

**Special Council Meeting
March 18, 2025 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 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, Bob McDonald, Brett McGregor (via Teams) and Dennis Rome (in the gallery due to Code of Conduct sanctions with the inability to perform council duties). Head of Council Kreklewich presided.

Member absent: Frank Jones

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

Nine members of the public also attended. A copy of the attendance sheet was retained on file.

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 2025 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.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

McDonald-Fisher

1054 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 18, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2025 FINANCIAL PLAN

Hatch-McDonald

1055 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 2025 Financial Plan. CARRIED.

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

Written representation was received from Gisele and Luc Corriveau, NW 22-8-19, related to opposition to funding the Spirit Sands medical facility and providing funding to Wawanesa.

Verbal representations were made as follows:

Patricia Warburton/Trent McCann, NW 35-8-19, asked questions related to vacation payout, recreation and cultural, veterinary services, animal and pest control, storm sewers, the Federal Gas Tax, understanding "Borne by Reserve" and legal costs. She stressed the need to manage future budgets.

Lois Hunter, NW 35-8-19, asked questions related to the grant to the Spirit Sands medical facility and the recreation special levy.

Gord Smith, NW 35-8-19, asked questions related to recreation

Dennis Rome, NE 26-7-18, asked questions related to the Souris River Recreation Commission.

Donna McIntosh, NW 35-8-19, asked questions related to handi-transit.

Fisher-Hatch

1056 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to the 2025 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 2025 Financial Plan

McDonald-Hatch

1057 BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 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. 45-2025 – Being the 2025 Tax Levy By-law

1st Reading

Fisher-Hatch

1058 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 45-2025 being the 2025 Tax Levy By-law be read a first time. CARRIED.

ADJOURN

1059 McDonald-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (7:14 p.m.). CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer