

**Council Meeting  
August 18, 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, August 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones (via telephone), Bob McDonald and Brett McGregor. 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**

McDonald-McGregor

306 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the August 18, 2023 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of a fencing request and request for municipal support under the Order of General Business. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Fisher-Hatch

307 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 21, 2023 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

**FINANCE**

**General Account**

McDonald-McGregor

308 BE IT RESOLVED that the August 9, 2023 general accounts payables, being cheque #'s 6640 to 6662 and 6664 to 6683, in the amount of \$137,387.11 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

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

Hatch-Fisher

309 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque #6663 to Dave Kreklewich in the amount of \$2,000.00 be approved. CARRIED.

310 Fisher-McDonald  
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 275, being staff payroll for the period July 10 to July 21, 2023 in the amount of \$16,639.03 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

311 Fisher-Hatch  
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 277, being staff payroll for the period July 24 to August 4, 2023 in the amount of \$16,279.05 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

312 McGregor-McDonald  
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 278, being election payroll for the period July 10 to July 21, 2023 in the amount of \$279.15 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

313 McDonald-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 279, being Council indemnities for the month of July, 2023 in the amount of \$4,646.42 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

### **Utility Account**

314 Hatch-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the August 9, 2023 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1049 to 1059 in the amount of \$11,101.20 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

### **Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

315 Fisher-McDonald  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to July 31, 2023 be received as presented. CARRIED.

### **Bank Reconciliations**

316 Hatch-McDonald  
BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of July, 2023 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **Jeff Chuchmuch – Department of Natural Resources**

317 McDonald-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation from Jeff Chuchmuch, Sergeant-Conservation Officer, in the Resource Management & Protection Division of Natural Resources and Northern Development, related to conservation efforts and enforcement be received. CARRIED.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 10
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 14
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 17
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 18
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 25
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 25
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 28
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 1
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 2
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 2
- Burns Maendel – Onsite Septic Systems
- Central Assiniboine Watershed District – Virtual Meeting July 31, 2023
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – July 17
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – July 31
- Manitoba Association of Watersheds – 2023 Manitoba Watersheds Conference
- Mashuplab – Empowering Aspiring Entrepreneurs in Western Canada
- Minister of Consumer Protection and Government Services – Grant Award
- Minister of Municipal Relations – Additional Provincial Funding
- Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba – Update on Manitoba’s Transition to Full EPR
- Municipal Relations Bulletin #2023-17 – Amendments to Winnipeg Charter & Planning Act
- Municipal Relations Bulletin #2023-18 – Update Requirement to Accessibility Plans
- Municipal Relations Bulletin #2023-19 – Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program
- Municipal Relations Bulletin #2023-20 – Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program
- Peace Gardens – Gala in the Garden
- Pardon Me – Criminal Record Suspension Program
- Prairie Mountain Health – Summer Newsletter and Physician Recruitment
- RCMP – Home Security
- Shur-Gro – Hazardous Product Information

Fisher-Hatch

318 BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received. CARRIED.

McDonald-McGregor

319 BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be instructed to prepare a list of priorities for the September 15, 2023 Council meeting for possible application under the Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program. CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**South Zone Report (Ward 3)**

- Councillor Fisher – see written report
- Councillor Jones – nothing to report

**North Zone Report (Ward 2)**

Councillor Hatch – see written report

**Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)**

Councillor McDonald – see written report

Councillor McGregor – 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**

The Public Works Manager added to her written report to advise that in response to Workplace Safety & Health Work Order, public works staff will undertake all necessary chemical training to ensure compliance with the Improvement Order issued on July 12, 2023.

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

McDonald-McGregor

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

**BY-LAWS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Application for Tile Drainage – SE 17-8-17 WPM, SW 16-8-17 WPM and SE 16-8-17 WPM (NextGen Drainage Solutions o/b/o Jeff Elder/Jackson Elder Family Farms Ltd.)**

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Fisher-Hatch

321 WHEREAS information has been received from Nextgen Drainage Solutions on behalf of Jeff Elder/Jackson Elder Family Farms Ltd. with respect to a proposed tile drainage project located on SE 17-8-17 WPM, SW 16-8-17 WPM and SE 16-8-17 WPM;

AND WHEREAS a request has been made for a cut through Road 100N;

AND WHEREAS the concerns expressed by the Public Works Manager relate to areas of provincial jurisdiction and permitting;

AND WHEREAS Council electronically approved this application on July 31, 2023 to allow the work to be conducted at the same time as the adjoining approved work on the Boulton property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that electronic approval of the request for tile drainage permission and consent from NextGen Drainage Solutions on behalf of Jeff Elder/Jackson Elder Family Farms Ltd. to supply and install tile drainage on SE 17-8-17 WPM, SW 16-8-17 WPM and SE 16-8-17 WPM be confirmed subject to the road being returned to its original state following installation, including City of Brandon specifications for roadwork, with all work to be completed in consultation with the Public Works Manager. CARRIED.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Expansion of Central Assiniboine Watershed District**

Fisher-McGregor

322 WHEREAS Manitoba has prepared an expansion proposal for the Central Assiniboine Watershed District that supports watershed-based management in Manitoba, and outlines the details of municipal participation in the Central Assiniboine Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa has met with Manitoba regarding the expansion proposal for the Central Assiniboine Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa understands that the amendment to the Watershed Districts Regulation will include the final details of participation in the Central Assiniboine Watershed District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa supports the proposed area of the RM of Portage la Prairie and the Municipality of North Norfolk forming part of the Central Assiniboine Watershed District in accordance with The Watershed Districts Act and Regulation. CARRIED.

**RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Road 43N in SW ¼ 12-8-19 W**

McDonald-McGregor

323 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path for the south side of Road 43N, east of Road 109W in the SW ¼ 12-8-19 W as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated August 9, 2023 from RFNow be approved subject to the fibre offset being 1m from the property line and all road crossings being directional drilled and work area restored to its former state. CARRIED.

**RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Road 37N in Township 7, Range 19 W**

McDonald-Hatch

324 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path for the north side of Road 37N, on Roads 111W, 112W and 113W in the Township 7, Range 19 W as outlined on the maps attached to correspondence dated August 9, 2023 from RFNow be approved subject to the fibre offset being 1m from the property line and all road crossings being directional drilled and work area restored to its former state. CARRIED.

**RFNow Agreement**

325 McGregor-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that Administration contact RFNow to advise of concerns with respect to the restoration process;

AND FURTHER, that Administration be directed to review the existing agreement to determine the ability to include a timeline for restoration and a clause related to the responsibility to confirm said restorations. CARRIED.

**Extension re Disposition of Surplus Municipal Lands – Lots 7/10, Block 6, Plan 140 BLTO in Carroll MB (Willox)**

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326 McDonald-McGregor  
WHEREAS in 2021, Devan Willox was the successful bidder for the purchase of Lots 7/10, Block 6, Plan 140 BLTO located in Carroll, MB;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Land Disposition Policy No. PR001, an Offer to Purchase Agreement was entered into;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Offer to Purchase Agreement, the purchaser can request an extension to the two-year construction requirement;

AND WHEREAS the purchaser has requested a one-year extension;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request for a one-year extension to the Offer to Purchase Agreement for Lots 7/10, Block 6, Plan 140 BLTO located in Carroll, MB (Willox) be approved. CARRIED.

**RCMP Quarterly Policing Report**

327 Fisher-McDonald  
BE IT RESOLVED that the April 1 to June 30, 2023 RCMP Policing Report as previously distributed be received. CARRIED.

**Fencing Request – NE 3-8-19 WPM (Smith)**

328 Fisher-McDonald  
BE IT RESOLVED that the request to build a non-permanent fence on the municipal right-of-way at NE 3-8-19 WPM (Smith) be approved subject to an agreement being entered into relating to removal of the fence should the Municipality ever need to utilize its roadway. CARRIED.

**Request for Support – Nesbitt Community Club**

Hatch-McGregor

- 329 BE IT RESOLVED that the request for support from the Nesbitt Community Club for municipal staff time and equipment to transport up to four loads of dirt from Creevy Farms to the location of the former church in Nesbitt, MB be approved subject to Administration being able to reach a mutually agreed upon time with Creevy Farms to load and haul the material. CARRIED.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Hatch-Fisher

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

McDonald-McGregor

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

**Request for Proposals – Audit Services**

McDonald-McGregor

- 332 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal from Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants for auditing services for the five-year period commencing January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027, in the amount of \$66,200 plus applicable taxes be accepted. CARRIED.

**Disposition of Shingles**

Hatch-Fisher

- 333 BE IT RESOLVED that a policy be prepared related to the requirement for the disposition of shingles from commercial establishments whereby commercial contractors will be required to contact the Municipal Office five days in advance of any disposition in order for the Municipality to arrange necessary disposal bins, and the contractor being required prepay the necessary fees and provide the receipt at the WTS upon arrival;

AND FURTHER, that new rates for shingle disposition be considered in conjunction with the 2024 budget and a review of the Fee By-law. CARRIED.

**Western Financial – Requirement for Risk Improvements**

McDonald-McGregor

- 334 BE IT RESOLVED that the matter of Requirement for Risk Improvements related to fuel tank removal or double lining be considered in conjunction with the 2024 budget deliberations. CARRIED.

**Debenture – Water Plant and Lines**

335 McDonald-Hatch  
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. CARRIED.

**Quotation #02-2023 – Road Clay Capping Services - MODIFIED**

Councillor Hatch declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber during both the In-Camera Session and the Open Session without discussion or debate.

336 Fisher-McDonald  
BE IT RESOLVED that the low bid of Quarry Hills Excavation & Gravel Ltd. in the amount of \$173,000 plus applicable taxes, inclusive of material, for road clay capping services for one mile on Road 43N (Treesbank Road), from Highway #10 east to Road 109W, be accepted whereby expenses shall be expended from the Gas Tax Reserve. CARRIED.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Hatch gave written notice that at the September 15, 2023 meeting of Council, he intends to request a reconsideration of Motion No. 304 (July 21, 2023) with respect to payment for dust control.

**Prior to adjournment of the meeting, Councillor Fisher extended a public apology to the Indigenous community for comments made during the presentation from the Department of Natural Resources and noted the comments did not reflect the sentiments of Council.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

337 McGregor-Hatch  
BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (11:32 a.m.) to meet again on **Friday, September 15, 2023** 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