

**Council Meeting
July 21, 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, July 21, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Frank Jones and Bob McDonald. Deputy Head of Council Craig Hatch presided.

Member absent: Dave Kreklewich and Ryley Gullett

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 – 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-Jones
1613 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the July 21, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- McDonald-Jones
1614 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the June 23, 2026 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

- McDonald-Fisher
1615 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 6, 2026 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

- Fisher-Jones
1616 BE IT RESOLVED that the July 14, 2026 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8921 to 8931 and 8933 to 8977 in the amount of \$179,843.11 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

As Councillor Gullett was absent from the meeting, there was no interest in the following matter declared.

McDonald-Fisher

- 1617 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque #8932 in the amount of \$40.00 to Ryley Gullett be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-Jones

- 1618 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 409, being staff payroll for the period June 20 to July 3, 2026 in the amount of \$18,421.97 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Jones

- 1619 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 411, being staff payroll for the period July 4 to July 17, 2026 in the amount of \$18,751.81 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Jones-Fisher

- 1620 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 410, being Council indemnities for the month of June, 2026 in the amount of \$5,350.78 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

McDonald-Jones

- 1621 BE IT RESOLVED that the July 14, 2026 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1457 to 1473 in the amount of \$14,384.75 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

McDonald-Jones

- 1622 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to June 30, 2026 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

Fisher-Jones

- 1623 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of June 2026 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Accessibility News – July 2026 Newsletter

Age Friendly Connections – June 2026 Newsletter

Age Friendly Connections – Community Collaboration Grant 2026

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – June 18

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – June 22
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – June 26
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – June 29
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 2
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 8
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 8
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 10
Central Assiniboine Watershed District – BBQ at Forrest Community Park
Enbridge – Land Use Planning near Enbridge Liquids Pipelines
Enbridge – Integrated Contingency Plan – Prairie Region Response Zone
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – June 22
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – June 29
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – July 13
Gullett, Dan – Speed Concerns on Government Road
Innes Property, Wawanesa, Culvert Blockage
Manitoba Association of Senior Communities – Locked Out of Life Campaign
Manitoba Office of Drinking Water – Notice to Flood-Affected Private Well Owners
Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba – 2025 Annual Report
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 02-2026 – Manitoba Collaborative Procurement Initiative
Prairie Mountain Health Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – Volunteers
Stewardship Manitoba – MMSM now accepting paper cups
Thank You – Neelin High School

Fisher-Jones

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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 – 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

The Finance Officer added to her written report to advise that the 2026 tax statements had been mailed to residents on July 17.

Public Works Report

The Manager of Public Works added to her written report to advise that four road repairs had been completed and only one road remained closed.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

McDonald-Jones

1625 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Fisher-Jones

1626 BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting held July 13, 2026 be received and resolutions be considered under the Order of General Business. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Access to Waste Transfer Stations

Fisher-Jones

1627 BE IT RESOLVED that the lock at the Wawanesa Waste Transfer Station be changed commencing August 1, 2026 and hours of operations, after consultation with employees, be altered to Tuesday from 2:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to better serve the community, with no change in hours for Thursday or Saturday. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Across Road 99W on the North side of Road 47N in SE 33-8-17W

Jones-McDonald

1628 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path addition across Road 99W on the North side of Road 47N in SE 33-8-17W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated June 24, 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 – Across Road 43N in the SW 7-8-18W and Off PR#453 in NW 22-8-18W

Fisher-McDonald

- 1629 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions across Road 43N in the SW 7-8-18W and Off PR#453 in NW 22-8-18W outlined on the maps attached to correspondence dated July 7, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023 subject to any conditions required by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Additions – Across PR Road 453 along East side of Road 109W in 36-8-19W

Jones-Fisher

- 1630 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions across PR Road 453 along East side of Road 109W in 36-8-19W outlined on the maps attached to correspondence dated July 14, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023 subject to any conditions required by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. CARRIED.

Material and Equipment Requirements for Road Repairs

McDonald-Jones

- 1631 BE IT RESOLVED that all closed roads be repaired and opened prior to other road maintenance and gas tax reconstruction projects. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

- 1632 BE IT RESOLVED that if crushing has not commenced by the July 21 Council meeting, crushed rock be purchased within the crushing line item to ensure closed roads can be repaired in a timely manner. CARRIED.

Application for Disaster Financial Assistance

Jones-Fisher

- 1633 WHEREAS the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa has realized response and repair costs for the June 29, 2026 rain event;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa requests the Provincial Government provide Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) for this event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa respectfully requests the Province to participate in the DFA program as it has incurred public sector expenses as a result of this event;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa, on behalf of its residents and property owners (private sector), also respectfully request the Province to participate in this program for residents and property owners (private sector) who have incurred financial costs related to this event. CARRIED.

Tax Sale

Jones-Fisher

- 1634 WHEREAS pursuant to Section 372 of The Municipal Act, a municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of the tax arrears and costs in respect of the property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a reserve bid be placed on all properties in the amount of all arrears and costs in respect of each property listed for tax sale.
CARRIED.

Wawanesa Lions Club – Country Fair “Touch a Truck” Event

Fisher-McDonald

- 1635 BE IT RESOLVED that a grader be provided, if equipment and staff or member of council is available with no cost to the municipality, for the Wawanesa Lions Club “Touch a Truck” event being held in conjunction with the Country Fair at the Wawanesa Recreation Centre on August 15, 2026, whereby a copy of the Wawanesa Lions Club insurance shall be provided to the Municipal Office in advance of the event. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

Fisher-Jones

- 1636 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of June 2026 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Beaver Removal

McDonald-Fisher

- 1637 BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to research how other municipalities handle concerns related to beaver populations and the blockages caused by beaver dams/lodges. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

McDonald-Jones

- 1638 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.

McDonald-Jones

- 1639 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Offer for Sale – Gravel Pit in Municipality of Grasslands

McDonald-Fisher

- 1640 BE IT RESOLVED that the offer to sell a gravel pit located in the Municipality of Grasslands be considered following appropriate testing. CARRIED.

Legal Advice re Drainage

Fisher-Jones

- 1641 BE IT RESOLVED that an easement agreement be entered into with Wawanesa Whippoorwill Housing for the property located at 219 Commercial Street where municipal run-off was drained through the private property;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Manager of Public Works undertake the review with adjacent property owners as outlined in Drainage By-law No. 41-2024. CARRIED.

Jones-McDonald

- 1642 BE IT RESOLVED that Dillon Consulting Limited be contracted to provide a UAV Based Survey to support drainage in Wawanesa for a cost not to exceed \$1,900.00. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

- 1643 BE IT RESOLVED that Dillon Consulting Limited be requested to provide, based on the above Survey, an estimated number of hours required and approximate costs to offer alternatives for drainage in the vicinity of Commercial Street, Mill Street and Park Street to alleviate water drainage concerns in that area. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Fisher-Jones

- 1644 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (4:52 p.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer