

**Council Meeting
August 18, 2026 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, June 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Mike Fisher, Craig Hatch and Bob McDonald. Head of Council Dave Kreklewich presided.

Members absent: Ryley Gullett and Frank Jones

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-Fisher

1649 BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the August 18, 2026 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

McDonald-Hatch

1650 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the July 21, 2026 regular meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

Fisher-Hatch

1651 BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 4, 2026 special meeting of Council be hereby approved as circulated. CARRIED.

FINANCE

General Account

McDonald-Fisher

1652 BE IT RESOLVED that the August 11, 2026 general accounts payable, being cheque #'s 8978 to 9024 in the amount of \$324,429.32 hereby approved. CARRIED.

Fisher-Hatch

1653 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 412, being staff payroll for the period July 18 to July 31, 2026 in the amount of \$18,319.05 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

McDonald-Hatch

1654 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 414, being staff payroll for the period August 1 to August 14, 2026 in the amount of \$18,788.82 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Hatch-McDonald

1655 BE IT RESOLVED that Direct Deposit 413, being Council indemnities for the month of July, 2026 in the amount of \$4,842.78 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Utility Account

Hatch-Fisher

1656 BE IT RESOLVED that the August 11, 2026 utility accounts payable, being cheque #'s 1474 to 1481 in the amount of \$5,168.55 be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Fisher-McDonald

1657 BE IT RESOLVED that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures report to July 31, 2026 be received as presented. CARRIED.

Bank Reconciliations

Hatch-McDonald

1658 BE IT RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations for the month of July 2026 be approved as previously circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

McDonald-Hatch

1659 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 and variation applications. CARRIED.

Public Hearing on Conditional Use Application CU-03-26-OW to allow for a mobile home in an "RG" Residential General Zone (Adams)

Application withdrawn.

Public Hearing on Conditional Use Application CU-04-26-OW to allow for a farm dwelling in an “AG” Agricultural Zone (Doerksen)

Fisher-Hatch

1660 WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Conditional Use CU-04-26-OW to allow for a farm dwelling at the property located in NW 2-8-19 WPM (Doerksen) have been dealt with;

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Age Friendly Connections – Community Collaboration Grant 2026
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – July 16
Association of Manitoba Municipalities – August 4
Environment & Climate Change – Zebra Mussels
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – July 27
Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Communique – August 10
Manitoba Wildlife Federation – Potential Changes to Wildlife Management Areas
Municipal and Northern Relations – Bulletin 23-2026 – Short Term Accommodation Tax
Municipal World – July 29, 2026
NG9-1-1 Transition Upgrade – Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre Progress
Public Utilities Board – Fall Newsletter 2026

Fisher-McDonald

1661 BE IT RESOLVED that the above noted communications be received. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Zone Report (Ward 3)

Councillor Fisher added to his written report to advise he has been receiving concerns related to municipal roads. He also advised he had attended Valley Lodge related to repairs.

Councillor Jones – see written report

North Zone Report (Ward 2)

Councillor Hatch – see written report

Vacant position

Wawanesa Zone Report (Ward 1)

Councillor Gullett – see written report

Councillor McDonald – 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 related to the line painting schedule, pot hole fills, new alarm at water plant and gravel testing results.

Fire Chief's Report – see written report

1662 McDonald-Hatch
BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal and written reports be received. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

**By-law No. 48-2025 – Being a Local Improvement Plan By-law for Building a New Public Work's Shop
2nd and 3rd Readings**

1663 McDonald-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 48-2025, being a Local Improvement By-law for building a new Public Work's shop in Nesbitt, MB, be read a second time. CARRIED.

1664 Hatch-Fisher
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 48-2025 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 McDonald

AGAINST

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Beaver Removal

Hatch-Fisher

- 1665 BE IT RESOLVED that a licensed trapper be hired for a set price per year to be allocated from the Animal and Pest Control budget line item. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Conditional Use Application CU-04-26-OW to allow for a farm dwelling in an “AG” Agricultural Zone (Doerksen)

Fisher-Hatch

- 1666 BE IT RESOLVED that Conditional Use Application CU-04-26-OW to allow for a farm dwelling in an “AG” Agricultural Zone located at NW 2-8-19 WPM (Doerksen) be approved. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Addition – Brandon Hills Estates in NW 14-8-19W

McDonald-Hatch

- 1667 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path addition at Lot 7 in the Brandon Hills Estates located in NW 14-8-19W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated July 17, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

RFNow Proposed Fibre Path Additions – Across Road 112W in the W ½ 21-8-19W

Fisher-McDonald

- 1668 BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed fibre path additions across Road 112N in the W ½ 21-8-19W outlined on the map attached to correspondence dated August 7, 2026 from RFNow be approved subject to the terms and conditions of the installation agreement dated October 26, 2023. CARRIED.

Abell Medical Clinic – Memorial Tree Planting

Hatch-McDonald

- 1669 BE IT RESOLVED that the correspondence from Dr. Margaret E. Abell and Dr. W. Robert Abell be received and the authors advised that funeral homes who participate in such memorial tree planting leave the planting of new trees to the company who provides them, usually in an area of regrowth. CARRIED.

Manitoba Municipalities Online Report

McDonald-Fisher

- 1670 BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Municipalities Online report for the month of July 2026 be received and any necessary actions to the by-law maintenance program be hereby approved. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Hatch-Fisher

- 1671 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourns to an “in-camera” meeting to discuss items related to matters in preliminary stages 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.

Fisher-Hatch

- 1672 BE IT RESOLVED that this “in camera” meeting does now resume back to a regular meeting. CARRIED.

Drainage on Road 104W

McDonald-Fisher

- 1673 BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Cory be advised that upon receipt of application and administration fees, the Municipality will submit an application on his behalf to the Province for the proposed drainage change. CARRIED.

RFP 08-2026 – Development Plan

Hatch-McDonald

- 1674 BE IT RESOLVED that the low bid of CVLS KGS for a new development plan at a cost of \$50,032.50 including taxes be accepted. CARRIED.

Shop Debenture Tender

McDonald-Fisher

- 1675 BE IT RESOLVED that commencement of construction of the new shop be confirmed for October, 2026 to include discussion on ways to accommodate the increased heating costs of \$30,000 within the existing bid costs that could include reduced wall and door heights. CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Fisher-Hatch

- 1676 BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting does now adjourn (10:25 a.m.) to meet again on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at Municipal Office in Wawanesa. CARRIED.

Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer