

**Council Meeting
September 16, 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, September 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Ryley Gullett, Craig Hatch and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Members absent: Frank Jones and 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 – 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

McDonald-Hatch

1233 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the September 16, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Fisher-Gullett

1234 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 19, 2025 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

McDonald-Fisher

1235 BE IT RESOLVED that the September 11, 2025 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8249 to 8290 in the amount of \$160,549.41 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-Gullett

- 1236 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 373, being staff payroll for the period August 18 to August 29, 2025 in the amount of \$16,534.61 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

- 1237 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 374, being staff payroll for the period September 1 to September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$13,765.66 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-Fisher

- 1238 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 375, being Council indemnities for the month of August, 2025 in the amount of \$4,022.70 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

Gullett-McDonald

- 1239 BE IT RESOLVED that the September 11, 2025 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1325 to 1332 in the amount of \$28,143.36 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

McDonald-Fisher

- 1240 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to August 31, 2025 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

Gullett-Hatch

- 1241 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of August 2025 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors – Qualified Individuals
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 19
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 27
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 29
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 29
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 2
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 8
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – September 11

Cleanfarms – Unwanted Pesticides & old Livestock/Equine Medications P&E Kits Available
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – August 25
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – September 2
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – September 8
MTI – Proposed Stream Stabilization Construction PTH 2 at Souris River
MTI – Provincial Road 453 Proposed Bridge Replacement at Spring Creek
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 2025-22 – Manitoba GRO Program
Municipal World – Newsletter September 3, 2025
Municipal World – Newsletter September 10, 2025
Thank You from Sipiweske Museum and STARS

Gullett-McDonald

1242 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 Gullet – see written report
Councillor McDonald – see written report

Head of Council's Report – see written report

Chief Administrative Officer Report

The Chief Administrative Officer added to her written report to let Council know that a Municipal Board Hearing would be held related to the Jackson subdivision, likely on November 6, 2025. She also advised there would need to be a special meeting of Council on October 6 to award the tender for the water distribution and water treatment plant debenture.

Finance Officer Report – see written report

Public Works Report

The Public Works Manager added to her written report to advise that paving repairs had been complete. She also advised that Manitoba Hydro was aware of the ongoing street light issues.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

McDonald-Gullett

1243 BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

None

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Gullett-Fisher

1244 BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss matters in preliminary stages as per Subsections 152(3)(b)(iii) 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.

McDonald-Gullett

1245 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Shale Pit Concerns

Fisher-Hatch

1246 BE IT RESOLVED that tenders for materials and equipment include a requirement for an in-person, on-site meeting between Public Works, contractors and pit owners/managers at least one week in advance of commencing road work projects, and again if the scope of work is changed. CARRIED.

Fisher-McDonald

1247 BE IT RESOLVED that Council, during its budget deliberations, consider increasing the dust control allocation for municipal use to include possible haul routes for road projects proposed in the upcoming year. CARRIED.

Hatch-Gullett

1248 WHEREAS stripping costs are usually included in product costs;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality had awarded an equipment tender to contractors who had bid on the tender;

AND WHEREAS the contractor did clear the overburden for the amount of material ultimately required for municipal use in a timely fashion, and payment was made to that contractor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the request for payment of a service contracted by the pit manager with an outside contractor be denied. CARRIED.

Inspection Reports – Keystone Planning District

Fisher-Gullett

1249 WHEREAS the deadline to appeal the letters provided to three property owners related to inspection reports was August 29, 2025;

AND WHEREAS no appeals were received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. All bidders at the annual tax sale, be advised that the inspection conditions for 116 Third Street must be complied with as part of the tax sale process;
2. The Public Trustee be advised that the Municipality will arrange for the removal and disposition of the trailer at Lot 8, Brandon Hills Estates, whereby the costs shall be sent to The Public Trustee for payment;
3. That the Fire Inspector be requested to board the building and post a “Closure Notice” for 405 Cliff Street with notification to the property owner that no development permits will be provided.

CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Along Rd 47N between Rd 113W and Rd 112W

McDonald-Hatch

1250 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path along Road 47N between Rd 113W and Rd 112W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated September 3, 2025 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Across Rd 113W between Rd 41N and Rd 42N

McDonald-Gullett

1251 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path across Road 113W between Rd 41N and Rd 42N outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated September 8, 2025 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

Trailer Rental

Fisher-Gullett

1252 WHEREAS the RM of Elton rented the Municipality's goose neck trailer in 2024 for \$500 per week and added the Oakland-Wawanesa to Elton's insurance;

AND WHEREAS a request has been received again from the RM of Elton to rent the trailer for approximately two weeks in October;

AND WHEREAS Public Works has indicated it will be available in October;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the goose neck trailer be rented to the RM of Elton for \$500 per week subject to Oakland-Wawanesa being added to the RM of Elton's insurance. DEFEATED.

Review of Water and Wastewater Utility Rates

McDonald-Gullett

1253 WHEREAS Municipal Board Order No. 8/24 requires the Municipality to conduct a review of its water and wastewater utility rates before December 31, 2025;

AND WHEREAS it was Dale Lyle of Way To Go Consulting who did the initial review for water rate increases;

AND WHEREAS he is knowledgeable and available to conduct the required review for the Board prior to year end;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dale Lyle of Way to Go Consulting be contracted to complete the necessary adequacy review and, if necessary, simplified rate increase review at a cost of \$1,900 to be borne by the utility account. CARRIED.

Zoning Plan Amendment

McDonald-Gullett

1254 BE IT RESOLVED that Community and Regional Planning be requested to assist in a zoning by-law amendment to:

1: amend Map 2 to reflect the municipal parcel, being Roll Number 212910, being all zoned Parks and Recreation; and

2: amend clauses related to MEGS to reflect setback requirements of blade length plus 10%.

CARRIED.

Approval of Tax Additions and Deletions

McDonald-Hatch

- 1255 BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Sections 326 and 300 of The Municipal Act, the taxes added and cancelled listings provided by the Provincial Assessment Branch and supplementary taxes in the following amounts be approved:

Taxes Added	\$62,864.68
Taxes Cancelled	\$5,912.32
CARRIED.	

Appointments to Boards and Committees

McDonald-Gullett

- 1256 BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Fisher be appointed to the Souris River Recreation Commission with term of office to expire October 27, 2026. CARRIED.

McDonald-Fisher

- 1257 BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Gullett be appointed to the Personnel and Policy Committee with term of office to expire October 27, 2026. CARRIED.

McDonald-Hatch

- 1258 BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Gullett be appointed to the Board of Revision, replacing Councillor Rome for the 2025 sitting of the Board. CARRIED.

Appointment of Deputy Head of Council

McDonald-Gullett

- 1259 BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Hatch be appointed as Deputy Head of Council for the remainder of the term in accordance with Organizational By-law, to assume the role of Head of Council in his absence. CARRIED.

Signing Authority

Gullett-Fisher

- 1260 BE IT RESOLVED that Deputy Head of Council Craig Hatch be appointed as a signing authority for the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa bank accounts and other signing requirements;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Brett McGregor's name be removed as a signing authority for the municipality. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

McDonald-Fisher

- 1261 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of August 2025 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities Grant 2025

McDonald-Gullett

- 1262 BE IT RESOLVED that an application be made through the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities Grant 2025 for road work and a culvert on Road 40N near the Waste Transfer Station at an anticipated cost of \$158,000 to be cost-shared 50/50. CARRIED.

Infrastructure Funding

McDonald-Hatch

- 1263 BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Municipalities of Glenboro-South Cypress and Prairie Lakes to determine interest in making an application for funding for rural water lines on a regional basis. CARRIED.

Agreement with Water Services Board

Gullett-Fisher

- 1264 BE IT RESOLVED that an agreement be entered into with The Water Services Board for funding in an amount up to \$950,000 to be cost-shared on a 50/50 basis for water distribution upgrades and water treatment plant upgrades whereby the municipal portion shall be funded by debenture. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hatch-Gullett

- 1265 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (10:10 a.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer