

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 01, 2023**

The 59th 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 February 01, 2023 at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

33/23 RQ/TT that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

34/23 RQ/KD to hear Andrew Exelby at 7:01PM to present the Town of Wolseley Communities in Bloom Certificate for winning 5 Blooms for 2022.

CARRIED

- Andrew expresses thanks and Congratulations to the Town of Wolseley, Wolseley Horticultural Society and all volunteers involved.
- Mayor Gerald Hill expresses thanks to the volunteers as without their hard work and dedication, we wouldn't be getting rewarded.

Andrew Exelby presents Certificate to Wolseley Horticultural Society President, Fern Wallace.

Andrew Exelby leaves the Council Meeting at 7:07PM.

MINUTES

35/23 SC/RL that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 18, 2023 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS

36/23 KD/RQ that the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 22561 to 22566 totaling \$6,524.68 be ratified.

CARRIED

37/23 SC/TT that the general account for ratification, cheque # 22567 totaling \$787.27 be ratified.

CARRIED

38/23 R/NML that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 22568 to 22598 totaling \$35,770.38 be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Wolseley Dance Club re: Request for Donation/Sponsorship for Annual Dance Competition:

39/23 KD/RQ to do an advertising sponsorship of \$100 to the Wolseley Dance Club for the Dance Competition scheduled for March 4, 2023.

CARRIED

Councillor TT declares a pecuniary interest and leaves the meeting at 7:14PM.

2. Mainline Music Festival re: Request for Donation for 2023 Festival:

40/23 GH/RQ to do an advertising sponsorship of \$100 to the Mainline Music Festival for the Festival scheduled in April 2023.

CARRIED

Councillor TT returns to the meeting at 7:17PM.

3. Town of Grenfell re: Mutual Aid Agreement:

41/23 RQ/RL to accept and sign the Grenfell Mutual Aid Agreement as presented in Grenfell Bylaw #608-03.

CARRIED

4. Prairie Sky Cooperative Association Limited re: Response to Town's Proposal: Correspondence received stating they will not be pursuing the opportunity as Wolseley is significantly outside of their trading area.

5. Sherwood Co-operative Association Ltd. re: Response to Town's Proposal: Correspondence received stating they have commitments to numerous large projects in the next several years, so likeliness of considering a project like the one proposed is extremely low.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

1. Utility Update: The fourth quarter (Q4) utility bills for the period October 1 to December 31, 2022 were due January 31, 2023. The interest calculation was posted February 1st on any amounts outstanding.

The Utility Accounts Receivable is approximately \$18,200.

2. TAXervice Update: The 2019 Arrears File is now closed as the last two remaining Tax Rolls (168 & 169) have been transferred to the Town of Wolseley through The Tax Enforcement Act. Adjustments will be made to prorate current and arrears on both properties. The Town has one year from the date of transfer to advertise each of the properties for sale by private tender or public auction. Also, to be confirmed, is the procedure/regulation regarding the personal property located on one of the lots.

3. 2022 Vacation Day Carry Forwards: Auditors require a motion from Council to carry forward vacation days from 2022 to 2023. CAO presented list of confirmed vacation days for each employee.

As per vacation leave policy, employees can carry forward one-year worth of holidays into the next year but have them used by November of the following year, otherwise they are paid out. Therefore, for 2022 Holidays Candice can carry forward 15, Robert 25, Mark 20, and Garth 15. *Please note: Garth has been paid out for 10 holidays in 2023 so he is now within policy.*

42/23 RQ/SC that the following vacation days from December 31, 2022 be carried forward to January 1, 2023 for the following employees:

- Candice Cieckiewicz 0.625 days (5 hours);
- Robert Schneider 24 days (192 hours);
- Mark Smith 0 days (0 hours); and
- Garth Domokos 25 days (200 hours)

CARRIED

4. 2023 SUMA Convention: This year, SUMA Convention is being held in Saskatoon from April 16-19, 2023. They are offering virtual/online registrations for elected officials only. Administrator provided Council with SUMA Convention information. Mayor Gerald Hill interested in attending virtually, Councillor NM interested in attending in-person, but will confirm.

Fees:

Member – in-person on or before March 2, 2023 \$500; after March 2, 2023 \$600

Member – online* on or before March 2, 2023 \$50; after March 2, 2023 \$50

*online is only available to elected officials

5. Library Carpet Cleaning: Librarian Michelle Williams contacted the Town Office wondering if the Town can arrange getting the carpet cleaned at the Library again. It was last done in June 2020 for \$305.25 by Immaculate Carpet Cleaning out of Lumsden. Administration can get a quote from the local carpet cleaners and arrange to have this done. Michelle said the best time to do it is on the weekend or early Monday morning if it can be dry by Tuesday morning.

It was suggested to do seasonal carpet cleaning, perhaps twice per year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

GH - Front Street Boulevard Project: the footprint has been made smaller. CPR was contacted, there are some challenges there. CPR won't likely give up the land, they have concerns as well regarding overhead lines. Real Estate division of CPR could come back with price to either lease or purchase a section of the land. The intention of this project is to make it a focal point, we don't want to create a park. The smaller footprint would decrease the price.

43/23

RQ/TT to approve Option A for the Front Street Boulevard project footprint as presented.

CARRIED

- Pollock Memorial project: want to proceed with getting updated quotes. It is estimated the pedestal will cost around \$13,000. We do have a \$5,000 memorial benefit received from SUMA Volunteer Firefighter Insurance. Would like to source grants and donations. Commitment from Council was reaffirmed for this project.
- EMO material was returned to the Town Office. Someone is interested in the EMO coordinator position, so they will have a look at the information to see what is all involved.
- Mayor GH attended the virtual SUMA Sector Meeting on January 31st. The structure of the SUMA Board was discussed. They hope to have it structured by 2024. Discussions were held about cleaning up properties with asbestos. Interesting fact that Kindersley holds quarterly Bylaw courts for infractions. Kipling does a renovation incentive for store fronts that seems to be working well. Body cams are coming for RCMP.
- Budget worksheets are a work-in-progress.
- Mayor GH is working on finding accommodations for those new to Wolseley who are employed by SHA to try and retain them in the community.

SC - Library AGM happening tonight.
 - TED meeting was good turnout, lots of discussion.
 - Working on getting quotes for budget.

Councillor RQ left the meeting at 8:09PM

TT - Town Hall/Opera House: nothing new on the door hardware. Joel will plan for the emergency stage repairs.

Councillor RQ returned to the meeting at 8:11PM

KD - Nothing to report.

RL - Sportsplex: exterior security light has been replaced. Ice plant has freon leak, valves were stopped. Plant #1 is not running; a new breaker was \$5,000-6,000 but in talking to electrician might be a motor issue. They've sourced a new motor to try which may fix the issues, rather than purchasing a new breaker. Freon cylinders were \$900/ea. four years ago, now are \$2,000/ea.
 - Outdoor Rink: flooding ice every Monday after a weekend of use. Things are going well there.

RQ - New furnace installed at the Fire Hall, everything is good there. The Freightliner truck will go in to Regina sometime in the Spring to get the recall checked.

NM - Wolseley 125 Meeting was held, and everything is a go. Friday will include registration/kick-off party, kids party; Saturday will have a parade, car show, water activities, Ellis Trail Riders, kids' activities, and beer gardens/live band at the Sportsplex and meal provided by the Wolseley Lions Club. Sunday there will be a non-denominational church service held at the Courthouse, later historical tours will be provided. The Flyover may or may not happen. Councillor NM is working on sponsorship letter for businesses and still looking for volunteers to help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Town Hall/Opera House Door Hardware: No update.

NEW BUSINESS

1. January 2023 Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report:

44/23 RL/KD to accept the January Water Treatment Plant Monthly report as presented. **CARRIED**

CLOSED SESSION

45/23 RQ/NM that Council moves into a Closed Session at 8:25PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Access Communications Proposal;
- Lot Sale Agreement.

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

CARRIED

46/23 RL/RQ that Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 8:54PM

CARRIED

47/23 SC/RQ to continue negotiations with Access Communications.

CARRIED

48/23 GH/KD to continue negotiation with Brandon and Danielle Edgar regarding Lot Sale Agreement.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting of Council, Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 7:00PM at Council Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

49/23 RL that the meeting be adjourned at 8:56PM.

CARRIED

Gerald Hill

Mayor

Candice Cieckiewicz

Chief Administrative Officer