

**Special Council Meeting
March 21, 2023 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 Monday, March 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Coenraad Fourie, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones, Bob McDonald and Brett McGregor. Head of Council Kreklewich presided.

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki, Finance Officer Elaine McGregor, Administrative Assistants Cheryl Fraser and Norma Will

Thirteen 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 2023 Financial Plan.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

McDonald-McGregor

165 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 21, 2023 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 FINANCIAL PLAN

Fisher-Jones

166 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 2023 Financial Plan. CARRIED.

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

Councillor Fourie asked about the portioned percentages and how they are set.

Pat Warburton, NW 35-8-19 WPM, asked about monitoring use of gas tax and the use of municipal trucks.

Gisele Corriveau, NW 22-8-19 W asked questions related to the utility deficit and why chemical costs were being shown as lower than the 2022 budget. She also asked what the tax split was between rural and Wawanesa.

Glen Kirby, SW 25-8-19 WPM, asked questions on insurance proceeds, equipment repair and maintenance, increased convention expenses, the EMR costs and the reduction in the transportation budget. He also asked if Council would consider having all the budget meetings, including preliminary discussions, done in public session.

Linda McRae-Walker, SE 31-8-19 WPM, asked questions related to the in and out donation/expense amounts related to the rink project and if the recent announcement of a substantial grant from the Federal Government would reduce the levy being charged to municipal residents, naming of recreation facilities, the final cost of the office renovation and the opportunity to use the Nesbitt Office as a satellite office to receive tax payments.

Lois Hunter, NW 35-8-19 WPM, asked what amount the Municipality was going to receive from the new Provincial funding. She also asked what the overall tax increase would be for 2023.

Dennis Rome, NE 26-7-18 WPM, asked if the 4.4% proposed increase to be eliminated by use of the additional Provincial funds. He also asked about contracting costs, rental of equipment vs. owning, and the implementation of business tax.

Bill Mallette, NE 35-8-19 WPM, suggested speaking with the Province on possible road reconstruction methods.

After receipt of representation, Council Jones suggested implementation of fuel logs in each piece of equipment and Council Fourie indicated ongoing reviews of leasing versus purchasing would continue.

Fourie-McGregor

167 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to the 2023 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 2023 Financial Plan

168 Hatch-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 Financial Plan of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa, as set out in the form approved by the Minister of Municipal Relations be adopted;

and further, that the operating and capital estimates outlined in said plan be incorporated in and form part of the 2023 Tax Levy By-law. CARRIED.

By-laws

**By-law No. 35-2023 – Being the 2023 Tax Levy By-law
1st Reading**

169 **McDonald-Fisher**
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 35-2023 being the 2023 Tax Levy By-law be read a first time. CARRIED.

ADJOURN

170 McGregor-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (7:49 p.m.). CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer