

**Council Meeting  
March 17, 2026 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, March 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullett, Craig Hatch and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Members absent: Frank Jones and Dennis Rome

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

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**

McDonald-Gullett

1441 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 17, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of a request from Councillor Rome to be excused from the meeting for medical reasons under General Business. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Hatch-Fisher

1442 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 17, 2026 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

**FINANCE**

**General Account**

Gullett-McDonald

1443 BE IT RESOLVED that the March 10, 2026 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8649 to 8699 and 8701 to 8708 in the amount of \$105,182.29 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

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

Hatch-Gullett

1444 BE IT RESOLVED that March 10, 2026 general accounts payable cheque #8700 to Mike Fisher in the amount of \$575.00 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

1445 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 395, being staff payroll for the period February 14 to February 27, 2026 in the amount of \$12,702.88 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Gullett-Fisher

1446 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 396, being staff payroll for the period February 14 to February 27, 2026 in the amount of \$2,346.71 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-McDonald

1447 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 398, being staff payroll for the period February 28 to March 13, 2026 in the amount of \$14,786.27 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

1448 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 397, being Council indemnities for the month of February, 2026 in the amount of \$4,606.64 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Utility Account**

Gullett-Fisher

1449 BE IT RESOLVED that the March 10, 2026 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1406 to 1415 in the amount of \$8,254.10 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

McDonald-Hatch

1450 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to February 28, 2026 be received as presented. CARRIED.

**Bank Reconciliations**

Gullett-Fisher

1451 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of February 2026 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Martin and Elena Dupuis of Smiley Worms – Waste Diversion**

Gullett-Fisher

1452 BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation by Martin and Elena Dupuis of Smiley Worms with respect to waste diversion be received. CARRIED.

- 1453 Hatch-Gullett  
BE IT RESOLVED that administration be requested to evaluate program costs in comparison with the existing waste management costs. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Accessibility News – Creating Accessible Outdoor Spaces  
Age Friendly Connections – February 2026 and News Release re Community Supports  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 12  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 20  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 20  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 23  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 25  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 3  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 4  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 6  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 6  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 10  
Dennis County Planning District – Development Plan Public Hearing  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 17  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 23  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 4  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 9  
Manitoba Agriculture – 2025 Farmland School Tax Rebate Deadline  
Manitoba Giant Pumpkins Growers Seminar – March 28, 2026  
Manitoba Good Roads Association – 2026 Annual Awards Banquet  
Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba – Message from Executive Director  
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin #2026-05  
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin #2026-07  
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin #2026-08  
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin #2026-09  
Municipal World – March 4

- 1454 McDonald-Hatch  
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 Gullett – 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**

On behalf of the Public Works Manager, the CAO added information related to a water leak at the hospital and the efforts to get it repaired.

**Fire Chief's Report** – see written report

McDonald-Fisher

1455 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

**BY-LAWS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Working Alone Policy**

McDonald-Gullett

1456 BE IT RESOLVED that Working Alone Policy #PER010 be further amended to include clauses related to employee check ins for regular work days versus Saturdays or after hours. CARRIED.

**Epilepsy and Seizure Association of Manitoba – Purple Day 2026**

McDonald-Gullett

1457 WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed The Purple Day Act in 2012 recognizing Epilepsy Awareness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa post information on the municipal website acknowledging same. CARRIED.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Request to be Excused from Meeting – Councillor Rome**

- 1458 McDonald-Hatch  
BE IT RESOLVED that, at the request of Councillor Rome, he be excused from this meeting of Council thereby ensuring he does not become disqualified under section 94(1) of The Municipal Act. CARRIED.

**RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Across Road 43N**

- 1459 Gullett-McDonald  
BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path addition across Road 43N between Road 108W and Road 109W outlined on the maps attached to correspondence dated March 9, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023 subject to installation of appropriate signage. CARRIED.

**Aurora Land Consulting o/b/o Enbridge – Use of Road Allowance for Soil Remediation in SW 33-7-18 W1M**

- 1460 Hatch-Gullett  
BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Aurora Land Consulting Ltd. on behalf of Enbridge Pipelines Inc. for encroachment on the municipal road allowance for soil remediation, IF NECESSARY, in SW 33-7-18 W1M as outlined in the correspondence dated March 11, 2026 be approved under the same terms and conditions as the original agreement. CARRIED.

**Building Inspection – 66 Main Street, Nesbitt**

- 1461 Hatch-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration arrange for a title search for the property located at 66 Main Street in Nesbitt, Manitoba, following which a building and fire inspection be conducted. CARRIED.

**2026 Grant Donations**

- 1462 Fisher-Gullett  
BE IT RESOLVED that grants to community organizations in the amount of \$7,500.00 be approved as per the following list subject to final budget approvals:

The following is a list of the grants that were approved in 2025. The table below shows grants requested for 2026 and can be used as a worksheet for planning purposes.

