

**Special Council Meeting  
November 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.  
New Horizons Centre, Wawanesa MB**

The Council members of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met at the New Horizons Hall in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Members Present: Councillors Cory, Hargreaves, Hatch (arrived at 6:38 p.m.), McDonald, McGregor and Sowiak. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

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

**CALL TO ORDER** – 6:30 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

McDonald-Sowiak

- 395-2021 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the November 15, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Cory-McGregor

- 396-2021 BE IT RESOLVED that the special meeting of council be recessed to allow council to hold two Public Hearings to receive representations from any person who wish to make them in respect to Local Improvement Plan 13-2021 and 14-2021 for Ice Plant Renovations. CARRIED.

**COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M.**

**Local Improvement Plan 13-2021 for Ice Plant Renovations – Wawanesa Residents**

Written representation was received from the Souris River Recreation Commission providing a summary of the ice plant replacement information. A copy of the written representation was retained on file.

Verbal representation was received as follows:

Brent Mooney, 408 Fourth Street, Wawanesa, MB, appeared before Council in opposition to the local improvement related to the cost of the overall project. He also asked questions with respect to the amount to be borrowed raised by Wawanesa versus the Rural residents, particularly regarding increased assessed value for Wawanesa charged on a mill rate basis. He also suggested raising funds via user fees instead of all on taxes and government grants.

Sowiak-McDonald

397-2021 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Local Improvement Plan 13-2021 for Ice Plant Renovations for Wawanesa residents have been dealt with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public hearing be concluded (6:42 p.m.).  
CARRIED.

**COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.**

**Local Improvement Plan 14-2021 for Ice Plant Renovations – Rural Residents**

Written representation was received from the Souris River Recreation Commission providing a summary of the ice plant replacement information.

Written representation was received from the following in opposition to the special levy:

Neil Friesen, NE 35-7-17 WPM

Brian Giesbrecht and Brenda Buckley, 107026 Road 44N, NW 7-8-19 WPM

William and Melanie Mallette, NE 35-8-19 WPM

Copies of the written representation were retained on file.

Verbal representation was received as follows:

Randal Glen Parsons, 116 and 120 Fifth Street, Wawanesa, MB, stated he was appearing in opposition to the local improvement, as it was of no benefit to him and noted there was limited ice times available for general public use. He asked questions related to why farmland was exempt and the general structure and profit status of the Souris River Recreation Commission. He also enquired about conflict of interest with respect to council members or family members serving on the Souris River Recreation Board.

Neil Bok, NE12-8-19 WPM, appeared before Council in support of the levy. He enquired about basing the levy on school division boundaries rather than the boundaries established in the bylaw, as the school division would use the facilities more than other rural residents.

Patricia Warburton, NE 35-8-19 WPM, enquired about borrowing and special levies and what would happen if federal and provincial grants are not awarded. She also expressed concerned for seniors and young families who may not be able to afford additional special levies. She concluded her presentation by suggesting user fees, that could be different depending on the users being residents or non-residents.

Mike Hawkins, SE 16-6-18 WPM, appeared before Council and expressed concerns that during previous discussions on recreation funding, there had been no mention of the requirement for an ice plant replacement. He suggested that the Souris River Recreation Commission should be required to do long term financial planning, particularly for maintenance, which should be made public.

Bill Attridge, 113 Third Street, Wawanesa, MB enquired about the origin of the Souris River Recreation Commission. He indicated everyone in the Municipality should be happy that Wawanesa had such great facilities, even though he himself didn't use the facilities.

Dave Green, Lot 4, Plan No. 59679, SE 1-8-19 WPM, asked questions related to having the recreation district having a catchment area, which could include more than one municipality, but that would have levies specific to the district.

Hargreaves-Cory

398-2021 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Local Improvement Plan 14-2021 for Ice Plant Renovations for rural residents have been dealt with;

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

**BY-LAWS**

**Local Improvement Plan 13-2021 for Ice Plant Renovations – Wawanesa Residents**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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McGregor-McDonald

399-2021 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 13-2021 being a local improvement plan for Ice Plant Renovations for Wawanesa residents be read a first time. CARRIED.

**Local Improvement Plan 14-2021 for Ice Plant Renovations – Rural Residents**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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Hargreaves-Hatch

400-2021 BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 14-2021 being a local improvement plan for Ice Plant Renovations for rural residents be read a first time. CARRIED.

**ADJOURN**

Cory-Hargreaves

401-2021 BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (8:10 p.m.). CARRIED.

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Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

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Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer