

**Council Meeting
November 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Wawanesa, MB.**

The Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met in the Council Chamber in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullett, Craig Hatch, Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Members Absent: Frank Jones and Dennis Rome

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 – 1:00 p.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

Gullett-McDonald

- 1308 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the November 18, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of the RCMP Quarterly Report under the In-Camera session and the Manitoba Hydro Service Upgrade for 2&10 Metal Recycling and Glenboro-South Cypress – Oakland-Wawanesa Handi Van under General Business. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Fisher-Hatch

- 1309 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the October 21, 2025 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

McDonald-Gullett

- 1310 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the October 21, 2025 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

Hatch-Gullett

- 1311 BE IT RESOLVED that the November 10, 2025 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8349 to 8353 and 8355 to 8404 in the amount of \$123,825.05 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

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

McDonald-Gullett

- 1312 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque #8354 to Big Vally Wash in the amount of \$200.00 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Gullett-Hatch

- 1313 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 380, being staff payroll for the period October 13 to October 24, 2025 in the amount of \$16,681.95 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

- 1314 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 381, being staff payroll for the period October 27 to November 7, 2025 in the amount of \$19,064.77 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-Fisher

- 1315 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 382, being Council indemnities for the month of October, 2025 in the amount of \$5,404.07 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

McDonald-Gullett

- 1316 BE IT RESOLVED that the November 10, 2025 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1346 to 1361 in the amount of \$32,138.31 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

McDonald-Hatch

- 1317 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to October 31, 2025 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

McDonald-Gullett

- 1318 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of October 2025 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Gullett-Fisher

- 1319 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss items related to preliminary matters and 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.

Hatch-Gullett

- 1320 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Update on the Wawanesa Dam Project – Cheryl Dixon, Scatliff+Miller+Murray

McDonald-Gullett

- 1321 BE IT RESOLVED that the update on the Wawanesa dam project by Cheryl Dixon from Scatliff+Miller+Murray be received. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Age Friendly Connections - Newsletter

Agriculture Students' Organization – Aggie Bedpush Fundraiser Results

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 15

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 17

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 22

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 22

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 29

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – October 31

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – November 4

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – November 13

Community Futures – Co-operators Community Funds

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – October 14

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – October 20

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – October 27

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – October 30

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – November 3

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – November 7

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – November 10

Manitoba Good Roads Association – Honorary Members and Life Members Nominations

Manitoba Habitat Conservancy – Conservation Agreement NE ¼ 1-7-19 WPM

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – EMO Exercise Report

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – Cardinal Signs Permit NW ¼ 35-8-19 WPM

Manitoba Watersheds Conference – December 1-3, 2025

Minister of Environment and Climate Change – Recycling Rebate
Municipal and Northern Relations – Auditor General Investigation Report

Fisher-Hatch

1322 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 Gullet – see written report
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 – flushing and water pressure tomorrow

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

Gullett-Hatch

1323 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received.

BY-LAWS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Along Lake Clementi Rd. between Rd. 111W and 112W then along Rd. 112W between Lake Clementi Rd. (Rd. 48N) and Rd. 47N

McDonald-Gullett

1324 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed re-aligned fibre path along Lake Clementi Rd. between Rd. 111W and 112W then along Rd. 112W between Lake Clementi Rd. (Rd.

48N) and Rd. 47N outlined on the maps attached to correspondence dated October 22, 2025 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

Enbridge Letter of Acknowledgement re Agreement Extension

McDonald-Fisher

- 1325 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, 2026 under the same terms and conditions of the original agreement be approved. CARRIED.

Resolution on Secure Council Communications

Hatch-Fisher

- 1326 WHEREAS secure and reliable communication is essential for the effective governance and administration of municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the use of personal email accounts by Council members for municipal business may pose risks to information security, privacy, and accountability, as personal email accounts may be accessible to individuals other than the Council member, such as family members, who should not have access to confidential Council communications;

AND WHEREAS designated municipal email accounts provide greater assurance of security, record-keeping, and compliance with legislative requirements, and also support continuity for members of a new Council term by ensuring that incoming Council members have access to relevant correspondence and records regarding ongoing municipal business;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa requests the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) lobby the provincial government to make it a requirement that all municipalities use secure, designated municipal email accounts for Council communications, and prohibit the use of personal email accounts for municipal business. CARRIED.

