

**Council Meeting
February 20, 2024 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 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch (via Teams), 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, Public Works Manager Chelsea Long and Videographer Cheryl Fraser.

The meeting was open to the public.

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

531 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the February 20, 2024 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of Compensation Request under the In-Camera session. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

532 McDonald-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 19, 2024 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

533 McGregor-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the February 12, 2024 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 7059 to 7081, 7083 to 7092, 7094 to 7123 and 7125 to 7127 and 1-Man, in the amount of \$197,495.83 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Councillors McGregor and Fisher declared an interest in the following issue and left the Chamber without discussion or debate.

Jones-McDonald

534 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payables cheque numbers 7082, 7093 and 7124 payable to Guild Insurance, Mike Fisher and Guild Insurance respectively, in the amount of \$19,216.95 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Jones-McGregor

535 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 302, being staff payroll for the period January 8 to January 19, 2024 in the amount of \$12,294.39 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Jones

536 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 303, being staff payroll for the period January 22 to February 2, 2024 in the amount of \$12,634.05 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-McGregor

537 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 305, being staff payroll for the period February 5 to February 16, 2024 in the amount of \$12,391.13 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-Jones

538 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 304, being Council indemnities for the month of January, 2024 in the amount of \$6,992.26 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

McGregor-Fisher

539 BE IT RESOLVED that the February 12, 2024 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1113 to 1131 in the amount of \$18,395.10 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Jones-McDonald

540 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to January 31, 2024 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

McDonald-McGregor

541 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of January, 2024 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Chris Kennedy – RFNow Update

- 542 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by RFNow related to an update on fibre optic installation be received. CARRIED.

Patricia Warburton - Age of Acceleration, Richness of Digital Connections while Ensuring Vitality of Democracy

- 543 Rome-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Patricia Warburton related to Age of Acceleration, Richness of Digital Connections while Ensuring Vitality of Democracy be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Age Friendly Manitoba – February Newsletter
Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – January 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – January 19
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – January 23
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 1
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 1
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 2
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 2
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 5
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 5
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 9
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 12
Brandon University – Mental Health on the Prairies Conference
Central Assiniboine Watershed District – 2024 Contribution Amounts
Community Futures – Community Spaces Funding – Federated Co-op
Community Futures – Destination Business Program
Ecofitt Corporation – Small Business Program – LED Lighting & Insulation Upgrade
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – January 15
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – January 22
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – January 29
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 5
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 12
Guardian Fencing Ltd. – Fencing Solutions
Hudson Bay Route Association – Annual Report
Larry Maguire – MP Brandon-Souris – Bill C-321

Manitoba Communities in Bloom – 2024 Program
Manitoba Giant Growers Association – Giant Pumpkin Growers Seminar
Manitoba Good Roads Association – February 2024
Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations – Payments in Lieu of Tax payment
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – Emergency Management Workshops
Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association – Seminar March 13, 2024 in Carberry
Municipal and Northern Relations Bulletin 2024-01 – School & Health Tax Exemptions
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 2024-03 – 2024 Aggregate Fees
Municipal World Daily – February 7
Municipal World Daily – February 14
Prairie Mountain Health – Donation List
Public Utilities Board – Volume 4
Recreation Manitoba 2024 Facility Award – Wawanesa and District Recreation Centre
Rural Development Institute – February 2024 Newsletter
Southwest Horizon School Division – AGM & Public Budget Consultation
TruGreen Metal Recycling – Introduction to Company

Jones-Fisher

544 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 – see written report

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor McDonald added to his written report to advise that he had received many compliments for the Public Works staff related to their efforts on road scaping.

Councillor McGregor added to his written report to remind council members to provide feedback to him as soon as possible for the CAO performance review.

Head of Council's Report – see written report

Chief Administrative Officer Report – see written report

Finance Officer Report – see written report

Public Works Report – see written report

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

545 Jones-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Heavy Haul Restrictions

546 Rome-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that Council's resolution conducted electronically on February 6, 2024 with respect to heavy haul restrictions be confirmed. CARRIED.

547 McGregor-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the authority to implement heavy haul restrictions be delegated to the Manager of Public Works, following notification to Council. CARRIED.

Building Capacity for Community Participation

548 McGregor-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that Council's response to the Building Capacity for Community Participation report be received and posted on the municipal website. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Enbridge Crossing and Approach Agreement Extension – NW 27-7-18 WPM

549 Rome-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Sunvalley Land on behalf of Enbridge Pipelines Inc. dated January 22, 2024 for an extension to the blanket crossing and approach agreement to December 31, 2025 under the same terms and conditions of the original agreement be approved. CARRIED.

Name Change – Souris River Recreation Commission

550 Fisher-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that a letter of support be provided to the Souris River Recreation Commission in its efforts to change its name to Oakland-Wawanesa Parks & Recreation. CARRIED.

Boundary Road Agreements

Jones-Rome

- 551 BE IT RESOLVED that boundary road agreements be entered into with the adjacent municipalities of Cornwallis, Glenboro-South Cypress, Grasslands, Prairie Lakes and Souris-Glenwood inclusive of a clause related to implementation of heavy haul restrictions and provision of gravel for road maintenance. CARRIED.

Unaudited Financial Statements

McGregor-Fisher

- 552 BE IT RESOLVED that the Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

2024 Draft Budget

Jones-McDonald

- 553 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 draft budget from the Administration be received;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber to receive representation. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Jones-Fisher

- 554 BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss matters as per Subsections 152(3)(b)(iii), (iv) 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. CARRIED.

Jones-McGregor

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

Offer to Purchase – Lot 22, Block 5, Plan 63 BLTO – Nesbitt, MB.

Jones-Fisher

- 556 BE IT RESOLVED that the offer to purchase from Noel-Jean Lagarde as outlined in his correspondence dated January 31, 2024 for Lot 22, Block 5, Plan 63 BLTO located in Nesbitt, MB for the amount of \$1,200 be accepted subject to the purchaser covering the respective closing costs for the purchase. CARRIED.

Surplus Furniture Bids

McDonald-Fisher

- 557 BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Nic Chudley for the Office desk and Board Room Table in the amount of \$690.00 be accepted. CARRIED.

RCMP Quarterly Policing Report

558 Jones-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the October 1 to December 31, 2023 RCMP Policing Report as previously distributed be received. CARRIED.

Animal Control Officer Investigation and Report

559 McDonald-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that a letter from Council be sent to the Green Acres Colony Council indicating that the Animal Control By-law must be enforced for all colony residents, inclusive of the need for dogs to be tied up or on leash when they are not indoors. CARRIED.

CAO Employment Agreement

560 McGregor-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the two-year employment agreement be entered into with Joni Swidnicki as previously circulated. CARRIED.

Request for Compensation

561 Jones-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that the request for compensation for damages from frozen water lines at 410 Seventh Street from Mr. Hiebert be tabled pending receipt of information from the Utility contractor on the issue and an estimate on damages from the property owner. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

562 Jones-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (10:30 a.m.) to meet again on March 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer