

**Council Meeting
February 18, 2025 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, February 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch (virtually), Frank Jones, Bob McDonald, Brett McGregor and Dennis Rome (in the gallery due to Code of Conduct sanctions with the inability to perform council duties). Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided (arrived at 9:15 a.m. and exited at 11:30 a.m.).

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.

Deputy Head of Council McGregor called the meeting to order.

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

Jones-McDonald

975 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the February 18, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented with the deletion of the Zimmer delegation and By-law No. 43-2024.
CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

McDonald-Fisher

976 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 21, 2025 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

Jones-Fisher

977 BE IT RESOLVED that the February 10, 2025 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 7827 to 7832 and 7834 to 7879 and ABW and ABW-01 in the amount of \$174,906.87 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Deputy Head of Council McGregor declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber without discussion nor debate. Councillor Jones took the Chair. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

978 BE IT RESOLVED that general account payable cheque #7833 to Guild Insurance Brokers Inc. in the amount of \$13,846.00 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Deputy Head of Council McGregor resumed the Chair.

McDonald-Fisher

979 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 345, being staff payroll for the period January 18 to January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$14,430.72 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Jones-McDonald

980 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 348, being staff payroll for the period February 1 to February 14, 2025 in the amount of \$15,484.25 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Jones

981 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 347, being Council indemnities for the month of January, 2025 in the amount of \$6,331.93 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

Fisher-Jones

982 BE IT RESOLVED that the February 10, 2025 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1229 to 1240 in the amount of \$7,200.65 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

McDonald-Fisher

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

Bank Reconciliations

McDonald- Jones

984 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of January, 2025 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

985 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss employee performance, matters in preliminary states, and matters of enforcement as per Subsections 152(3)(b)(ii), (iii) 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.

Head of Council Kreklewich took the Chair.

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

DELEGATIONS

Staff Sargeant Clint Wikander - RCMP Quarterly Policing Report

987 Jones-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the October 1 to December 31, 2024 RCMP Policing Report as previously distributed be received. CARRIED.

Kurtis Zimmer – Property Issue – PR 453 (depending on ability to attend)

WITHDRAWN

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors – 2025 Annual Register
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – January 24, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 6, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 7, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 7, 2025
Bell – Manitoba Public Safety Communications Service
Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Industrial Inquiry Commission
Community Futures Westman – Community Spaces Funding
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – January 20
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – January 27
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 1
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 3
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 10
Manitoba Accessibility Office – February 2025 Newsletter
Manitoba Environment and Climate Change – Climate Adaptation Planning for Communities
Manitoba Environment and Climate Change – Climate Atlas

Manitoba Gravel Roads - Academy 2025
Manitoba Good Roads Association – AGM and Awards Banquet
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – PR 348 Proposed Culvert Replacement
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – Approval of Emergency Plan
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Investment Strategy
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 2024-28 – Property Assessment Services Levy Increase
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 2025-03 – Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 2025-04 – 2025 Aggregate Mining and Transportation – Update to Fees
Province of Manitoba – Community Development Grant Programs
Province of Manitoba – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act
Rural Municipality of Cornwallis – Zoning By-law Amendment
Species at Risk Act – Invitation for Comments
Southwest Horizon School Division – AGM and Budget Consultation
Way to Go Consulting Inc. – Ward Boundary Review

McGregor-McDonald

988 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
Councillor Rome

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 indicate that there were currently 19 properties on the list for tax sale in the Fall.

Public Works Report

The Public Works Manager added to her written report to advise that an equipment operator had resigned and that there had been utility issues, one related to a water meter and the other to a sewer line.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

989 Jones-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

Building Feasibility Ad Hoc Committee Report

990 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Building Feasibility Ad Hoc Committee dated January 2, 2025 be received and recommendations considered under General Business. CARRIED.

Personnel and Policy Committee Meeting

991 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Personnel and Policy Committee dated January 30, 2025 be received and recommendations considered under General Business. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

**By-law No. 43-2024 – Being a Special Services By-law for Recreation Services
2nd and 3rd Readings**

WITHDRAWN

**By-law No. 44-2024 – Being a Special Services By-law for the Collecting and
Transporting of Waste and Recycling Materials
2nd and 3rd Readings**

992 Fisher-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 44-2024, being a Special Services By-law for the Collecting and Transporting of Waste and Recycling Materials, be read a second time. CARRIED.

993 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 44-2024 be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

A recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR
Head of Council Kreklewich
Councillor Fisher
Councillor Hatch
Councillor Jones
Councillor McDonald
Councillor McGregor

AGAINST

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sale of Surplus Fuel Tanks

- 994 McDonald-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that Schedule "A" attached to the Public Works and Transportation Services Committee Report dated November 7, 2024 be deleted and replaced with the new Schedule "A" dated January 21, 2025. CARRIED.

