

**Special Council Meeting
March 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, Wawanesa, MB.**

The Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met in the Council Chamber in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullett, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Member absent: Dennis Rome

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki, Finance Officer Melissa Sturgeon, Administrative Assistants Norma Will and Tara Wilkinson.

The meeting was open to the public.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Head of Council Dave Kreklewich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing with respect to the 2026 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

1466 McDonald-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 17, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN

1467 Hatch-Jones
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 2026 Financial Plan. CARRIED.

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

Mike Hawkins, SE ¼ 16-8-18 W, appeared before Council to ask questions related to the grant from the Manitoba Water Services Board, the meaning of Class 30 lands, dollars spent on reconstruction capital road work versus regular maintenance, proposed shop size and specifications and where the money for reserve funds comes from.

Glen Kirby, 108015 Road 45N (Tower Road) appeared before Council and asked questions related to the reduction in spending under Transportation Services, keeping costs aligned with inflation, process for the proposed public works shop and what The Municipal Board would be considering during its public hearing on the shop.

Neil Bok, NE ¼ 12-8-19 W, appeared before Council and asked questions related to gravel crushing allocations over the years and the proposed public works shop.

Gord Smith, Lots B & C, Plan No. 1614, appeared before Council and asked questions related to the proposed public works shop.

Jones-Gullett

1468 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to the 2026 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 2026 Financial Plan

McDonald-Jones

1469 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Financial Plan as set out in the form approved by the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations be adopted. CARRIED.

By-laws

By-law No. 52-2026 – Being the 2026 Tax Levy By-law 1st Reading

Hatch-Gullett

1470 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 52-2026 being the 2026 Tax Levy By-law be read a first time. CARRIED.

ADJOURN

1471 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (7:22 p.m.). CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer