

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

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The 61<sup>st</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 March 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 6:59PM.

**AGENDA**

**71/23** RQ/SC that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**72/23** KD/TT that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 15, 2023 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ACCOUNTS**

**73/23** RQ/TT that the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 22625 to 22630 totaling \$6,821.80 be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**74/23** RL/KD that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 22631 to 22668 totaling \$112,621.20 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Tourism and Economic Development re: Community Development Consultant: Council would investigate the idea of hiring a Community Development Consultant that would be responsible for sourcing and applying for grants, and be involved with Recreation in Town. The letter was also sent to the RM, we will see what their thoughts are. Table item for now – speak with RM and get their thoughts.

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

1. Utility Update: The “Third/Final Notice” for the 2022 Q4 Utility Bills will be reviewed and sent later this week or early next week for any outstanding amounts. There are approximately eight (8) accounts on the list that are significantly Over 90 days. The next utility billing is set to occur mid-March, due April 30, 2023.

The Utility Accounts Receivable is approximately \$9,200.

2. ICIP Update, Water Street Bridge Replacement Carrying Sewer Line Project: The Town of Wolseley received recent communication from Government Relations, Municipal Infrastructure and Finance noting our application for \$1.4 million under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Green Infrastructure Stream intake for the Water Street Bridge Replacement Carrying Sewer Line Project was determined to not be eligible as it does not meet the outcomes of the Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation sub-stream.

Council discusses, and agree this decision by the Ministry warrants a follow-up. Roughly one-third of the Town is serviced by the sewer line suspended beneath the Water Street Bridge. It was suggested to write to the Federal MP, Provincial

MLA and the Ministry to see if there would be any reconsideration of our application. The Town of Wolseley has an engineered report indicating the bridge is deteriorated. We need to find out what criteria the outcomes are based on. It was also suggested to copy the RM of Wolseley as they are downstream, and at high risk if the bridge collapses and takes the sewer line with it, as well as Water Security Agency.

3. 2023 SUMA Convention: Early-bird registration ends tomorrow, Thursday March 2. Gerald Hill will be registered as an online participant, Norman MacDonald will confirm tomorrow.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM**

GH - Pollock Memorial project memorial quote from Remco for a cylindrical shaped memorial, cost \$4,989.45; or a hexagonal shaped memorial cost \$6,371.40. Mayor GH recommends the cylindrical shaped one to mirror the Patton memorial. Six requests were sent out, and only two quotes were received.

**75/23**

KD/NM to order the Pollock Memorial from Remco Memorials as per quote #140223 for a cost of \$4,989.45.

**CARRIED**

- Front Street Sign Project: a preliminary budget was presented with a contingency included totaling \$28,758. Funding is coming from donors and fundraising will commence from Wolseley Horticulture (cash calendars). Mayor GH seeking council approval for budget. Would like to dedicate project at the Wolseley 125 celebrations in August.

**76/23**

GH/TT to accept preliminary budget for the Front Street Sign Project for \$28,758 with caveat that the revenue portion be presented at the first council meeting in April.

**CARRIED**

- Mayor GH applied for a grant through SPRA, Parks for All Action to include the Front Street Sign Project, the Pollock Memorial as well as the student flowerbed planned near the SplashPark. The maximum allotted for the grant is \$5,000.
- Horticulture has a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00PM in the lower level of the Town Hall.
- Working on housing deficiency and looking at various options. So far, the group has helped place three individuals.
- Reminder to get Budget Worksheets in prior to the next meeting as Mayor GH and CAO CC will do preliminary meeting and we can set a Budget Meeting at the next meeting of Council.
- Electronic Sign is not functioning properly, will look if resetting the power to it will fix the problem, if not, Council will have to decide what to do next.

KD - Sportsplex Financials were distributed to Council for review. The Booth doing really well. The Board took \$10,000 out of a term in order to help with cash flow. The Capital Ice Plant project has approximately \$25,390 in the account.

**77/23**

KD/RL to acknowledge the Wolseley & District Sportsplex Financial reports as presented.

**CARRIED**

- The Junior C Mustangs have at least two more games at home. This Friday is game one.
- The standard First Aid kit for the Sportsplex located on the ice surface level in the timekeeper's box has been received.
- The Board will need three new board members as terms are soon expiring.
- Curling Bonspiel was held this past weekend.
- Fleury Bus lift has been repaired and the safety is done.
- Councillor KD followed up with Vance Weber regarding the summer ball hockey, and it sounds like the group would require the Sportsplex Arena a couple times per week for 1-2 hours, the group would do minor custodial. Purpose for ball hockey is to keep youth occupied, give more experience and develop skills for hockey. They may have more than one team and join a league. Council discusses this as doing a pilot project.

78/23

KD/RQ to offer summer ball hockey group (Vance Weber) use of the Sportsplex arena for \$200/month rent based on usage of twice per week as a pilot project.

**CARRIED**

RL - Sportsplex Garage Project: electrician installed the gas monitor today. Gas inspector will be coming to check it.

- One of the Sportsplex ice surface doors that open for the Olympia was damaged (split), Beliveau Construction repaired in a timely manner.
- Belts have been aligned on the motor of the ice plant.
- A new Grader tire was purchased and installed due to an unrepairable front tire.
- There is a raw waterline break on the peanut line between the wells and the Water Treatment Plant. It is located at NW-19-16-09-W2. Public Works will check to see if it is coming out of a manhole.

RQ - Nothing to report.

NM - Randy Clark Legacy Project is planning fundraisers.

- Wolseley 125 had their biggest turnout yet with the latest meeting and solidified events. Save the Date posters will be drafted and available for the Public on Friday. Councillor NM summarizes events happening throughout the weekend celebration. Inquires about additional liability insurance and if the municipal policy covers this large event. The CAO will contact insurance provider to inquire.
- Recreation Board is accepting submissions until the end of March.

TT - Town Hall/Opera House: observation of how to streamline audio/visual at the Town Hall for renters so it is easier to set up. There is a need for a user-friendly guide.

- Budget: Councillor TT suggests looking at higher risk items prior to budget and plan accordingly. Items such as succession plans with employees, infrastructure projects, EMO, etc.

SC - Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Town Hall/Opera House Door Hardware: CAO contacted Beliveau Construction to see if they would be able to fit this into their busy schedule. The WHBC won't order the hardware until the contractor has reviewed what exactly is required. Joel said he can provide a rough estimate for the repair/replacement of the door hardware.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. New Grader Tire Ratification: A new grader tire was required for the front as the old one was unrepairable.

79/23

GH/RL to ratify the purchase of one new grader tire for approximately \$2,000 from Schlamp's Tire in Grenfell.

**CARRIED**

2. 2023 Southern Saskatchewan Vacation Guide:

80/23

RQ/TT to purchase the half day trip map and editorial ad in the 2023 Southern Saskatchewan Vacation Guide for a cost of \$250 plus applicable taxes.

**CARRIED**

3. Monthly Report for Water Treatment Plant, February 2023:

81/23

KD/SC to accept the monthly Water Treatment Plant report for February 2023 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**82/23** RQ/RL that Council moves into a Closed Session at 8:52PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Access Communications Proposal
- Offer to Purchase, 909 Front Street

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

**CARRIED**

**83/23** RQ/RL that Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 9:38PM

**CARRIED**

**84/23** RQ/NM to continue negotiations with Access Communications.

**CARRIED**

**85/23** GH/TT to accept offer from Jonathan Plouffe and Miranda Couture for 909 Front Street purchase price of \$2,000 with conditions that the 18-month sales agreement is signed and the property is cleaned up.

**CARRIED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**86/23** SC that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45PM.

**CARRIED**

*Gerald Hill*  
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*Mayor*

*Candice Cieckiewicz*  
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*Chief Administrative Officer*