Resolution on Special Service Levy Process and Notification Requirements

McDonald-Fisher

- 1327 WHEREAS municipalities are required to follow a lengthy and complex process for the approval of special service levies, such as those for curbside garbage collection, which currently must be reviewed by the Municipal Board even when the levies are based on actual service contracts and are of limited scope and duration;

AND WHEREAS the current process for a two-year service levy is overly onerous and may result in unnecessary delays and administrative burden for municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the notice requirements for special service levies and local improvements rely heavily on Canada Post mail delivery, with no alternative provided in the event of a postal disruption, and do not allow for modern notification methods such as email or posting on municipal websites and public areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa requests the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) lobby the provincial government to:

- Amend the process for simple special service levies, such as garbage fees, to allow review and approval by Municipal Services Officers rather than the Municipal Board, where the levy is based on actual service contracts and is of limited scope and duration;
- Modernize the notice requirements for special service levies and local improvements to permit alternative notification methods, including email, website postings, and public area postings, in addition to or in place of Canada Post mail delivery, particularly in the event of a postal disruption;
- Amend The Municipal Act to allow for other alternatives for notification, such as personal service, in addition to or as an alternative to Canada Post mail delivery.

CARRIED.

Appointment of Brad Roth as an Official of the Municipality

Fisher-Gullett

1328 WHEREAS the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa has entered into a development and building inspection service agreement with the Keystone Planning District (KPD);

AND WHEREAS if the Municipality wishes an employee of KPD to undertake enforcement of any infractions, the employee must be named as an official of the Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Brad Roth, or his designate, be named an official of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa for the purposes of providing development and building inspection services, including enforcement of infractions. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

McDonald-Hatch

1329 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of October 2025 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Office Closure during the Holidays

McDonald-Gullett

1330 BE IT RESOLVED that to observe various Statutory Holidays the Municipal Office be closed from Saturday, December 20, 2025 to reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026. CARRIED.

Gullett-Fisher

- 1331 BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland Waste Transfer Station be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Wednesday December 31 at noon and the Wawanesa Waste Transfer Station be closed Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Thursday, January 1, 2026. CARRIED.

Manitoba Hydro Service Upgrade for 2&10 Metal Recycling

McDonald-Gullett

- 1332 BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality concur with the construction upgrade by Manitoba Hydro located in 2-8-19W for 2&10 Metal Recycling. CARRIED.

RCMP Quarterly Policing Report

Gullett-Fisher

- 1333 BE IT RESOLVED that the RCMP Quarterly Policing Report for July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 be received. CARRIED.

Glenboro-South Cypress – Oakland-Wawanesa Handi Van

McDonald-Gullett

- 1334 WHEREAS the Glenboro-South Cypress Oakland-Wawanesa Handi Transit Board is purchasing a new 2025 Grand Caravan SXT;

AND WHEREAS the total cost is \$108,645.52, taxes included;

AND WHEREAS the Board has \$85,010.05 allocated towards purchase;

AND WHEREAS arrangements have been made to borrow an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to provide financing until grant money and sale of surplus equipment funds are received;

AND WHEREAS the Board anticipates federal grant funding in the amount of \$18,664.75 and the sale of their 2016 Grand Caravan to make up the remainder of the \$40,000 loan;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to ensure any short-term deficiency is financed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa and the Municipality of Glenboro-South Cypress agree to cover the possible \$4,970.72 (\$108,645.52 - \$85,010.05 - \$18,664.75) deficiency on a 50/50 cost share through existing budget allocations until funds are received from the sale of the 2016 van. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Gullett-Fisher

1335

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (2:13 p.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa.
CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer