

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2022**

The 37th regular meeting of Council of the Town of Wolseley, in the Province of Saskatchewan for the 2020-2024 term was held in the Ste. Anne's RC Parish Hall located at 97-99 Poplar Street on Wednesday March 16, 2022 at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerald Hill (GH)	Councillor Susan Campbell (SC)
Councillor Ken Drever (KD)	Councillor Tim Taylor (TT)
Councillor Randy Quintyn (RQ)	Councillor Ron Lyke (RL)
CAO Candice Cieckiewicz (CC)	

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor GH called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

AGENDA

108/22 RQ/SC that the Agenda be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

MINUTES

109/22 TT/KD that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 02, 2022 be approved. **CARRIED**

ACCOUNTS

110/22 RL/RQ that the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 21726 to 21733 totaling \$8,978.86 be ratified. **CARRIED**

111/22 SC/RQ that the general account for ratification, cheque # 21734 totaling \$100.00 be ratified. **CARRIED**

112/22 KD/TT that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 21735 to 21751 totaling \$27,666.19 be approved. **CARRIED**

113/22 RQ/RL that the Statement of Financial Activities Detailed for the Period Ending February 28, 2022 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Airwest Mechanical re: Preventative Maintenance Programs: Council discusses maintenance program for town-owned facilities and would like to table this until quotes come in from two other local vendors.
2. Positive Plumbing & Heating re: Estimate for Furnace Inspections: As per discussion with previous item, table this until quotes come in from two other local vendors.
3. Wolseley Library re: Fire Safety for Children: Correspondence received from the Librarian wondering if obtaining Fire Safety booklets for youth is something the town or fire department would be interested in. Council discusses, and more information is required (i.e. what exactly is the cost, how many books are required, etc.).
4. Wolseley High School re: 2022 Graduation Banners: Correspondence received from Wolseley High School seeking permission to hang graduation banners on the downtown light posts as done in the prior year. Last year, there were 10 grads, this year there are 14. Therefore, an additional 4 brackets would be required. WHS indicated they are willing to fundraise to cover the cost of the extra brackets required if the Town is not prepared to do so.

114/22 TT/RQ that the Town of Wolseley purchase four additional avenue banner hardware brackets for an approximate cost of \$600.00.

CARRIED

115/22 GH/SC to grant permission for Wolseley High School to use the avenue brackets to hang graduation banners on poles downtown for the 2022 Graduation.

CARRIED

5. Madeline Dunn & Erwin Miller re: Support for Ukraine: Correspondence received from Madeline Dunn and Erwin Miller with respect to a group of residents wanting to support the people of Ukraine who are escaping the acts of war. Phone calls have been made to the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in an attempt to get a Ukrainian dance troupe from Regina to come and perform in Wolseley where donations from the audience could be received. While waiting to hear if this performance can be arranged, the group is approaching Town Council to see if they would support by way of donating the use of the Town Hall/Opera House at no charge. Secondly, wondered if donations over \$20 could flow through the Town of Wolseley's charitable status to provide charitable receipts.

116/22 SC/GH that the Town of Wolseley Council supports the proposed Ukrainian Fundraising Event by providing the Town Hall/Opera House at no charge.

CARRIED

Council discusses the charitable receipts flowing through the Town Office, and suggest/encourage the group to have donations to go directly through the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan (UCC).

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

1. February Bank Reconciliation: The CAO prepared and presented the bank reconciliation and notes for the general operating account for the period ending February 28, 2022.

117/22 RQ/RL that the Bank Reconciliation and notes for the period ended February 28, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Utility Update: Due to the accumulation of snow in back yards, the first quarter water meter reads have been estimated and levied accordingly. Actual water meter reads will be completed for the second quarter (period April 1 to June 30). Utility Bills will be sent in the mail by the end of the week.

With the first quarter already levied, the Utility Accounts Receivable is at approximately \$82,300. This reflects the increase in waste cart fees from \$45 per quarter to \$60 per quarter.

3. 2022 Yard Waste Pick-up Schedule: Administration seeking Council approval for the continuation of the Yard Waste Pick-up program. Suggested dates (Wednesdays) are as follows (15 days): April 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20, August 3, 17 & 31, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, and November 2. If acceptable, Administration would like to insert a newsletter with the Utility Bills with this information (see attached draft newsletter).

118/22 RQ/TT to proceed with the continuation of the Yard Waste Pick-up program and schedule on Wednesdays as follows: April 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20, August 3, 17 & 31, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, and November 2.

CARRIED

4. By-Election Planning: The CAO contacted Gail Blaney to book the Wolf Creek Friendship Centre for the potential By-Election scheduled for June 8, 2022. The cost to rent the facility for the full day is \$80.00 for the rental and \$20.00 surcharge which is refunded if the facility is left neat and tidy after usage. The CAO also asked Gail regarding her availability to help as an election official (DRO) if required, and she would be available.

For the past By-Election, we've used the Town Office as the location for the Advance Poll. This worked well, as there was minimal traffic. CAO still working out these details regarding what date the Advance Poll would be and what time it would be open (if required). This will be determined once we know if an election is required.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

KD - Sportsplex: Councillor KD presented the financials for the Wolseley & District Sportsplex up to date. The Booth is doing really well and Sign Ads have been really well supported by the community.

119/22

KD/RL to accept the Financial Report from the Wolseley & District Sportsplex as presented.

CARRIED

- It has become challenging to recruit booth workers. The Sportsplex Board has resorted to hiring mainly students as booth workers.
- There is trouble with ice damming on the north side of the main entrance.
- The Mustang Jr C playoffs are set and the rink could possible be open to the end of the month.
- Curling Rink: finishing up this week.
- Outdoor Rink Project plans are moving along.
- Horticulture Society scheduled a clean-up day and appreciation BBQ on April 23. There are plans for the BBQ Fundraiser in June in front of the meat shop. Another Horticulture meeting will be held April 11 to organize watering, flower beds, etc.

RL - Public Works: the new Hotsy purchased works really well, the crew tried it out today opening froze up storm drains. Lots of time has been spent clearing streets, our Public Works have done a really good job!

RQ - Arrangements to get the grapple fork to Wolseley have been made. Nick's Service will ship it with other equipment being shipped this direction.

- Fire Meeting next Monday.

TT - Town Hall/Opera House: Inquires with CAO to get in touch with the roof contractor to see when they are able to come.

SC - Town Hall/Opera House: The heat in the basement is really high. Inquire with Caretaker to follow-up with plumber.

- The Tourist Booth updated map was presented to Council. The proposed changes would cost approximately \$500.

120/22

SC/TT to update the Tourist Booth map as per Happy Ad Sign and Design proposal for a cost of approximately \$500.00.

CARRIED

- Jubilee Court Meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening.
- Tourism and Economic Development meeting was held last night. The wedding brochure is 99% complete. The Welcome Wagon group has draw baskets created and will be doing a live feed with Shannon Dyke. Lots of discussion about the Triathlon scheduled for June 25th.

GH - Tourism and Economic Development: Discussed Triathlon and doing something more downtown such as hosting a Farmer's Market. Need more information and expectation for what's required.

- Clean-up day is being planned with support from sponsorships. We will require tables and garbage cans at the Gurtler Parkette. Dates to be determined.
- There are a few individuals interested in helping water the flower baskets. The Horticulture Society is looking at relocating the flower bed at the Town Shop to the wooden Wolseley sign near the water treatment plant.
- Mayor GH suggests a Tourist Booth tour to check the gazebo, flags, etc. Look at what needs to be done.
- Suggestion to look at getting a brochure holder for the Tourist Booth and the Town Hall/Opera House lobby to distribute Town of Wolseley information.
- Budget Meeting scheduled for Thursday March 31 at 7:00PM at the Town Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Water Street Bridge Replacement Carrying Sewer Line Project Update: Nothing to report.

2. Canadian Pacific Railway re: Gordon Street Crossing Estimate: Council discusses and requires more information if granting is successful before proceeding with anything. Need more information before signing.

3. 2022 SUMA Convention Resolutions: Council reviewed SUMA Resolutions and briefly discussed. Those going to SUMA will vote based on information given at SUMA Convention.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022 Insurance Renewal – SGI Quote: Quote received from SGI for municipal insurance renewal for the period April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023 totaling \$31,290.
- 121/22 GH/KD to proceed with SGI Insurance renewal quote for municipal insurance from April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023 for a cost of \$31,290 (plus applicable taxes).

CARRIED

2. 2022 Saskatchewan Edition of Communities in Bloom Registration:

- 122/22 GH/RQ to register the Town of Wolseley to participate in the 2022 Saskatchewan Edition of Communities in Bloom (Competitive category) for a cost of \$200.00.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

- 123/22 RQ/SC that Council moves into a Closed Session at 8:47PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following items:

- Canadian Pacific Railway re: Proposed Modification of Road Crossing (drawings);
- Canada Community Revitalization Fund Grant Update.

Parties present: Mayor GH, Councillors SC, KD, RL, RQ, TT and Chief Administrative Officer CC

CARRIED

Councillor RL left the council meeting at 9:18PM

- 124/22 RQ/TT that Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 9:21PM.

Parties present: Mayor GH, Councillors SC, KD, RQ, TT and Chief Administrative Officer CC

CARRIED

- 125/22 RQ/GH to continue negotiating with Canadian Pacific Railway with respect to the proposed Gordon Street Crossing upgrade.

CARRIED

- 126/22 GH/TT to continue outdoor rink planning process.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Budget Meeting of Council, Thursday March 31, 2022 at 7:00PM at Council Chamber.
- Next Regular Meeting of Council, Thursday April 07, 2022 at 7:00PM at Council Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

- 127/22 RQ that the meeting be adjourned at 9:23PM.

CARRIED

Gerald Hill

Mayor

Candice Cieckiewicz

Chief Administrative Officer