

**Council Meeting
August 19, 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, August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullett, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones and Bob McDonald 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.

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki and Finance Officer Melissa Sturgeon.

The meeting was open to the public.

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

OATH OF OFFICE FOR MEMBER OF COUNCIL

I, Ryley Gullett, do solemnly declare:

1. That I am a Canadian Citizen.
2. That I am of the full age of 18 years.
3. That I am an elector of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa.
4. That I am not disqualified under any provision of *The Municipal Act* or any other Act of the legislature from being a member of the council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa.
5. That I will act faithfully in the office of councillor without fear, favour, or affection and will truly, faithfully, and impartially, and to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the duties and responsibilities of the office.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of *The Canada Evidence Act*.

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

McDonald-Fisher

- 1201 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the August 19, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of an animal control issue and discussion on waterlines and water treatment plant upgrades under the In-Camera session. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Hatch-Fisher

- 1202 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 15, 2025 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

McDonald-Jones

- 1203 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 31, 2025 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

Fisher-Gullett

- 1204 BE IT RESOLVED that the August 13, 2025 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8181 to 8182 and 8184 to 8248 in the amount of \$789,268.85 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Councillor Fisher declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber without discussion or debate.

McDonald-Jones

- 1205 BE IT RESOLVED that the August 13, 2025 general accounts payable cheque # 8183 to Maureen Fisher in the amount of \$250.00 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-Gullett

- 1206 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 368, being staff payroll for the period July 5 to July 18, 2025 in the amount of \$18,255.03 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

- 1207 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 369, being staff payroll for the period July 21 to August 1, 2025 in the amount of \$17,205.05 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Gullett-Fisher

- 1208 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 371, being staff payroll for the period August 4, 2025 to August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$17,297.28 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Hatch

- 1209 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 370, being Council indemnities for the month of July, 2025 in the amount of \$4,581.10 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

McDonald-Fisher

- 1210 BE IT RESOLVED that the August 13, 2025 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1312 to 1324 in the amount of \$12,927.18 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Hatch-Jones

- 1211 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to July 31, 2025 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

Fisher-McDonald

- 1212 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of July 2025 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Presentation regarding Planning 101

McDonald-Fisher

- 1213 BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Isaac Omonaiye of Brandon Community Planning be received. CARRIED.

Murray Kozak – Shale Pit

Hatch-Fisher

- 1214 BE IT RESOLVED that the delegation by Murray Kozak with respect to the shale pit be received. CARRIED.

McDonald-Gullett

- 1215 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to review the process with the contractor/pit owner on volumes of material and dust control required and provide a subsequent report to Council and the pit owner. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

McDonald-Hatch

- 1216 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 variation application. CARRIED.

Public Hearing on Variation Application V2/2025 to allow for a reduction of the front yard setback on Lots 1/6, Block 6, Plan 32 on 357 Main Street (Washington)

Gullett-Fisher

- 1217 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Variation Application No. V2/2025 to allow for a reduction in the front yard setback from 25' to 14' to account for where the house is situated and allow for a 4' deck and stairs on the front of the house within an "RG" Residential General Zone on part of Lots 1/6, Block 6, Plan 32 BLTO at 357 Main Street, Wawanesa, MB (Washington) have been dealt with;

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Age Friendly Manitoba – Community Collaboration Grant Information Session
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 11
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 25
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 25
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 28
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 8
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 11
Cleanfarms Unwanted Pesticides & Livestock Medications Collections are Approaching
Climate Action and Low Carbon Government – Written Submissions
CPKC Police – Crossing Activity Notification x 2
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – July 14
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – July 29
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – August 11
Heritage Co-op – Grocery Store Update
MMSM 2024 Annual Report
Office of Energy Efficiency, Natural Resources Canada – Federal Funding
Rural Development Institute – August eNewsletter
Stars Manitoba – 2024/25 Mission Records
Thank you – Cayman Mushie
University of Manitoba – Aggie Bedpush – Escort Requested
Wawanesa Community Foundation Inc. – Grant Funding Approved

Jones-Fisher

- 1218 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 added to his written report to advise that crowning on Road 104 should be completed August 19 and crowning on Dunrea Road should be completed August 20.

Councillor Rome

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor McDonald – see written report

Councillor Gullett – nothing to 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

McDonald-Gullett

1219 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2025 Emergency Exercise

Fisher-Gullett

1220 BE IT RESOLVED that the correspondence from Municipal Emergency Coordinator Liam Pattison with respect to a planned table-top exercise on September 16 be received. CARRIED.

Shop Debenture

Jones-Hatch

- 1221 BE IT RESOLVED that a debenture by-law be prepared, based on an at-large levy, utilizing a per parcel method of taxation and excluding therefrom roll numbers associated with cemeteries, cairns and community halls. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Variation Application V2/2025 to allow for a reduction of the front yard setback on Lots 1/6, Block 6, Plan 32 on 357 Main Street (Washington)

Gullett-McDonald

- 1222 BE IT RESOLVED that Variation Application No. V2/2025 to allow for a reduction in the front yard setback from 25' to 14' to account for where the house is situated and allow for a 4' deck and stairs on the front of the house within an "RG" Residential General Zone on part of Lots 1/6, Block 6, Plan 32 BLTO at 357 Main Street, Wawanesa, MB (Washington) be approved. CARRIED.

Application for Tile Drainage – NW 21-8-18 and NE 20-8-18 WPM (Precision Land Solutions o/b/o Granger)

Fisher-Hatch

- 1223 WHEREAS information has been received from Precision Land Solutions on behalf of Norman Granger with respect to a proposed tile drainage project located on NW 21-8-18 and NE 20-8-18 WPM;

AND WHEREAS no concerns have been expressed by the Public Works Manager;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request for tile drainage permission and consent from Precision Land Solutions on behalf of Norman Granger to supply and install tile drainage on NW 21-8-18 and NE 20-8-18 WPM be approved subject to:

1. any municipal lands impacted being returned to their original state following installation with all work to be completed in consultation with the Public Works Manager; and
2. receipt of permit application fee and deposit in accordance with Drainage By-law No. 41-2024. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

McDonald-Jones

- 1224 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of July 2025 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Hatch-Jones

- 1225 BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss matters in preliminary states, related to enforcement and security of documents or premises as per Subsections 152(3)(b)(iii) (v) and (vi) 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-McDonald

- 1226 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Unsightly Premises – 108 – 5th Street

Fisher-Hatch

- 1227 BE IT RESOLVED that the correspondence from Cheryl Gullett with respect to the unsightly premises at 108 – 5th Street be received. CARRIED.

Cybersecurity Training

McDonald-Jones

- 1228 BE IT RESOLVED that the report from Keltly Business Solutions related to cybersecurity training for Year 2 be received. CARRIED.

RCMP Quarterly Policing Report

Fisher-Gullett

- 1229 BE IT RESOLVED that the RCMP Quarterly Policing Report for January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025 be received. CARRIED.

Code of Conduct Sanctions

Hatch-Fisher

- 1230 WHEREAS there has been no suspension of Councillor Rome by Council but rather sanctions imposed;

AND WHEREAS The Municipal Act and Code of Conduct Regulations indicate that a councillor cannot fulfill his duties until sanctions have been met;

AND WHEREAS the sanctions imposed could be completed and the member resume his duties in a short period of time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that sanctions as outlined be confirmed. CARRIED.

Animal Control Invoice - Strickland

Jones-Hatch

- 1231 BE IT RESOLVED that the animal control invoice to D. Strickland be amended to remove charges for the apprehension of orphaned kittens. CARRIED.

Debenture for Waterlines and Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Discussion only.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hatch-McDonald

- 1232 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (10:55 a.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Note: Starting in October, the meetings will commence at 1:00 p.m.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer