

**Council Meeting
February 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Wawanesa, MB.**

The Council of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa met in the Council Chamber in Wawanesa, Manitoba on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullett, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones (retired at 2:30 p.m.) and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Member absent: Dennis Rome

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 – 1:00 p.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-Hatch

1409 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the February 17, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of a letter to Southwest Horizon School Division under General Business and an Offer to Purchase lots under the In-Camera Session. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Fisher-Gullett

1410 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

Fisher-Jones

1411 BE IT RESOLVED that the February 10, 2026 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8607 to 8648 and ABW-04 and ABW-05 in the amount of \$63,183.96 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

1412 Gullett-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 392, being staff payroll for the period January 17 to January 30, 2026 in the amount of \$15,271.68 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

1413 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 394, being staff payroll for the period February 2 to February 13, 2026 in the amount of \$15,049.39 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

1414 Hatch-McDonald
BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 393, being Council indemnities for the month of January, 2026 in the amount of \$4,636.87 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

1415 Gullett-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the February 10, 2026 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1390 to 1405 in the amount of \$23,974.71 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

1416 McDonald-Gullett
BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to January 31, 2026 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

1417 Hatch-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of January 2026 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – January 23
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 2
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 2
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 6
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 6
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 10
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 11
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities – February 11

Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Re AMM Resolution 07-2018 – Planning Processes
Brandon Area Foundation – 2026 Thomas Sill Manitoba Grant Program
Brandon-Westman Christmas Cheer Registry – Fund Disbursement
Business and Community Newsletter – January 2026
Communities in Bloom Manitoba – Registration Form
Community Futures Westman – 2026 Grant Intake
Cypress Planning District – Glenboro-South Cypress Zoning By-law Amendment
Environment and Climate Change Canada – Firefighting Foams
Epilepsy and Seizure Association of Manitoba – Epilepsy Awareness Day March 26
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – January 19
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – January 26
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – February 9
Manitoba Accessibility News – February 2026
Manitoba Hydro – Removal of Non-Compliant Installations
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin #2026-01
Statistics Canada – Census Jobs
University of Guelph – Farmer & Rancher Mental Health in Canada

McDonald-Gullett

1418 BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received. CARRIED.

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

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor Gullett – see written report

Councillor McDonald added to his written report to advise he had attended an information session on Sunday regarding the aquatic invasive species program related to zebra mussels at Pelican Lake and noted that processes would be the same as the previous year.

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

1419 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

**By-law No. 51-2026 to Amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 08-2020 to Replace
Schedule "C"
2nd and 3rd Readings**

1420 McDonald-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 51-2026, being a by-law to amend Fees and
Charges By-law No. 08-2020 to Replace Schedule "C", be read a second time.
CARRIED.

1421 Fisher-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 51-2026 be read a third and final time. CARRIED.

A recorded vote was taken on the above motion.

FOR

Head of Council Kreklewich
Councillor Fisher
Councillor Gullett
Councillor Hatch
Councillor Jones
Councillor McDonald

AGAINST

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Along Hwy. 10 in W ½ 26-8-19 WPM

1422 McDonald-Gullett
BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path addition along Highway 10 located in
W½ 26-8-19 WPM outlined on the maps attached to correspondence dated February 6,
2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation
agreement dated October 26, 2023 and further subject to any requirements outlined by
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure for Highway 10. CARRIED.

Central Assiniboine Watershed District – Support for Oakland Colony Dam Repair

1423 Hatch-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the request from the Central Assiniboine Watershed District (District) dated February 10, 2026 with respect to repair of the Oakland Colony Dam be supported;

AND FURTHER that the District be advised to initiate next steps including application for necessary Provincial licenses. CARRIED.

Manitoba Water Services Board 2026 Applications

1424 McDonald-Fisher
WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is committed to continued investment into water and sewer infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS to initiate the Board's capital planning process for the 2027-2032 capital plan, Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) is requesting assistance in identifying new water and sewer projects that each municipality is considering in the next two (2) to five (5) years (starting in 2027);

AND WHEREAS the priority projects identified in 2025 have commenced in part with a funding agreement with The Manitoba Water Services Board and Debenture financing for the water plant upgrade and replacement of water lines on Commercial Street;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to submit the required application to MWSB for the remaining prioritized projects, whereby if approved, the Municipal portion is to be financed through the utility reserve:

Priority 1 Water Street line replacements (Fourth to Seventh Street)
Priority 2 Park Street line replacements (Fourth to Seventh Street)
CARRIED.

By-law Reviews

1425 McDonald-Jones
BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated January 26, 2026 be received. CARRIED.

1426 Jones-Gullett
BE IT RESOLVED that a by-law be prepared to amend Procedure By-law No. 06-2018 to change Council meetings for the period October to March from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. DEFEATED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

McDonald-Gullett

- 1427 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of December 2025 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Letter to Southwest Horizon School Division – Bus to Shilo

Fisher-Jones

- 1428 BE IT RESOLVED that a letter on behalf of Council be sent to the Southwest Horizon School Division in support of continuation of the school bus route to Shilo. CARRIED.

2026 Draft Budget

Gullett-Fisher

- 1429 BE IT RESOLVED that the report from the Finance Officer related to the draft budget dated January 26, 2026 be received. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

- 1430 BE IT RESOLVED that the draft budget dated February 13, 2026 be amended by adding a line item for building demolitions that arise from properties under Municipal ownership through tax sale or by building demolitions as required as a result building inspections, in the amount of \$30,000 to be funded from the General Reserve. CARRIED.

Hatch-McDonald

- 1431 BE IT RESOLVED that the draft budget dated February 13, 2026 be amended by increasing the Weed Control line item by \$5,000 to be funded from the General Reserve. CARRIED.

Hatch-Fisher

- 1432 WHEREAS municipal elections take place in October 2026;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the matter of purchasing a semi-truck be tabled for consideration by a future Council. CARRIED.

McDonald-Gullett

- 1433 BE IT RESOLVED that the capital budget be increased in 2026 by an amount of \$15,000 for the purchase of a truck mounted salt/sander. CARRIED.

Fisher-Gullett

- 1434 BE IT RESOLVED that the required Financial Plan Public Hearing be held March 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Gullett-Hatch

1435 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss items related to matters in preliminary stages 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-McDonald

1436 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Wawanesa Water and Wastewater Utility – Rate Adequacy

Hatch-McDonald

1437 WHEREAS Public Utility Board Order No. 101-22 required a review of rate adequacy and application for revised rates, if required, for the Wawanesa Water and Wastewater Utility;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa has received a report indicating current Wawanesa Utility rates are adequate, with forecast operating surplus, when adjusted for regulatory purposes, of \$72,644 in 2027 and forecast working capital surplus of \$331,987 meeting the minimum requirements as per the Public Utilities Board rate setting guidelines;

AND WHEREAS the Wawanesa Utility has annual debt payment revenue of \$110,591 expiring in 2031;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a full rate application be undertaken, to be submitted to the Public Utilities Board by December 31, 2027, in order to account for expiring debt payment revenues. CARRIED.

RCMP Quarterly Policing Report

Fisher-Gullett

1438 BE IT RESOLVED that the RCMP Quarterly Policing Report for October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 be received. CARRIED.

Offer to Purchase Lots in Carroll

Hatch-McDonald

1439 BE IT RESOLVED that the offer to purchase Lots 16/17, Block 5, Plan No. 69 located on Fifth Street in Carroll, Manitoba by Vadym Toptya for the amount of \$1,000 plus closing costs be accepted. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Gullett-Fisher

1440 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (3:03 p.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer