

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

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The 52<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting of Council of the Town of Wolseley, in the Province of Saskatchewan for the 2020-2024 term was held in the Council Chamber located at 610 Varennes Street on Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 7:00PM.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Gerald Hill (GH)	Councillor Norman MacDonald (NM)
Councillor Tim Taylor (TT)	Councillor Susan Campbell (SC)
Councillor Randy Quintyn (RQ)	Councillor Ken Drever (KD)
CAO Candice Cieckiewicz (CC)	

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Ron Lyke (RL)

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA**

378/22 RQ/NM that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION**

379/22 RQ/KD to hear Vance Weber and Blake Dureault regarding Wolseley Sportsplex Ice Plant Project Update and Wolseley Triathlon at 7:02PM.

**CARRIED**

**Wolseley Sportsplex Ice Plant Project Update:**

- Blake speaks to a meeting that was held with CIMCO regarding upgrade to Sportsplex Ice Plant. There is a Net Zero grant available that would provide 80% funding if a feasibility study is completed. CIMCO writes the grants, the Town would just have to provide the required information necessary for the grant paperwork. Engineers have been assigned to our file and are familiar with ice making. CIMCO suggested to do a feasibility study on all municipal buildings, but the primary scope would be for the Sportsplex. Feasibility studies are required to prove a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. It is a one-time application.
- Blake speaks to the Net Zero grant. Earliest we could start working is fourteen months, which means no new plant until 2024. We just want a basic plan, keep it simple. Question is, do we want to put in multiple buildings in the application or just focus on the Sportsplex?
- CIMCO would like a capital plan, prioritizing buildings.
- Council discusses getting references to talk to smaller communities that have done this and see how it has worked for them.
- The current Sportsplex Ice Plant is old. We are looking for something feasible that'll work for our community.
- The feasibility study could end up costing between \$35,000-\$40,000.
- Council suggests doing the grant for Wolseley Sportsplex, Curling Rink and Town Hall/Opera House, with priority being the Wolseley Sportsplex.
- Items required are utility bills from 2019 (i.e. SaskPower, SaskEnergy), detail of facilities, letter of support to proceed with grant, buildings list.

380/22 NM/TT to proceed with looking into a feasibility study and pre-application process through CIMCO for Wolseley Sportsplex, Wolseley Curling Rink and the Town Hall/Opera House facilities for the Net Zero grant.

**CARRIED**

**Wolseley Triathlon:**

- Vance submits request to Council for the next Triathlon scheduled for June 10, 2023. These requests include: request use of the lake, beach, roads and facilities (i.e. beach washroom/canteen building) for the day; permission to set up a beer garden on beach grass area; no parking on the road by the beach washrooms; possibility of weed control in Fairly Lake (weather dependent); improve road in front of hospital and water street bridge. Additionally, if the streets could be swept prior to the event.

- 381/22 GH/TT to allow permission for the Triathlon committee to set up a beer gardens on the beach grass area on June 10, 2023 and provide a written letter to the Triathlon Committee for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Association in this regard.  
**CARRIED**

*Vance Weber and Blake Dureault left the council meeting at 8:02PM.*

### **MINUTES**

- 382/22 KD/SC that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 05, 2022 be approved as amended.  
**CARRIED**

### **ACCOUNTS**

- 383/22 RQ/TT that the general account for ratification, cheque # 22286 totaling \$40.00 be ratified.  
**CARRIED**
- 384/22 SC/KD that the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 22287 to 22293 totaling \$8,170.44 be ratified.  
**CARRIED**
- 385/22 TT/RQ that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 22294 to 22312 totaling \$25,282.94 be approved.  
**CARRIED**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency re: PPTSN Radio User Fee Increase Notice: For informational purposes, current quarterly billing for use of the Fire Department radios to communicate with Dispatch 911 is \$399.60. They will gradually increase to \$499.50 per quarter starting April 2023; then increase again slightly to \$649.35 per quarter in April 2024.
  2. Quarterly Community Policing Report (Jul 1 to Sep 30, 2022): For informational purposes, the Indian Head Detachment provided a quarterly report for the period July 1 to September 30, 2022 which includes a total of 78 calls.
  3. Brian Blaney re: 2022-23 Casual Snow Removal: Correspondence received from Brian Blaney offering his services for casual snow removal services.
- 386/22 RQ/TT to contract Brian Blaney commencing October 15, 2022 to April 30, 2023 at \$20.00 per hour for casual snow removal services for the Town Office, Swinging Bridge, Library and Courthouse.  
**CARRIED**

4. Wolseley High School re: Drama Club Town Hall Requests: Correspondence received from the Wolseley High School Drama Directors inquiring if the rental fee is negotiable and if Council would consider a reduced fee; additionally, if the stage light bulbs could be replaced as several of them are burnt out.

Town Council discusses requests and agree the rent is non-negotiable; however, Council suggests that they approach the Wolseley Recreation Board for a grant to offset rental fees. The Stage Lighting will be looked at. Councillor NM will look into this further.

5. Laurie Stringer re: Town Hall/Opera House Update: Correspondence received from the Caretaker discussing Town Hall/Opera House facility items to review. The men's toilet is leaking and Mr. T's Plumbing and Heating will check it tomorrow. Caretaker suggests installing additional lighting and security cameras to deter mischievous things from happening around the exterior of the facility.

### **REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

1. Utilities Update: One utility account has been shut off at the street due to non-payment. We were advised by RCMP that this renter had been taken into custody and they aren't sure when he would be back. The house is vacant and a Final Bill was sent to the landlord. We will be keeping tabs on this account as it is over \$1,000 and may have to be transferred to the Tax Roll if it is not paid before end

of the year. Administration suggests starting the notification process for transferring balance to tax roll.

**387/22** RQ/NM to start the process of transferring the balance of utility arrears to the property tax roll for 411 Richmond Street.

**CARRIED**

The Q3 Utility Billing is levied for the period July 1 to September 30, due October 31. Payments have steadily been coming in.

2. **Tax Title Property:** The tax title property at 501 Willow Street has been paid for in full, and paperwork is in the process for transferring title to the new owner. The Town's solicitor will assist with the transfer and Town will be responsible for the preparation of the transfer of title and the Purchaser will be responsible for the registration of the transfer of title under *The Land Titles Act*.

The properties located at 100 Gordon Street and 120 Front Street are in the 30-Day/Final Notice period and the Town will be advised by TAXervice in the near future on next steps to taking title.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM**

**GH** - Scott Pollock Memorial Project: Mayor GH reconnected with the family and they would like it at the Courthouse area. Quotes were compiled for a project total of approximately \$13,050. It is essentially the same size as the Patton memorial and will be considered in next fiscal budget. There was a SUMA Volunteer Firefighter Insurance Memorial Benefit received totaling \$5,000 and is currently allocated in the Protective Services Reserve. Mayor GH will approach the RM for cost-share, as well the family said they would contribute to the project as well.

**388/22** SC/RQ to present the Scott Pollock Memorial concept to the Rural Municipality of Wolseley, No. 155 for cost-sharing.

**CARRIED**

- Town Hall application for Caretaker will be posted before the weekend.
- The Historical Banners can be removed from the street light poles when the Christmas decorations go up (or sooner)
- Mayor GH seeks permission from Council to put a package together to send to surrounding co-operatives and first nations regarding commercial lot availability, the location, potential for travel center, etc. as the commercial lots are in a prime location. Wondering what kind of a tax incentive we could offer with this package.

**389/22** RQ/SC to authorize Mayor Gerald Hill to put together a package advertising the Town's commercial lots to facilitate sale of the lots for commercial development.

**CARRIED**

**390/22** RQ/KD that as part of the commercial lot advertising package, Town Council will offer a one-hundred percent (100%) five-year municipal tax abatement for the commercial properties legally described as:

- Blk/Par E-Plan 102289079 Ext 0; and
- Blk/Par F-Plan 102289079 Ext 0

**CARRIED**

- Mayor GH attended the SUMA Southeast Regional Meeting on Monday October 17 in Estevan. Regional issues were discussed such as Canadian Pacific Railway Grade Crossings, Hospital Systems. Overall was a really good meeting, they had done a presentation on advocacy. They are starting a process of restructuring the Board, decreasing board of directors from 18 to about 8 or 9. A review of conflict of interest was discussed. Mayor GH recommends anyone who has an opportunity to attend these events should go as they are great for networking.

**KD** - Sportsplex: Caretaker position has been finalized. Lights in the Arena will be replaced with LEDs. There was one resignation from the Board, so now they are down to 8 members. Mention was made that a baby change table should be purchased for the Sportsplex.

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KD/TT to purchase up to three (3) Koala Baby Change Stations from ULINE for a cost of \$491 each, plus taxes and shipping fees.

**CARRIED**

- The Sportsplex Garage project is nearing completion; the ice plant will be started up this weekend and plan to make ice next week.
- An Outdoor Rink work-bee is scheduled for Friday (and Saturday, if required) to get the boards on, then that portion of the project will be complete.

**RQ** - Fire Department responded to a few fire calls. The Rapid Truck hit a cement foundation while out on one of the calls, bent the rim and popped the tire off the rim, so a bill will be coming for a replacement rim.

- The new boots finally arrived, so all the firefighters have been outfitted.

**NM** - Wolseley 125: discussion was held at the TED meeting, need more participation and volunteerism. The Knights of Columbus have committed to doing a pancake breakfast, the Lions Club hoped to do a beer garden but the Leland Hotel already committed. Will work out those details. A parade committee is formed and are committed to organizing a parade. There are a lot of great ideas, just not enough people to do the work. The next meeting is November 20 at the Town Hall. Would like to recruit another active member/coordinator to help with the event.

- The Town Hall/Opera House fundraiser event has approximately 50 tickets left, over 150+ tickets have sold. Looking for silent auction items. SLGA approved the liquor license. A municipal lottery license will be acquired for doing a 50/50 draw. Additional volunteers welcomed to help set up. Setting up hall will take place after the November 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony.

**TT** - Town Hall: door hardware needs attention; roof crew is here repairing the roof. Bell tower maintenance and checking flag pole to get the flag replaced.

- Splash Park: Beliveau Construction repaired some shingles on the Beach Washroom roof. The sand has to be spread at the SplashPark.

**SC** - Library: the outdoor library box has been installed on Front Street. They are planning to do a Halloween costume exchange.

- Tourism and Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday. The Wolseley Recreation Board is going to be re-established and hope to bring back the Christmas light competitions and start to rebuild. Thanks to the ones that have stepped up. The next TED meeting is November 29<sup>th</sup> and the group will have a break until January.
- The Randy Clark Legacy Project will be doing a 50/50, with a draw date of December 1<sup>st</sup>, minimum payout is \$5,000. Tickets are available online. Contact Christine Clark for any assistance.
- Councillor SC thanks Councillor NM for organizing the fundraiser event at the Town Hall; and a shout out to the Wolseley Girls for a Cause who do their community fundraiser, wishing both events much success.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Town Hall/Opera House Roof Project Update: See Mayor and Council Forum, Councillor TT report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. ATAP Workshops for CEUs – Garth Domokos:

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RQ/TT to send Garth Domokos to the ATAP Workshops scheduled for November 23-24, 2022 in Regina to attain CEUs for renewing water certification for a cost of \$672, plus hotel/travel/meals and applicable taxes.

**CARRIED**

2. 2022 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom (“CiB”) Results: The Town of Wolseley received Provincial Winner in the population category 501 to 1,000 with 5 Blooms and special mention for expanded court house flower beds. Congratulations to everyone involved!
3. 2022 CiB Wolseley Evaluation Report: The evaluation report was received and Wolseley scored 82% with 5 Blooms. Congratulations and well done!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Regular Meeting of Council, Wednesday November 02, 2022 at 7:00PM at Council Chamber.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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RQ that the meeting be adjourned at 9:19PM.

**CARRIED**

*Gerald Hill*  
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Mayor

*Candice Cieckiewicz*  
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Chief Administrative Officer