Council Meeting
August 18, 2026 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 Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Members absent: Ryley Gullett and Frank Jones

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 – 9:00 a.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-Fisher
1649 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the August 18, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

McDonald-Hatch
1650 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 21, 2026 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

Fisher-Hatch
1651 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 4, 2026 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

McDonald-Fisher
1652 BE IT RESOLVED that the August 11, 2026 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8978 to 9024 in the amount of $324,429.32 hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-Hatch
1653 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 412, being staff payroll for the period July 18 to July 31, 2026 in the amount of $18,319.05 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Hatch
1654 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 414, being staff payroll for the period August 1 to August 14, 2026 in the amount of $18,788.82 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-McDonald
1655 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 413, being Council indemnities for the month of July, 2026 in the amount of $4,842.78 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account
Hatch-Fisher

1656 BE IT RESOLVED that the August 11, 2026 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1474 to 1481 in the amount of $5,168.55 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Fisher-McDonald
1657 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to July 31, 2026 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

Hatch-McDonald
1658 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of July 2026 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

McDonald-Hatch
1659 BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meeting of council be recessed to allow council to hold Public Hearings to receive representations from any person who wish to make them in respect to a conditional use and variation applications. CARRIED.

Public Hearing on Conditional Use Application CU-03-26-OW to allow for a mobile home in an "RG" Residential General Zone (Adams)

Application withdrawn.

Public Hearing on Conditional Use Application CU-04-26-OW to allow for a farm dwelling in an "AG" Agricultural Zone (Doerksen)

Fisher-Hatch
1660 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Conditional Use CU-04-26-OW to allow for a farm dwelling at the property located in NW 2-8-19 WPM (Doerksen) have been dealt with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public hearing be concluded. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

Age Friendly Connections – Community Collaboration Grant 2026
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 4
Environment & Climate Change – Zebra Mussels
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – July 27
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – August 10
Manitoba Wildlife Federation – Potential Changes to Wildlife Management Areas
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 23-2026 – Short Term Accommodation Tax
Municipal World – July 29, 2026
NG9-1-1 Transition Upgrade – Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre Progress
Public Utilities Board – Fall Newsletter 2026

Fisher-McDonald
1661 BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Zone Report (Ward 3)

Councillor Fisher added to his written report to advise he has been receiving concerns related to municipal roads. He also advised he had attended Valley Lodge related to repairs.

Councillor Jones – see written report

North Zone Report (Ward 2)

Councillor Hatch – see written report

Vacant position

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

The Public Works Manager added to her written report related to the line painting schedule, pot hole fills, new alarm at water plant and gravel testing results.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

McDonald-Hatch
1662 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 48-2025 – Being a Local Improvement Plan By-law for Building a New Public Work's Shop
2nd and 3rd Readings

McDonald-Fisher
.663 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 48-2025, being a Local Improvement By-law for building a new Public Work's shop in Nesbitt, MB, be read a second time. CARRIED.

Hatch-Fisher
1664 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 48-2025 be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

A recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR	AGAINST
Head of Council Kreklewich	
Councillor Fisher	
Councillor Hatch	
Councillor McDonald	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Beaver Removal

Hatch-Fisher

1665 BE IT RESOLVED that a licensed trapper be hired for a set price per year to be allocated from the Animal and Pest Control budget line item. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Conditional Use Application CU-04-26-OW to allow for a farm dwelling in an "AG" Agricultural Zone (Doerksen)

Fisher-Hatch

1666 BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application CU-04-26-OW to allow for a farm dwelling in an "AG" Agricultural Zone located at NW 2-8-19 WPM (Doerksen) be approved. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Brandon Hills Estates in NW 14-8-19W

McDonald-Hatch

1667 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path addition at Lot 7 in the Brandon Hills Estates located in NW 14-8-19W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated July 17, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Additions – Across Road 112W in the W ½ 21-8-19W

Fisher-McDonald

1668 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions across Road 112N in the W ½ 21-8-19W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated August 7, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

Abell Medical Clinic – Memorial Tree Planting

Hatch-McDonald

1669 BE IT RESOLVED that the correspondence from Dr. Margaret E. Abell and Dr. W. Robert Abell be received and the authors advised that funeral homes who participate in such memorial tree planting leave the planting of new trees to the company who provides them, usually in an area of regrowth. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

McDonald-Fisher

1670 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of July 2026 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Hatch-Fisher

1671 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourns to an "in-camera" meeting to discuss items related to matters in preliminary stages 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.

Fisher-Hatch

.672 BE IT RESOLVED that this "in camera" meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Drainage on Road 104W

McDonald-Fisher

1673 BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Cory be advised that upon receipt of application and administration fees, the Municipality will submit an application on his behalf to the Province for the proposed drainage change. CARRIED.

RFP 08-2026 – Development Plan

Hatch-McDonald

1674 BE IT RESOLVED that the low bid of CVLS KGS for a new development plan at a cost of $50,032.50 including taxes be accepted. CARRIED.

Shop Debenture Tender

McDonald-Fisher

1675 BE IT RESOLVED that commencement of construction of the new shop be confirmed for October, 2026 to include discussion on ways to accommodate the increased heating costs of $30,000 within the existing bid costs that could include reduced wall and door heights. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Fisher-Hatch

1676 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (10:25 a.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

J Swidnicki

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR Ward 3

COUNCIL MEETING DATE August 18, 2026

SUBMITTED BY Councillor Fisher

I would like to report the following:

I attended the July regular Council meeting.

Attended special meeting August 4, 2026

I attended Oakland-Wawanesa Parks meeting.

Reviewed all emails and documents from Council and Administration and ratepayer.

I have driven roads to check for area of concerns brought to my attention from ratepayers.

Anything else I will bring up at the meeting.

Councillor Ward 3

Mike Fisher

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR Ward 2 (name of committee)

COUNCIL MEETING DATE August 18, 2026

SUBMITTED BY Councillor Hatch

I would like to report the following:

Chaired July regular meeting

Attended August 4 special meeting of council

Ongoing work on gravel crushing

Getting north pit prepared

Monitored spraying and ditch mowing

Reviewed council emails

Had talks on drainage issues

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR Ward 3 (name of committee)

COUNCIL MEETING DATE August 18, 2026

SUBMITTED BY Councillor Jones

Attended July regular meeting of council.

Attended August 4 special meeting of council.

Reviewed bank recs and utility.

Reviewed email.

Councillor Ward 3

Frank Jones

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR Ward 1

COUNCIL MEETING DATE August 18

SUBMITTED BY Councillor Gullett

I would like to report the following

- Answered messages
- Attended August 4 special meeting
- Reviewed emails
- Reviewed bank recs
- Reviewed PW weekly reports
- Drove most roads in municipality
- Drove roads throughout municipality during recent storms
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- Anything else I will bring up at our monthly meeting.

Councillor Gullett

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR Ward 1 (name of committee)

COUNCIL MEETING DATE August 18, 2026

SUBMITTED BY Councillor McDonald

I would like to report the following.

- I attended the July council meeting
- I met with the Handi Van Secretary Treasurer to discuss Handi Van operation/sign cheque's/sign papers and go over with her information regarding Handi Van
- I had discussions with our Public Works Forman regarding Roads/Equipment/Streets and received and reviewed her weekly reports
- I received and reviewed Emails/Texts/Phone calls from ratepayers/office/councillors/head of Council
- I reviewed the Bank Reconciliation's
- I attended the July Council meeting
- I attended a Special Meeting
- I attended a Valley Lodge meeting

Anything else I will bring up at our monthly meeting.
Councillor
Bob McDonald

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR HEAD OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING DATE August 18, 2026

SUBMITTED BY Dave Kreklewich

I would like to report the following:

- Attended the Municipal office on various occasions to review matters with the CAO as well as reviewing invoices and signing cheques.
- Received and reviewed emails from ratepayers and Councillors.
- Chaired the special meeting of council on August 4, 2026.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – August, 2026

Provincial Conference Calls

The conference call with the Province was Thursday, August 13, 2026.

Property Matters

Land transfer documents have been signed by the Municipality for the purchase of lots in Rounthwaite. Action will continue once the owner has signed with the solicitor.

The solicitor has finalized documents for the transfer of lots in Carroll.

I have been working with the solicitor related to the transfer of property located in Nesbitt to the Municipality.

Property matters at Lot 8, Brandon Hills Mobile Home Park is ongoing – awaiting word from the Public Trustee on whether or not there is a mortgage registered with a bank on the property. This item may have to come back to Council for further discussion.

I have been working on a potential addendum to an existing agreement for property in Wawanesa. Meetings have taken place with the property owner and potential affected property owners. More information to follow in the next month or two.

Discussion with solicitor on easement agreements for drainage over private property.

Meetings with Members of Council

Discussions continue with members of Council either in person, over the phone, or by email.

Other Meetings and Conferences

Quiet over the summer.

Public Works Shop Debenture

Awaiting the Order from The Municipal Board.

Election 2026

A few registration packages have gone out.

J. Swidnicki
Chief Administrative Officer

Financial Officer Report – August 2026

- Completed bank reconciliations for MOW and OWPR.
- Completed the final report and claim sheet for the Municipal Capacity Building Fund.
- Submitted our GST for Jan – June.
- Submitted DFA information to the provincial government.
- Update on Tax Sale: 1 Property still for sale. Notice of public auction has been posted.
- Taxes have started coming in.
- Started collecting information for the review of the fee by-law
- Closed 2025 Year End in our accounting program.
- Supplementary taxes were just sent to the municipality, will get them sent out to the affected ratepayers by the end of August.

M. Sturgeon

Financial Officer

Agenda Report: Public Works
By: Chelsea Long
August 18th, 2026

Public Works On-Going

- Overhead door fixed
- New hours of operation sign order for Wawanesa WTS
- Hauling gravel – ordered rock to mix in.
- All roads are open
- Fixing dirt roads before harvest
- Dirt work will be completed this week
- Site inspections with Keystone Planning have been initiated.
- Gravel Crushing begins this week
- Drainage Inspections in Wawanesa
- Wawanesa sign replaced – damaged from storm
- First round of mowing complete
- Paving – end of August
- Fire Extinguisher Inspection scheduled
- Spoke with Conservation Officer and Licensed Trappers

Municipal Water Wells

- PCL has been replaced

Transfer Stations

- New lock on Wawanesa WTS
- Keys given to staff only – Key cannot be duplicated

Equipment

- Shulte mower – PTO shields and cylinder ordered
- Two – one way plows delivered

Oakland-Wawanesa Fire Dept Mounthly Report 2026

Call#	Date	Time	Function/Event/Practise	Location	Personnel	Equipment
January						
	2026-01-06	19:00:00	Training	firehall	14	
	2026-01-16	19:00:00	equipment checks	firehall	6	
26-01	2026-01-17	13:19:00	MFR Call	wawa	2	1 unit
	2026-01-29	08;00	Mutual Aid Meeting	Brandon	1	
26-02	2026-01-29	18:40:00	Mutual Aid Souris	souris	2	1 unit
Feb						
	2026-02-03	19:00:00	Training	firehall	22	
	2026-02-05	19:00:00	equipment checks	firehall	8	
26-03	2026-02-07	17:27:00	Fire Alarm	wawa	7	
26-04	2026-02-08	10:43:00	MFR Call	oakland	3	1 unit
26-05	2026-02-11	17:47:00	False alarm Structure	wawa	14	5 Units
26-06	2026-02-13	07:30:00	MFR Call	wawa	2	1 unit
	2026-02-25	09:30:00	Fire inspection	wawa	1	
	2026-02-25	10:15:00	Fire inspection	wawa	1	
	2026-02-25	19:00:00	MFR Training	wawa	7	
26-07	2026-02-26	17:52:00	MFR Call	South Cyp	4	1 unit
March						
	2026-03-05	13:00:00	Public Ed	firehall	1	
26-08	2026-03-05	19:54:00	Structure Fire	oakland	15	5 Units
26-09	2026-03-07	08:30:00	MFR Call	Wawa	3	1 unit
	2026-03-07	09:30:00	Fire truck to Carman		2	1 unit
26-10	2026-03-11	21:53:00	MVC rd102 & #2 & MFR	0akland	16	5 Units
26-11	2026-03-30	13:51:00	MVC River valley &MFR	oakland	12	5 Units
April						
26-12	2026-04-01	02:40:00	MFR Call	Wawa	2	1 unit
	2026-04-07	18:30:00	CPR recert	firehall	11	
	2026-04-08	18:30:00	CPR recert	firehall	12	
	2026-04-11	09:00:00	Airbrake course	firehall	6	
26-13	2026-04-21	13:25:00	Mutual aid Shilo	Shilo	2	1 unit
	2026-04-22	19:00:00	equipment checks	firehall	6	
	2026-04-30	08:00:00	First aid instructor recert	Clear Lake	1	
May						
26-14	2026-05-01	13:54:00	Grass fire treesbank	South Cyp	10	6
26-15	2026-05-01	16:17:00	Mutual Aid to Brandon	Gun Club	15	6
26-16	2026-05-01	17:37:00	Vehicle Fire #10 north of L/C	Cornwallis	16	6
26-17	2026-05-08	16:07:00	MFR Call	Wawa	3	1 unit
26-18	2026-05-10	19:02:00	MFR Call	Wawa	2	1 unit
	2026-05-13	19:00:00	Equipment checks	firehall	9	
26-19	2026-05-14	06:35:00	Hydro Grass fire	oakland	19	6
26-20	2026-05-14	07:11:00	Hydro Grass fire	Cornwallis	6	2
26-21	2026-05-14	07:32:00	Hydro Grass fire	oakland	6	2
26-22	2026-05-14	21:23:00	MFR Call	Wawa	3	1 unit
26-23	2026-05-18	12:04:00	MFR Call	Wawa	3	1 unit
26-24	2026-05-25	22:59:00	Smell of smoke	South Cyp	14	5 Units

26-25	2026-05-26	18:05:00	Fire Alarm	Wawa	9	3 Units

June

26-26	2026-06-01	10:37:00	Structure fire	oakland	15	5 Units
26-27	2026-06-06	19:48:00	Structure fire	oakland	16	5 Units
26-28	2026-06-09	22:15:00	Hydro wires	oakland	14	5 Units
26-29	2026-06-12	21:44:00	MFR Call	Wawa	2	1 unit
26-30	2026-06-17	06:57:00	MFR Call	South Cyp	3	1 unit
26-31	2026-06-18	11:14:00	Structure fire Acres	oakland	19	5 Units
26-32	2026-06-19	07:32:00	MFR Call	Wawa	2	1 unit

July

26-33	2026-07-01	07:48:00	Dauphin Flood	Dauphin	4	1 unit
26-34	2026-07-04	17:15:00	Structure fire	souris	10	5 Units
26-35	2026-07-05	20:04:00	Storm Calls	oakland	16	5 Units
26-36	2026-07-13	12:43:00	Structure fire Mutual Aid	Cornwallis	2	1 unit