By-law Reviews

- 995 Jones-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to prepare an amendment to Procedure By-law 06-2018, as amended, to change Council Meeting times from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. DEFEATED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

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

Manitoba Water Services Board 2025 Applications

- 997 McDonald-McGregor
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 to initiate the Board's capital planning process for the 2026-2030 five year capital plan, Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) is requesting assistance in identifying new water and sewer projects that each municipality is considering in the next two (2) to five (5) years (starting in 2025);

AND WHEREAS the priority projects identified in 2024 are still the priority projects;

AND WHEREAS a cost-sharing agreement between The Manitoba Water Services Board and the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa has been entered into with respect to the required Design Study required to move forward with the identified priorities;

AND WHEREAS in order to be shovel-ready should funding be received, a Debenture By-law has been approved by The Municipal Board;

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.

2025 Preliminary Budget

McDonald-Fisher

998 BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated February 13, 2025 related to the 2025 preliminary budget be received. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

999 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Preliminary Budget be amended to add \$14,000 for new loader tires including changeover. CARRIED.

McDonald-McGregor

1000 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Preliminary Budget be amended to add \$10,500 in revenue related to the sale of surplus fuel tanks. CARRIED.

McGregor-Fisher

1001 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Preliminary Budget be amended by reducing the grant amount for Spirit Sands \$10,000. CARRIED.

McGregor-Fisher

1002 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Preliminary Budget be amended by changing the \$50,000 allocation to the building reserve to being an additional allocation to the general reserve. DEFEATED.

1003 McDonald-McGregor

BE IT RESOLVED that final documentation be prepared and the required notice be given for a Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. CARRIED.

Aurora Land Consulting o/b/o Enbridge – Request to Utilize Existing Approach

McDonald-Fisher

1004 BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Aurora Land Consulting Ltd. on behalf of Enbridge Pipelines Inc. for use of an existing approach on Mile 41 North located in SW 33-7-18 W1M as outlined in the correspondence dated February 13, 2025 be approved under the same terms and conditions as the original agreement. CARRIED.

Derrick Shearer and Don Zachanowich– Drainage Issue

McDonald-Fisher

- 1005 BE IT RESOLVED that the information provided by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Independent Contractor be received and no further action nor delegations be received on the matter. CARRIED.

#2 Government Road Utility Account

Fisher-Jones

- 1006 BE IT RESOLVED that the utility account for #2 Government Road be written off in accordance with yearend policy and a new meter installed. CARRIED.

Building Inspection Report – Brandon Hills Mobile Home Park

McDonald-Fisher

- 1007 BE IT RESOLVED that a new building inspector be appointed under the same terms and conditions of the previous inspection and a final report be provided to the Public Trustee with respect to the mobile home located in the Brandon Hills Mobile Home Park. CARRIED.

Fire Inspector Contract

Jones-Fisher

- 1008 BE IT RESOLVED that the three year Fire Inspector Contract with Fire Chief Dennis Gullett be approved as previously circulated for the years 2025 to 2027. CARRIED.

New Shop – Preliminary Discussion

Jones-Fisher

- 1009 BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to explore lot options, costs and proposals/tenders for construction of a new shop in Nesbitt for possible inclusion in the 2026 budget. CARRIED.

Gravel Hauling Tender

Fisher-McDonald

- 1010 BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Fred Gilbert for gravel hauling of approximately 12,000 yards per year for the three years being 2025 to 2027 in the amount of:

2025 - \$1.25 per yard for loading and \$0.46 per yard for loaded hauling
2026 - \$1.25 per yard for loading and \$0.47 per yard for loaded hauling; and
2027 - \$1.25 per yard for loading and \$0.475 per yard for loaded hauling
be accepted. CARRIED.

Non-Union Pay Administration Program and Current Union Agreement

- 1011 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that increases be provided to staff in accordance with information circulated to Council. CARRIED.

Wage Premium

- 1012 Jones-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that a \$1.00/hour wage premium be approved when certified non-union employees are actively engaged in pesticide application within the Municipality. CARRIED.

New Certification Recognition

- 1013 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Motion No. 24-19, Chelsea Long be recognized for achieving the Compliance Officer certification and Pesticide Certification, as new certifications applicable to the Public Works Manager position, with a one-time payment of \$600.00 each. CARRIED.

CAO Performance Review

- 1014 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the performance review of the Chief Administrative Officer be received and increases in accordance with the existing contract be approved. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

- 1015 Fisher-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (11:39 a.m.) to meet again on March 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer