

**Council Meeting
April 15, 2025 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, April 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch, Frank Jones, Brett McGregor and Dennis Rome (in the gallery due to Code of Conduct sanctions with the inability to perform council duties). Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Member absent: Bob McDonald

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

McGregor-Fisher

1060 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 15, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Hatch-Jones

1061 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 18, 2025 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

Fisher-McGregor

1062 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 18, 2025 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

McGregor-Hatch

- 1063 BE IT RESOLVED that the April 8, 2025 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 7949 to 7953 and 7955 to 8019 in the amount of \$117,045.69 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Councillor Fisher declared an interest in the following matter and left the Chamber without discussion or debate.

Jones-McGregor

- 1064 BE IT RESOLVED that general accounts payable cheque #7954 to Mike Fisher in the amount of \$550.00 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-McGregor

- 1065 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 353, being staff payroll for the period March 15 to March 28, 2025 in the amount of \$12,427.49 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McGregor-Jones

- 1066 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 355, being staff payroll for the period March 29 to April 11, 2025 in the amount of \$12,904.17 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-Fisher

- 1067 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 354, being Council indemnities for the month of March, 2025 in the amount of \$5,963.90 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

Fisher-Hatch

- 1068 BE IT RESOLVED that the April 10, 2025 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1255 to 1270 in the amount of \$17,176.37 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

McGregor-Jones

- 1069 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to March 31, 2025 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

Fisher-McGregor

- 1070 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of March, 2025 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

McGregor-Hatch

- 1071 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 application. CARRIED.

Public Hearing on Conditional Use Application C2/2025 to allow a secondary suite on Part of NE ¼ 34-8-18 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Grossart)

Fisher-Hatch

- 1072 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Conditional Use Application No. C2/2025 to allow a secondary suite on Part of NE ¼ 34-8-18 WPM, in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Grossart) have been dealt with;

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Age Friendly Manitoba – Communities Committed to Healthy Active Aging
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 18, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 25, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 26, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 26, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – March 28, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 1, 2025
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – April 4, 2025
Community Futures – Positive Pathways to Rural and Small Town Prosperity
Community Futures – Side Hustle Program
Department of Environment & Climate Change – Zebra Mussel Detection Notice #2
Employment and Social Development Canada – Canada’s Volunteer Awards
Environment and Climate Change Canada – Asphalt Code of Practice
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 17
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 21
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 24
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 25
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 28
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – March 31
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 2
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 4
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – April 7
Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators – 2025 Annual Conference
Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations – GRO Funding – not successful
Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations – Upgrade to Green Acres Road
Manitoba Transportation & Infrastructure – Bulletin 2025-07 – DFA Changes

Minister of Environment and Climate Change – Recycling Rebate
Minister for Municipal and Northern Relations – Municipal Operating Support
Municipal and Northern Relations – Statutory Review of Planning Legislation
Municipal World – March 26, 2025
Municipal World – March 31, 2025
Office of the Fire Commissioner – Municipal Burning Restrictions
Spirit Sands Medical Clinic – Ground Breaking Ceremony
University of Manitoba – Cooperative Education and Industrial Internship Program

Jones-McGregor

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 added to his written report to advise he had toured the drainage situation around the Spring Valley land and a further discussion with Council would be required.

Councillor Rome

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

The Public Works Manager added to her written report to advise she had reviewed the Carroll drainage situation, hired a Green Team member and noted the new equipment operator was doing outstanding work.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

- 1073 Hatch-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

**By-law No. 46-2025 – To Amend Council Indemnity By-law No. 05-2018
2nd and 3rd Readings**

- 1074 McGregor-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 46-2025 to amend Council Indemnity By-law No. 05-2018 related to annual indemnities where code of conduct sanctions are not met, be read a second time. CARRIED.

- 1075 Hatch-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 46-2025 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 Hatch
Councillor Jones
Councillor McGregor

AGAINST

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By-law Reviews

- 1076 Jones-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to prepare an amendment to Procedure By-law 06-2018, as amended, to change Council Meeting times from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

- 1077 McGregor-Jones
That the above motion be amended to remove the words “from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.” and replace therefor the words “to alternate between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.”. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Conditional Use Application C2/2025 to allow a secondary suite on Part of NE ¼ 34-8-18 WPM in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Grossart)

Hatch-Fisher

- 1078 BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application C2/2025 to allow a secondary suite on Part of NE ¼ 34-8-18 WPM, in an “AG” Agriculture General Zone (Grossart) be approved. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Along Rd 97W across PTH #2 in NE ¼ 14-7-17 WPM

Hatch-Jones

- 1079 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path along Road 97W across PTH #2 in NE¼ 14-7-17 WPM as outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated March 25, 2025 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023 provided all necessary permits from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure are secured for crossing PTH#2. CARRIED.

Provincial Road 344 – Turn to Gravel from PTH #2 to Road 99W

Hatch-Jones

- 1080 BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure dated March 26, 2025, to convert that portion of Provincial Road 344 from Provincial Trunk Highway #2 to Road 99W to gravel to support RTAC, loading be approved, subject to clarification/confirmation on approval of ongoing permits from MTI. CARRIED.

Provincial Road 340 – Signage and Safety

Fisher-McGregor

- 1081 BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Brodie Robins with respect to signage and safety concerns on Provincial Road 340 be received. CARRIED.

Fisher-Jones

- 1082 BE IT RESOLVED the Administration be instructed to contact Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure related to placement of signs. CARRIED.

Purchase of 2025 John Deere 772GP Motor Grader and Wing

Hatch-Fisher

- 1083 BE IT RESOLVED that the sales agreement from Brandt Equipment for the purchase of a 2025 John Deere 772GP Motor Grader in the amount of \$330,360.00 plus applicable taxes be approved whereby funding shall be from the Equipment Reserve. CARRIED.

- 1084 McGregor-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of the required wing and installation through Capitol I in the amount of \$34,950 plus applicable taxes be approved whereby funding shall be from the Equipment Reserve. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

- 1085 McGregor-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of March 2025 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Sipiweski Museum Burger Days

- 1086 Fisher-McGregor
WHEREAS the staff of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa would like to assist one Friday in support of the Sipiweski Museum Burger Days;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, on a convenient Friday, staff be authorized to work at a Burger Day whereby the Municipal Office would be closed from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

- 1087 Hatch-McGregor
BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss matters in preliminary states, and matters of 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.

- 1088 McGregor-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Letter to the Minister

- 1089 Fisher-McGregor
WHEREAS letters of concern have been received from residents of the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations related to the liquor license granted in the Village of Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Utility Account – 429 Commercial Street

Jones-Hatch

- 1090 BE IT RESOLVED that, following review by the Administration, the quarterly utility bill for 429 Commercial Street as presented be upheld, with ongoing monitoring. CARRIED.

Public Safety Concern

Fisher-McGregor

- 1091 BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to investigate a security door for the Municipal Office. CARRIED.

Community Safety Officer Program

No discussion.

Collective Agreement – International Union of Operating Engineers Local 987

Jones-Hatch

- 1092 BE IT RESOLVED that the collective agreement between the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 987 for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, as previously circulated, be approved. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

McGregor-Fisher

- 1093 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (10:24 a.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer