



**Council Meeting  
May 21, 2024 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, May 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones, Bob McDonald, Brett McGregor and Dennis Rome. Head of Council Kreklewich presided.

Staff in attendance: Chief Administrative Officer Joni Swidnicki, Finance Officer Elaine McGregor, Public Works Manager Chelsea Long and Council Services and Communications Officer Melissa Sturgeon.

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**

Fisher-McDonald

639 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the May 21, 2024 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Hatch-Jones

640 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

McGregor-McDonald

641 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 9, 2024 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

**FINANCE**

**General Account**

Fisher-McDonald

642 BE IT RESOLVED that the May 13, 2024 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 7261 to 7330, in the amount of \$273,910.26 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-McGregor

643 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 312, being staff payroll for the period April 15 to April 26, 2024 in the amount of \$12,128.80 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-McGregor

644 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 313, being staff payroll for the period April 29 to May 10, 2024 in the amount of \$13,204.06 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-Jones

645 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 314, being Council indemnities for the month of April, 2024 in the amount of \$6,125.63 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Utility Account**

McDonald-McGregor

646 BE IT RESOLVED that the May 13, 2024 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1151 to 1160 in the amount of \$7,773.50 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

McGregor-Jones

647 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to April 30, 2024 be received as presented. CARRIED.

**Bank Reconciliations**

Fisher-Hatch

648 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of April, 2024 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Province of Manitoba Assessment – Tax Impact for Reassessment**

Jones-McDonald

649 BE IT RESOLVED that the presentation from Amy Denbow, Provincial Assessment Department, on the tax impact with respect to reassessment be received. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 12  
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Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 15  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 15  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 16  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 17  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 23  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 25  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 26  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 30  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 1  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 1  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 2  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 6  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 6  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 10  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – May 10  
Blue Hills RCMP Golf Tournament – June 27, 2024  
Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region – Proposed SARA amendments  
Census Communications – 2024 Census Test  
Community Futures – Local Initiatives Grant  
Community Futures – Building Diversified Communities One Idea at a Time  
Ducks Unlimited – Wings Over Water  
Duracan Labs - ODW Water System Owner Fact Sheet  
Enbridge – Pipeline Safety and Emergency Information  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 8  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 11  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 12  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 15  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 16  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 18  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 22  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 24  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 29  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – May 6  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – May 8  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – May 13  
Hudson Bay Route Association – AGM June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>  
Manitoba Good Roads – 2024 Annual Competition  
Manitoba Government – From the Ground Up Program  
Manitoba Government – Support for Improved Emergency Preparedness  
Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations – Building a Manitoba for All People  
Municipal & Northern Relations – Bulletin #2024-10 – Pipeline Property Assessment  
Municipal & Northern Relations – Bulletin #2024-11 – Financial Plan Deadlines & Tax  
Statement Production  
Municipal & Northern Relations – Bulletin #2024-12 – Statutory Review of Planning  
Legislation

Municipal & Northern Relations – Bulletin #2024-13 – Medical First Response  
Municipal & Northern Relations – Bulletin #2024-16 – Property Assessment Information  
Available Online  
Municipal World – May 2024 Editions  
RM of Riding Mountain West – Special Service Levies and School Tax Milrates

Fisher-McGregor

650 BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received.

**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 – 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** – see written report

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

Hatch-McDonald

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

**BY-LAWS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Notice of Reconsideration - Code of Conduct Complaint #1**

652 McGregor-McDonald

WHEREAS following the April 16, 2024 meeting of Council, advice was sought from both Municipal Relations and from legal counsel related to the Code of Conduct Appeal Process versus the Reconsideration Process;

AND WHEREAS the advice from both sources was that section 139 of The Municipal Act related to reconsideration does not apply where an appeal process exists;

AND WHEREAS, to protect his right of appeal within the prescribed timeline, Councillor Rome was made aware of this advice and provided with the necessary forms to assist in the appeal process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no further action be taken on the Notice of Motion to reconsider Motion 631 from the April 16, 2024 Council meeting. CARRIED.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Assiniboine Community College – Practicum Placement**

653 Fisher-Rome

BE IT RESOLVED that Assiniboine Community College be advised that, at this time, the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa cannot allocate the staff nor equipment to facilitate a heavy equipment practicum placement, however this opportunity is something that could be looked at in the future. CARRIED.

**Manitoba Hydro – Installation of Street Lighting – Road 48N & Hwy 10**

654 McGregor-Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that the installation of street lighting on Road 48N & Hwy 10 be tabled to allow Administration to explore a solar light option. CARRIED.

**RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Across Hwy 10 Between Rds 44N and 45N in SE 15-8-19 WPM**

655 McDonald-Hatch

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path crossing under Hwy 10 between Roads 44N and 45N located in SE 15-8-19 WPM as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated May 1, 2024 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

**RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – East Side of Rd 108W Between Rds 38N and 39N**

McGregor-Fisher

656 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path along the east side of Road 108W between Roads 38N and 39N as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated May 3, 2024 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

**Approach Request on SE ¼ 4-7-19 WPM (Brown)**

McDonald-Rome

657 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Approach Policy TRANS008, the application of Jeff Brown to construct an approach on part of the SE ¼ 4-7-19 WPM be approved. CARRIED.

**Request for Donation – Sunshine Highway 2021 Ride**

McDonald-Fisher

658 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Grants Request Policy No. COUN002, a grant in the amount of \$200 be provided to the Sunshine Highway 2021 Ride to support the historic re-creation of the 1921 ride that promoted tourism and raised awareness of the vibrant communities along the Sunshine Highway. CARRIED.

**Board of Revision**

Fisher-McGregor

659 WHEREAS at its December 15, 2023 meeting, Council determined that the following members shall serve on the Board of Revision: Head of Council Kreklewich and Councillors Fisher and Rome;

AND WHEREAS a resolution is required to name the Presiding Officer and the Secretary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Head of Council will serve as the Presiding Officer of the Board and the Chief Administrative Officer will serve as the Secretary. CARRIED.

**Review of Shingles Disposition by Commercial Contractors Policy**

McGregor-Hatch

660 BE IT RESOLVED that Policy #TRANS012 related to the disposition of shingles by commercial contractors be amended to include a clause whereby contractors who are not following the established process will be invoiced at an amount of double the rate set in the Fees and Charges By-law;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the necessary amendments be brought forward to include the new fee in Fees and Charges By-law No. 08-2020. CARRIED.

**Removal of Oak Trees at the Waste Transfer Station**

- 661 McDonald-McGregor  
BE IT RESOLVED that the request by Fred Connor to remove two dead oak trees located in the Wawanesa WTS be denied. CARRIED.

**Pound, Pail N' Paddle**

- 662 McGregor-Hatch  
BE IT RESOLVED that the activities related to the Pound, Pail N' Paddle weekend being held July 12 to 14, 2024 including a parade, boat races, entertainment and beer gardens, taking place at Seddon's Landing, the Wawanesa and District Community Hall and parking lot and the arena and parking lot in Wawanesa, MB be supported;

AND FURTHER, that as previously delegated, the CAO provide the necessary Community Event letter for the purposes of obtaining the necessary liquor license for the July 12 to 14, 2024 event. CARRIED.

**Council Indemnity Sheets**

- 663 Rome-Jones  
BE IT RESOLVED that indemnity sheets for each Council member be posted monthly on the RM Meeting Agenda. DEFEATED.

Councillor Fisher abstained from voting on the above.

**Report from Western Caucus Meetings**

- 664 Rome-Jones  
BE IT RESOLVED that Head of Council present a full report to Council following Western Caucus Meetings. DEFEATED.

**Resolutions to the June AMM District Meeting**

- 665 Jones-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa support the following resolutions as proposed by the Municipalities of Souris-Glenwood, Prairie Lakes, Brenda-Waskada and Pipestone:

Speed Limits

BE IT RESOLVED that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to authorize municipalities to set the speed limit on designated portions of PTH and PR roadways travelling through urban areas.

### Infrastructure adjacent to Provincial Main Lanes

BE IT RESOLVED that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to assist municipalities with the infrastructure costs for upgrades and maintenance adjacent to main lanes, outside of the 4.5m on either side of centerline maintained by the Province.

### Elk Management

BE IT RESOLVED that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for more active and sustainable management of Elk and full recognition of the conservation stewardship of Elk by landowners through the following measures:

- an immediate increase in general rifle landowner draw Elk tags in our region (Aug. 28 to Jan. 07 in area 28 & 30 ) for cows only, to be reviewed in 2 years after an elk count
- respect for landowners by providing significantly longer landowner seasons that are open whenever other Elk seasons are open for licensed hunters;
- increased licensed Elk hunting opportunities for non-landowners; increase the tags for 2 years on cows
- a five year Elk survey program to evaluate the impacts of increased harvest of Elk on populations and to direct future Elk management decisions; and the creation of a Southwest Manitoba big game advisory committee
- a responsive and timely fencing program for agricultural producers with chronic Elk and Deer damage to hay bales; and
- active and timely consultation by the Wildlife Branch of Manitoba with private landowners on Elk management.

### Manitoba Public Housing

BE IT RESOLVED that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to assist municipalities with Manitoba Public Housing.

### Remove Requirement for Audited Financial Statements for Affordable Senior Housing

BE IT RESOLVED that that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend Section 13 of The Elderly and Infirm Persons' Housing Act to eliminate the need for annual audited financial statements and allow non-profit corporations to continue to submit an independent third-party review of their financial statements as has been accepted in the past;



AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Act is not amended, the Province of Manitoba provide a grant for 100% of the audit costs for all non-profit corporations operating under the Elderly and Infirm Persons' Housing Act as required by Section 13.

CARRIED.

### **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

#### McDonald-Fisher

666 BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an "in-camera" meeting to discuss matters related to matters in a preliminary stage and enforcement as per Subsections 152(3)(b)(iii) and (v) 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-McGregor

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

### **Tender #02 – Equipment for Road Reconstruction**

#### Fisher-McDonald

668 BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Tri-Wave in the hourly amounts per piece of equipment as outlined in the bid sheet dated May 15, 2024 for equipment for rural road reconstruction be accepted as follows:

Excavator JD with Thumb - \$165.00

Grader JD - \$170.00

Packer Cat - \$140.00

Water Tanker International - \$140.00

Truck/Trailer Semi Tri Clam Dump - \$150, Semi Tri End Dump - \$150.00 Semi Tandem End Dump \$140.00

Loaders Cat \$160.00

Bulldozer Cat \$185.00

CARRIED.

#### Hatch-McDonald

669 BE IT RESOLVED that a project manager at a cost of \$30.00/hour for manager and truck be approved. CARRIED.

### **Tender #03 – Paving in Wawanesa**

#### McDonald-Hatch

670 BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Zenith Paving for Park Street and Commercial Street reconstruction and paving in an amount not to exceed \$112,849.14 plus \$114.61/sq.m for cutout and reconstruction for small paving projects in Wawanesa be accepted. CARRIED.

- 671 McGregor-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that any amount beyond the projected costs included in the 2024 budget for road projects be expended from the Gas Tax Reserve. CARRIED.

**Tender #04 – Material for Road Reconstruction**

- 672 Hatch-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Jeff Brown in the amount of \$4/yd for shale material for rural road reconstruction be accepted. CARRIED.

- 673 McDonald-McGregor  
BE IT RESOLVED that the material bid of Fred Gilbert in the amount of \$20/yd for pit run, \$21/yd for riprap, 36” rock at 40/yd and 24” rock at \$40/yd for rural road reconstruction be accepted. CARRIED.

**Offer to Purchase – Lots21/22, Block 6, Plan 140 (Carroll)**

- 674 Rome-Fisher  
BE IT RESOLVED that the offer to purchase from Charlotte Krahn and Terry Schreider for Lots 21/22, Block 6, Plan 140 located in Carroll, MB in the amount of \$1,000.00 be approved subject to the applicant obtaining all necessary permits/applications and being responsible for all closing costs to transfer title. CARRIED.

**Surplus Furniture Bids – 4-Drawer Filing Cabinet**

- 675 McGregor-Jones  
BE IT RESOLVED that the two 4-drawer filing cabinets be donated to Seniors Independent Services. CARRIED.

**Water Report – Minimum Billings**

- 676 McDonald-McGregor  
BE IT RESOLVED that Council continue to support minimum billings for the Wawanesa & District Community Hall, Wawanesa Wee Care Day Care, Sipiweski Museum, Wawanesa Community Pool, Wawanesa Campground and the Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre and Zamboni Room with the excess consumption recorded as a Grant-in-Kind. CARRIED.

- 677 Fisher-McGregor  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Utility Grant-in-Kind expense be recognized as a Utility Expense instead of a Grant-in-Kind Expense as part of the Recreation and Culture portion of the operating budget. CARRIED.

**Acquisition of Property from Tax Sale**

Discussion only.

**Animal Control**

Jones-McDonald

- 678 BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the owner of the Brandon Hills Estates requiring the animal control by-law be adhered to within 30 days whereby any action following that time will be billed to the owner. CARRIED.

**Property Standards**

McGregor-Hatch

- 679 BE IT RESOLVED that Administration contact Dan Billings requesting a further update on the Third Street property whereby if no information is obtained, the matter be placed on the next Council agenda for further action. CARRIED.

**Municipal Emergency Coordinator**

McDonald-McGregor

- 680 BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement as previously circulated for municipal emergency coordinator services with Liam Pattison be approved. CARRIED.

**Code of Conduct Complaint #2 and #3**

Jones-McGregor

- 681 BE IT RESOLVED that the report from Buckingham Business Investigations & Security Solutions dated May 1, 2024 be received;

AND FURTHER, that Buckingham Business Investigations & Security Solutions be requested to re-open the investigation to facilitate an interview with the respondent prior to June 18, 2024 with a subsequent report to Council. CARRIED.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Fisher-McDonald

- 682 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (11:43 a.m.) to meet again on June 21, 2024 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