

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
JUNE 07, 2023**

The 69th 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 June 07, 2023 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)
Office Clerk Diane Beliveau (DB)	Councillor Ron Lyke (RL)

ABSENT:

CAO Candice Cieckiewicz (CC)

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor GH called the meeting to order at 6:59PM.

AGENDA

190/23 KD/NM that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

191/23 RQ/TT that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 17, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS

192/23 RL/RQ that the general account for ratification, cheque # 22847 totaling \$4,337.18 be ratified.

CARRIED

193/23 NM/KD that the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 22848 to 22854 totaling \$7,111.23 be ratified.

CARRIED

194/23 RL/NM that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 22855 to 22899 totaling \$143,454.22 be approved, with the exception of cheque # 22896.

CARRIED

Councillor RQ declared a pecuniary interest and left the council meeting at 7:11PM.

195/23 TT/KD that cheque # 22896 payable to Wolseley Service Ltd. totaling \$964.38 be approved.

CARRIED

Councillor RQ returned to the council meeting at 7:12PM.

NOTICE OF PROCLAMATION

1. Lifesaving Society: re National Drowning Prevention Week: The Town of Wolseley received a notice of proclamation for National Drowning Prevention Week occurring July 16-23, 2023. The week helps promote water safety and drowning prevention education across the province.

WHEREAS the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in Saskatchewan is one too many; and

WHEREAS most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can truly enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of Saskatchewan to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to wear Personal Floatation Device or lifejacket at all times when boating; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 16 - 22, 2023, National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

196/23

GH/RQ THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Council of the Town of Wolseley do hereby proclaim July 16-22, 2023, NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK in Wolseley and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of Wolseley.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Christina Bieber re: Office Cleaning: Council discussed if it was okay for Christina's daughter, Mya Bieber, to take over office cleaning. Councillor RQ stated contract policy is not to hand-off. Councillor TT said she can be an assistant and Christina will have to retain contract. Office Clerk DB will talk to Christina. If Christina is overseeing council is ok with that and if she is not it will have to be retendered.
2. Donna Taylor re: Water Issues: A letter of concern was received for flooding issues at Donna Taylor's property. Councillor RQ had suggestions for grader to blade deep on the boulevard to alleviate the problem. Mayor GH has also talked to Ennis Equipment to have a look and give his recommendation. Office to correspond with Donna and let her know the Town is working on fixing the problem.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

1. Utility Update & Water Use Restriction: The meter reads for the 2023 Q2 Utilities for the period April 1 to June 30 will be read next week. Utility bills will be prepared and sent in the mail before the end of June.

For the last few years due to insignificant precipitation, the Town issued Water Use Restriction notices. The CAO inquires with Council if the Town should continue with this practice. If so, an insert can be included with the Utility Bills as done in prior years. (see screenshot below)

The Utility Accounts Receivable is approximately \$8,500.

197/23

KD/RL that Council approve and implement a water use restriction for the Town of Wolseley for the period June 1 to September 30, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

- SC - Councillor SC expressed the blue waste bins located at the Splash Park, Courthouse and Tourist Booth are an eyesore and need to be replaced. She looked at some online priced at \$1,500.00/each for the really nice ones. The recycling is overflowing at the Splash Park. Councillor RL not in favor of expensive waste containers. Mayor GH said we should order a test lid to see if that would be sufficient.
- Councillor SC did a tour of summer facilities. There was a list of minor repairs of which most have been done.
 - Tourism & Economic Development Meeting had a small attendance and will break now and reconvene in September. Councillor KD had an idea of putting trolls under the bridge as a unique picture taking opportunity for Tourism.
- TT - Golf Clubhouse: floor tiles are all lifted and need to be replaced. Water is weeping through clubhouse floor. Kyle Newman from Wolseley Home Building Centre is looking for solutions. Need flooring that will endure moisture.
- Cemetery Directory Project: The GPS equipment is in and ready to start. Landon will give updates as it moves along.
 - Splash Park: Sand was distributed around and Councillor TT recommends getting more sand to pile along the north side so that will help hold water in. The gate needs a better latch, Councillor TT will look into that.