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>2025 Grant Amounts</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>2026 Grant Amounts</b>
1	KidSport	300.00	510-500-500	300.00
2	RCA Museum	300.00	510-500-500	300.00
3	Souris & Glenwood Ag Society	200.00	510-500-500	200.00
4	St. Paul's Anglican Church	300.00	580-500-170	300.00
5	Wawanesa Community Gardeners	250.00	510-500-500	250.00
6	Wawanesa Express	300.00	510-500-500	300.00
7	Wawanesa Wee Care Inc. Daycare	1500.00	510-500-500	1500.00
8	Academic Bursaries- Brandon S.D	500.00		500.00
9	Academic Bursary- S.W. Horizon (O)	500.00		500.00
10	Academic Bursary- S.W. Horizon (W)	500.00		500.00
11	The Kidz Soccer Crew (Nesbitt)	Continue with in kind grass mowing only		<b>Continue with in kind grass mowing only</b>
12	STARS Foundation	500.00	510-500-500	500.00
13	Manitoba NW Command	225.00		225.00
14	Halloween Patrol Wawa Student Council	Last time we paid was 2024		
15	Sipiweske Free Tuesdays	25.00	510-500-500	25.00
16	Pound Pail & Paddle	480.00	510-500-500	480.00
17	Lions Country Fair	300.00	510-500-500	300.00
18	Westman Mental Health	1,000.00	510-500-500	1,000.00
	<b>Unallocated (originally)</b>	<b>320.00</b>		<b>320.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>		<b>7,500.00</b>

CARRIED.

**In accordance with budget approvals, grants in the amounts indicated below will be provided from the related accounts:**

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>2025 Grant Amounts</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>2026 Grant Amounts</b>
1	Prairie Mountain Health- Souris	1,000.00	550-500-510	1,000.00
2	Prairie Mountain Health-Wawanesa	1,000.00	550-500-510	1,000.00

3	Brandon Regional Health Centre	1,000.00	550-500-510	1,000.00
4	Carroll Cemetery Committee	1,500.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
5	Methven Cemetery Committee	1,500.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
6	Minnewawa Cemetery Inc.	1,500.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
7	Rounthwaite Cemetery Committee	1,500.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
8	Wawanesa Cemetery Board	1,500.00	550-500-500	1,500.00
9	Glenboro/Sth Cypress Handi Transit	15,000.00	550-500-521	15,000.00
10	Seniors Independent Services	1,300.00	550-500-525 Requesting \$1300	1,300.00
11	Library Services	1,500.00	510-500-510	1,600.00
12	Spirit Sands	10,000.00	510-500-500	10,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,300.00</b>		<b>38,400.00</b>

**In accordance with Special Services By-law 05-2019, grants in the amounts indicated below will be provided from the related accounts:**

	Organization	2025 Budgeted Amount	Budget Line	2026 Budgeted Amount
1	Carroll Community Sportsplex	1,106.70	580-500-140	1,128.83
2	Carroll Memorial Hall Committee	4,431.90	580-500-110	4,520.54
3	Nesbitt Community Club	4,431.90	580-500-110 Requesting \$5,000.00	4,520.54
4	Wawanesa & District Centennial Hall	4,431.90	580-500-110	4,520.54
5	Sipiweske Museum	500.00	580-500-170	500.00
6	Wawanesa & District Recreation	39,744.30	580-500-140	40,539.19
	<b>Souris River Recreation Commission</b>			
7	Wawanesa Waterpark	38,709.00	580-500-101	39,483.18
8	Wawanesa Campground	11,653.50	580-500-101	11,886.57
9	Wawanesa Baseball Inc.	795.60	580-500-101	811.51
10	Swimming Pools & Beaches	5,202.00	580-400-140	5,306.04
11	Grants re Water to Facilities	5,563.20 in lieu	580-500-120	5,563.20
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116,570.00</b>		<b>118,780.14</b>

**Membership with the Long Term & Continuing Care Association of Manitoba**

McDonald-Hatch

- 1463 BE IT RESOLVED that the request from the Long Term & Continuing Care Association of Manitoba to consider membership in the Association at an annual cost of \$1,250.00 be denied. CARRIED.

**Tender for Shop Building**

McDonald-Gullett

- 1464 BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to prepare the necessary tender documents for a 60' x 100' public works shop, (*inclusive of bid bond requirements*) for a building to include three overhead doors, a kitchen/office area, washroom, maintenance room, air exchange and heated floors with a closing date of April 21, 2026 whereby the awarding of the tender will be subject to approval by The Municipal Board of the required borrowing by-law. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

**AMENDMENT**

Hatch-McDonald

- 1465 BE IT RESOLVED that the above motion be amended to delete the requirement for a bid bond. CARRIED.

**AMENDMENT**

Hatch-McDonald

- 1466 BE IT RESOLVED that the above motion be further amended to change the date from April 21, 2026 to May 14, 2026. CARRIED.

Fisher-Gullett

- 1467 BE IT RESOLVED that Council take a ten minute recess. CARRIED.

Fisher-Gullett

- 1468 BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting reconvene. CARRIED.

**Manitoba Municipalities Online Report**

McDonald-Fisher

- 1469 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of February 2026 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Fisher-McDonald

1470 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (2:41 p.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 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