

**Council Meeting  
June 17, 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, June 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Member Absent: Dennis Rome

The resignation of Brett McGregor leaves one position vacant.

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** – 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**

- 1127 Jones-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the June 17, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 1128 McDonald-Hatch  
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 20, 2025 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

**FINANCE**

**General Account**

- 1129 Jones-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the June 10, 2025 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8079 to 8138 in the amount of \$76,566.63 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Hatch

- 1130 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 359, being staff payroll for the period May 10 to May 23, 2025 in the amount of \$16,659.07 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

- 1131 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 360, being staff payroll for the period May 24 to June 6, 2025 in the amount of \$16,867.89 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-Fisher

- 1132 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 361, being Council indemnities for the month of May, 2025 in the amount of \$4,038.62 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Utility Account**

McDonald-Jones

- 1133 BE IT RESOLVED that the June 10, 2025 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1287 to 1301 in the amount of \$13,689.22 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

Hatch-Fisher

- 1134 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to May 31, 2025 be received as presented. CARRIED.

**Bank Reconciliations**

Fisher-McDonald

- 1135 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of May 2025 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Presentation for Safety Officer Program – Province of Manitoba**

Jones-McDonald

- 1136 BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Karin Vera, Department of Justice, from the Province of Manitoba related to the safety officer program be received. CARRIED.

**Presentation regarding Wind Towers – Patricia Warburton**

Jones-Hatch

- 1137 BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Patricia Warburton related to the wind towers be received. CARRIED.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1138 McDonald-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the regular 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 a conditional use application. CARRIED.

### **Public Hearing on Conditional Use Application C4/2025 to allow a secondary suite on Part of NE ¼ 1-7-19 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Heath)**

Mitchel Eastley, 6-7-18 WPM, appeared before Council and asked question related to whether the proposed secondary suite was attached or detached and what the requirements were in the Zoning By-law related to the size of the proposed suite. CARRIED.

- 1139 McDonald-Fisher  
WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Conditional Use Application No. C4/2025 to allow a secondary suite on Part of NE ¼ 1-7-19 WPM, in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Heath) have been dealt with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public hearing be concluded. CARRIED.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Age Friendly Manitoba – June 2025 Newsletter  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 20  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 21  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 23  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 23  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – June 2  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – June 5  
Canadian Association of Security Professionals – Use of Security Professionals for Municipal needs  
Environment and Climate Change Canada – Amendments to Species at Risk Act  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – May 20  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – May 26  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – June 2  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – June 9  
Local Elevator Ltd. – Letter of Introduction  
Manitoba Agrifood – Retail Webinar Series  
Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers – 2025 Spring Tour and Event  
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – Souris River Flood Risk Map  
Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries – Liquor retailer  
Minister for Municipal and Northern Relations – 2025 Operating Grant and One MB Growth  
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 2025-12 - Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit – Extension  
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 2025-14 - Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Videos  
Prairie Mountain Health – Supporting Fire Evacuees in Your Community  
Tourism Westman – Tourism Awards Gala

- 1140 Fisher-Jones  
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

**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

- 1141 McDonald-Hatch  
BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

**BY-LAWS**

**By-law No. 47-2025 – Being a by-law to amend procedure By-law No. 37-2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings**

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- 1142 McDonald-Jones  
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 47-2025, being a by-law to amend Procedure By-law No. 37-2023, as amended, be read a second time. CARRIED.

- 1143 Hatch-Jones  
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 47-2025 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

**AGAINST**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Building Inspector Services – Keystone Planning District**

McDonald-Hatch

- 1144 BE IT RESOLVED that a service agreement be entered into with the Keystone Planning District, in accordance with their existing fee schedule, to complete three building inspection reports that were not finalized prior to the departure of the previous building inspector. CARRIED.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Conditional Use Application C4/2025 to allow a secondary suite on Part of NE ¼ 1-7-19 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Heath)**

McDonald-Fisher

- 1145 BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application C4/2025 to allow a secondary suite on Part of NE ¼ 1-7-19 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Heath) be approved. CARRIED.

**Drainage Issue - Luanne Gibb**

Hatch-McDonald

- 1146 BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Luanne Gibb with respect to drainage at SE 22-08-17 WPM be received. CARRIED.

McDonald-Hatch

- 1147 BE IT RESOLVED that the drainage issue on SE 22-08-17 WPM (Gibb) be tabled to the July 15, 2025 meeting of Council to allow Council Members the opportunity to visit the site. CARRIED.

**Incorporation – Oakland-Wawanesa Parks & Recreation Inc**

Fisher-Hatch

- 1148 WHEREAS the recreation commission in the municipality currently operates under the name of Souris River Recreation Commission;

AND WHEREAS Council has previously supported the name change to Oakland-Wawanesa Parks & Recreation;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Companies Office has indicated that a letter of support will be required to incorporate the above name;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter of support be sent on behalf of Council to the Provincial Companies Office consenting to the name “Oakland-Wawanesa Parks & Recreation” being incorporated. CARRIED.

**Agreement with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure for Weed Spraying on Provincial Hwy 453**

McDonald-Fisher

- 1149 BE IT RESOLVED that a weed spraying agreement be entered into with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure for 2025 for service along PR 453 and 3 miles along 344 as outlined in the Schedules previously distributed. CARRIED.

**Amendment to Animal Control By-law – Temporary Shelter and Sterilization Requirements**

McDonald-Jones

- 1150 BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the CAO dated June 3, 2025 with respect to the amendment to animal control by-law be received. CARRIED.

Jones-Fisher

- 1151 BE IT RESOLVED that options be provided to the property owner to utilize his animal expertise related to either building a temporary shelter or for capture, rehome and/or euthanize of feral cats at Brandon Hills Mobile Home Park. CARRIED.

**Drainage Technology**

Hatch-Fisher

- 1152 BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Coenraad Fourie dated May 19, 2025 with respect to drainage technology be received. CARRIED.

Jones-Fisher

- 1153 BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to consult on the usage of drone technology through the Asset Management funds for the Village of Wawanesa and surrounding drainage areas of concern. CARRIED.

**Project Oversight**

Councillor Hatch declared an interest in this matter and left the Chamber without discussion or debate.

McDonald-Fisher

- 1154 BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution of Council, adopted electronically, to award project oversight to Westech Contracting, be confirmed. CARRIED.

**Manitoba Municipalities Online Report**

McDonald-Jones

- 1155 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of May 2025 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Possible Repairs on Treesbank, Turkey Ranch, and Green Acres Roads**

Fisher-Jones

1156 WHEREAS grants had been applied for to do road rebuilds on Hayfield Road and Road 112 W that had not been successful;

AND WHEREAS Council had determined that the roads would be rebuilt using funds from the Canada Community Building Fund (former Gas Tax fund) which requires a resolution of Council;

AND WHEREAS the road rebuilds were not as extensive as anticipated, and therefore the original estimates are high;

AND WHEREAS Council has expressed an interest in also completing the rebuild on Treesbank Road and adding some rebuild work on Turkey Ranch and Green Acres Roads due to evaluation after the spring thaw;

AND WHEREAS the contractor is available to continue with this work;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an additional amount not to exceed \$200,000 be expended from the Canada Community Building Fund to complete the projects on Hayfield Road and Road 112 W, and to undertake the necessary road rebuilds on Treesbank, Turkey Ranch and Green Acres Roads, whereby if possible within the budget allocation, Road 108 also be addressed in consultation with Enbridge Pipeline. CARRIED.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Fisher-McDonald

1157 BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss matters in preliminary states and related to enforcement as per Subsections 152(3)(b)(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. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

1158 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

**Wawanesa Paving Tender**

McDonald-Hatch

1159 BE IT RESOLVED that the low bid of Meseyton Contractor for paving of Third Street, 530 Commercial Street, 309 Main Street and patchwork in Wawanesa for a total cost of \$89,261 plus patchwork be approved. CARRIED.

**RCMP Quarterly Policing Report**

Fisher-Jones

- 1160 BE IT RESOLVED that the RCMP Quarterly Policing Report for the period January 1 to March 31, 2025 be received. CARRIED.

**Improvements to Memorial**

Fisher-Jones

- 1161 BE IT RESOLVED that, due to safety concerns related to erosion, no further fence construction be allowed on the memorial site. CARRIED.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

McDonald-Hatch

- 1162 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (11:09 a.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

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Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

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Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer