

**Council Meeting
November 17, 2023 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 Friday, November 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, 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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Hatch-McDonald

405 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the November 17, 2023 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of the Mitigation and Preparedness Program Project Contribution Agreement, Request for Use of Municipal Land and Office Closure during the Holidays under the Order of General Business. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Fisher-Jones

406 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the October 20, 2023 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

McDonald-McGregor

407 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the November 6, 2023 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

Fisher-Hatch

408 BE IT RESOLVED that the November 9, 2023 general accounts payables, being cheque #'s 6805 to 6811, 6813 to 6829 and 6831 to 6881, in the amount of \$180,837.85 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Head of Council Kreklewich declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber without discussion or debate.

McDonald-Fisher

- 409 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque # 6812 to David Kreklewich in the amount of \$1,000.00 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

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

Jones-Hatch

- 410 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque # 6830 to Guild Insurance Brokers Inc. in the amount of \$2,135.00 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-McGregor

- 411 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 291, being staff payroll for the period October 16 to October 27, 2023 in the amount of \$15,445.31 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-McDonald

- 412 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 293, being staff payroll for the period October 30 to November 10, 2023 in the amount of \$13,049.02 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-Jones

- 413 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 289, being Council indemnities correction for the month of September, 2023 in the amount of \$406.89 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Hatch

- 414 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 294, being Council indemnities for the month of October, 2023 in the amount of \$5,536.12 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

McDonald-Fisher

- 415 BE IT RESOLVED that the November 9, 2023 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1084 to 1090 in the amount of \$9,743.68 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

McGregor-Fisher

- 416 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to October 31, 2023 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

McDonald-Jones

- 417 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of October, 2023 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Medical Clinic Committee

Rome-Jones

- 418 BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Ron Jefferies on behalf of the Medical Clinic Committee related to the proposed medical clinic to be located in Glenboro be received. CARRIED.

Rome-Hatch

- 419 BE IT RESOLVED that a letter of support be provided to the Medical Clinic Committee and committee representation be considered in accordance with appointments to boards and committees at Council's December meeting. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 13
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Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 19
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 24
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 27
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 31
Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre - 911 Rate Schedule for 2024
CBC News – Winnipeg Public Works Building
Department of Natural & Northern Development – Lake Clementi Bear
Ryan Eickmeier – Municipal Lobbyist Registry
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – October 16
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – October 23
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – October 30
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – November 6
Manitoba Accessibility News – October 2023 and November 2023
Manitoba Accessibility Office – Celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Manitoba Association of Watersheds – 2023 Conference
Manitoba Good Roads Association – October Newsletter
Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care – Medical First Response License
Municipal Leader – Summer 2023
Prairie Mountain Health – Annual General Meeting
Squeal on Pigs Manitoba – Whereabouts of Large Male Wild Pig

Fisher-Jones

- 420 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 – no report

North Zone Report (Ward 2)

Councillor Hatch – see written report

Councillor Rome provided a verbal report and stated he had received questions related to the trailer court license fees, washboards on gravel roads, the need for additional gravel to be spread, boundary roads, office costs and special levies charged to community centres,

Hatch-McDonald

421 BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting recess for 15 minutes. CARRIED.

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor McDonald added to his written report to advise the bid for two new handi-vans had been awarded and he encouraged all residents of Oakland-Wawanesa to make use of the service.

Councillor McGregor – see written report

Head of Council's Report

The Head of Council provided a verbal report and stated he had been busy with the Southwest Caucus Group and preparing for the AMM convention. He also noted he had been to the office to sign cheques and review invoices and had reviewed all email.

Chief Administrative Officer Report – see written report

Finance Officer Report – see written report

Public Works Report

The Manager of Public Works added to her written report to advise a meeting with the Public Works Manager in Cornwallis had been set for the following week to review responsibility for boundary roads. She also advised the Municipality's supply of gravel had been expended, so no further distribution would occur, particularly at this time of year.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

McGregor-Fisher

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

BY-LAWS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Professional Engineering Services

McGregor-Hatch

- 423 BE IT RESOLVED that, should Council be interested in entering into an engineering services agreement, same be tendered in 2024 in conjunction with budget deliberations. CARRIED.

Notice of Reconsideration – Application to Low Carbon Economy Fund

McGregor-Jones

- 424 BE IT RESOLVED that Motion No. 303 (July 21, 2023) related to making application under the Low Carbon Economy Fund, be reconsidered. CARRIED.

McGregor-McDonald

- 425 BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be instructed to make application for funding for a new public works shop through the Low Carbon Economy Fund whereby building costs of approximately \$800,000, a reduction in GHG emissions through fuel-switching from propane and natural gas to grid-supplied electricity, and other efficiencies in windows, doors and insulation be used to support the application. DEFEATED

McDonald-Fisher

- 426 BE IT RESOLVED that Motion No. 303 (July 21, 2023) related to application to the Low Carbon Economy Fund be rescinded. CARRIED.

Notice of Reconsideration – Utility Debenture

McGregor-McDonald

- 427 BE IT RESOLVED that Motion No. 335 (August 18, 2023) related to the amount for utility debenture, be reconsidered. CARRIED.

McGregor-McDonald

- 428 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to prepare the necessary by-law to debenture \$1,360,000 over 20 years at an estimated rate of 8% based on a combination of per parcel and assessment levies for all properties in Wawanesa with the exception of roll numbers 220000, 221200 and 220600, with an option to prepay the per parcel rate of \$2,000. DEFEATED.

McDonald-McGregor

- 429 BE IT RESOLVED that administration be directed to proceed with the upgrade to the water treatment plant (PLC upgrades) at an estimated cost of \$50,000 to be financed 50% from the Utility reserve and 50% with a request for cost-sharing assistance from the Water Services Board under the current agreement. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

- 430 BE IT RESOLVED that administration be directed to proceed, in 2024, with ordering the replacement generator, installation of cement pad and power lines from the water plant to the wells in the SRRC park to be funded with a request for cost-sharing assistance from Water Services board under the remaining funds in the Wawanesa 6 Agreement at 50% as a 2024-2025 fiscal project and the balance of the project to be funded by debenture. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

- 431 BE IT RESOLVED that application be made in 2024 to the Water Services Board for additional funding for the remaining priority projects, whereby if approved, the Municipal portion to be included for consideration in the debenture. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Hatch-Fisher

- 432 BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss a legal matter as per Subsections 152(3)(b)(iv) 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.

Hatch-McDonald

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

Notice of Reconsideration – Culvert and Sloping at 204 Commercial Street

Head of Council Kreklewich declared an interest in the following matter and turned the Chair over to Deputy Head of Council McGregor.

McDonald-Hatch

- 434 BE IT RESOLVED that Motion No. 349 (September 15, 2023) related to the installation of a culvert and sloping of the driveway at 204 Commercial Street, be reconsidered. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

- 435 BE IT RESOLVED that a culvert be installed, and driveways sloped to drain to the east at 204 Commercial Street, Wawanesa MB with costs being billed to Wawanesa Whippoorwill Housing Inc.;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that work be completed by September 29th, 2023 whereby if Whippoorwill Housing Inc. wishes to choose their own contractor to complete the work, let there be a deadline of September 22nd for completion of the work by the property owner's contractor of choice. DEFEATED.

Fisher-Hatch

- 436 WHEREAS work was completed to slope the driveways at 204 commercial street to drain to the east;

AND WHEREAS municipal ditches in the vicinity have been cleaned;

AND WHEREAS a culvert has been installed across Mill Street to the south of the Shearer property to redirect and improve drainage;

AND WHEREAS water trenching to the river has taken place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that additional material be installed on the west driveway to account for compaction, to continue the sloping to the east. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Application for Tile Drainage – SE 7-7-19 WPM (Precision Land Solutions o/b/o Oakland Colony)

McDonald-Fisher

437 WHEREAS information has been received from Precision Land Solutions on behalf of Oakland Colony with respect to a proposed tile drainage project located on SE 7-7-19 WPM;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been expressed by the Public Works Manager related to overland flooding that already exists for downstream landowners, undoing efforts already taken by the Municipality related to mulching the area to help with drainage by adding more water to the area, and culverts that cannot handle the existing water load resulting in flooding over the road;

AND WHEREAS concerns have also been expressed by adjacent property owners related to flooding and concerns about an existing dugout for cattle being adversely affected;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request for tile drainage permission and consent from Precision Land Solutions on behalf of Oakland Colony to allow a tile drainage system on land located in SE 7-7-19 WPM be denied. CARRIED.

Application to Construct Water Control Works on NE 26-8-19 (Carlisle o/b/o Stanley)

McGregor-McDonald

438 WHEREAS information has been received from Michael Carlisle with respect to an application to construct water control works on property owned by Nancy Stanley and located on NE 26-8-19;

AND WHEREAS the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch of the Province of Manitoba requires downstream approval from the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa prior to a license being granted;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application to construct water control works on property owned by Nancy Stanley located on NE 26-8-19 WPM be approved. CARRIED.

Approach Request on SE ¼ 15-8-19 WPM (Woywada)

Rome-McGregor

439 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Approach Policy TRANS008, the application of Justin Woywada to construct an approach on part of the SE ¼ 15-8-19 WPM be approved. CARRIED.

Enbridge Letter of Acknowledgement re Agreement Extension

Fisher-Hatch

440 BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Synergy Land Services Ltd. on behalf of Enbridge Pipelines Inc. and Enbridge Southern Lights GP Inc. for an extension to the blanket crossing and approach agreement to December 31, 2024 under the same terms and conditions of the original agreement be approved. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – 2nd Avenue, Carroll MB

McDonald-Hatch

441 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path for the south side of 2nd Avenue in Carroll, MB to 29 - 6th Street, Carroll, MB as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated November 1, 2023 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Rd 37N in S 11-7-17 and S 12-7-17 WPM

McDonald-Fisher

442 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path for the north side of Road 37N located in S 11-7-17 and S 12-7-17 WPM then north on Road 96W, MB as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated October 24, 2023 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

Request to Cut Firewood

McGregor-Fisher

443 BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Dean Kachur dated October 30, 2023 for permission to cut firewood on the unmaintained municipal road allowances on Road 107W between Roads 42N and 43N and on Road 108W between Roads 43N and 47N be approved subject to the Municipality being saved harmless for any injury or liability. DEFEATED.

Burning of Building at 416 – 7th Street

Fisher-Jones

444 WHEREAS a dilapidated building located in Wawanesa, Manitoba is being demolished by the new owner in the spring;

AND WHEREAS the new owner has reached out to the Fire Department to use the demolition as a training opportunity for the Department;

AND WHEREAS the Fire Chief has reviewed the location and does not believe it will present a danger;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request for burning of 416 – 7th Street in Wawanesa, MB as a training opportunity for the Oakland-Wawanesa Fire Department be approved. DEFEATED.

New Rates for Animal Control Contract

Hatch-McGregor

445 WHEREAS the ongoing agreement for Animal Control Services was entered into in August, 2021;

AND WHEREAS there has been no increase in fees in 2022 or 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the rates proposed by the Animal Control Officer be approved effective January 1, 2024. CARRIED.

Emergency Plan

Fisher-McDonald

446 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 8(1) (d) of The Emergency Measures Act, the Emergency Plan for the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa for 2024 be adopted. CARRIED.

By-law Reviews

Hatch-McGregor

447 BE IT RESOLVED that a by-law be prepared to amend Fees, Fines and Charges By-law No. 08-2020 to remove therefrom Schedules “C”, “D” and “F” and replace therefor new Schedules “C”, “D” and “F” as outlined in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated October 27, 2023. CARRIED.

McGregor-McDonald

448 BE IT RESOLVED that a by-law be prepared to amend Procedure By-law No. 06-2018 as outlined in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated October 27, 2023. CARRIED.

McGregor-Fisher

- 449 BE IT RESOLVED that a by-law be prepared to amend Organizational By-law No. 07-2018 as outlined in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated October 27, 2023 as amended. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Jones-Rome

- 450 BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to the organizational by-law be amended to exclude any changes to the Legislative and Finance Committee, which shall be all Members of Council. CARRIED.

Mitigation and Preparedness Program Project Contribution Agreement

Hatch-McDonald

- 451 BE IT RESOLVED that an agreement be entered into between the Government of Manitoba and the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa for participation in the Mitigation and Preparedness Program. CARRIED.

Request for Use of NE 26-8-17 WPM for Storage Container (Treesbank Colony)

Fisher-McGregor

- 452 BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Treesbank Colony for use of municipal property located at NE 26-8-17 WPM for placement of a storage container to house electrical components for an irrigation system be approved subject to the applicant providing written approval from Manitoba Hydro related to the existing utility box and powerlines and an agreement being entered into relating to removal of the storage container should the Municipality ever require use of the land. CARRIED.

Office Closure during the Holidays

Jones-McGregor

- 453 BE IT RESOLVED that to observe various Statutory Holidays the Municipal Office be closed from Saturday, December 23, 2023 to reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

454 Hatch-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (11:27 a.m.) to meet again on
Friday, December 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer