Public Works be directed to proceed with drainage reconstruction from Fourth St to Mill St to a maximum of \$15,000 using a local contractor whereby expenses shall be expended from the Gas Tax Reserve. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Jones Hatch

371 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (10:57 a.m.) to meet again on **Friday, October 20, 2023** at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Elaine McGregor, A/Chief Administrative Officer