- KD** - Councillor KD gave a Sportsplex bank account balance update. Financial Account balances are as follows: Community Account \$19,511; Ice Plant Chequing \$5,492; Savings Account \$16; Capital Project Ice Plant \$25,033 and Term Redeemable \$25,000. Councillor KD noted quad ticket sales are going good and they still owe some on the quad itself.
- Councillor KD notes there are quite a few unsightly boulevards. A citizen in community said Courthouse lighting is very poor (on Mayor GH to do list to install good solar lights there).
- RL** - Streets: Brandon Edgar will let Town use any excess backfill that is left over from his house build to build up and repair the adjacent Garden Street.
- Landfill: everything is good there.
- RQ** - Councillor RQ notes a fir tree at the Dr. Isman School corner that is restricting driver view and should be trimmed at Varennes and Garnet. Water Street and Gordon Street have the same problem. Back alleys are not being trimmed and upkept behind Tubman's and Dodie McLean's. Office Clerk DB will let Public Works know to check all back alleys.
- NM** - Wolseley 125: Meetings are being held twice a month. Everything is coming together nicely. St. Johns Ambulance will send volunteers and they want donations. Councillor NM asks if Town help out financially? Garbage will accumulate over that weekend. Darcy Hoel may be available to work that weekend and help with the garbage/recycling pick-ups. The committee has a tentative schedule of events. MLA Steven Bonk and MP Andrew Scheer will be in the parade for the Wolseley 125.
- The Randy Clark Legacy Project will start this week. Verify when paving crew is coming to do the street in front of Lakeside Home so they can be notified of the work being done there.
 - Property behind Councillor NM residence is the Roman Catholic Church responsibility and he will contact them to cut the grass. House by the Esso very unsightly. The owners will be contacted to clean up.
- GH** - Horticultural Society: Committee is doing a Fundraiser BBQ for the Front Street Sign project on June 15 at Hometown Meats. Flower baskets are all up. The Watering Committee will start watering now until the first of August.
- Access Communications doing a Free Community Appreciation BBQ at the Splash Park this Friday, June 9.
 - Pollock Memorial project beginning soon and Front Street Sign Project is underway.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ratify Hiring Seasonal Employees:**

198/23 GH/TT to hire Truan McMurray as seasonal student Public Works Laborer to start Monday June 5, 2023 at \$15.40 per hour plus vacation pay.

CARRIED

199/23 GH/TT to hire Brayden Veilleux as seasonal Public Works Laborer to start Wednesday June 7, 2023 at \$15.40 per hour plus vacation pay.

CARRIED

2. **Front Street Mobile Home Tender Review:** Two tenders were received. Michael Dahlman \$50.00 and Philip Randles \$100.00.

200/23 KD/RQ to accept the mobile home tender from Philip Randles for \$100.00 on condition that the trailer must be removed from the Front Street property and out of the Town of Wolseley by June 30, 2023 otherwise the purchase price is forfeited and the trailer will be retendered.

CARRIED

3. **Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for May 2023:**

201/23 GH/RL that the Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for May 2023 be acknowledged.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

202/23 RQ/RL that Council moves into a Closed Session at 8:33PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Utility Rates Review; and
- Wage Review & Staff Planning.

Parties present: Mayor GH, Councillors SC, TT, KD, RL, RQ, NM and Office Clerk DB.

CARRIED

203/23 GH/NM that Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 9:30PM.

Parties present: Mayor GH, Councillors SC, TT, KD, RL, RQ, NM and Office Clerk DB.

CARRIED

1. Utility Rates Review:

204/23 GH/TT to draft a Utility Rates Bylaw for reviewing utility rates and discuss for next meeting.

CARRIED

2. Wage Review & Staff Planning:

205/23 KD/NM to schedule a closed meeting for project planning on Tuesday July 18 at 7:00PM at the Council Chamber.

CARRIED

206/23 GH/SC to accept the recruitment services proposal from HMC Management Inc. to the Town of Wolseley for hiring an interim Chief Administrative Officer for maternity leave position for a cost of twenty per-cent (20%) of final negotiated interim CAO salary, as per fees and payment schedule provided.

CARRIED**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Council Meeting, Wed Jun 21, 2023 @ 7:00PM, at the Council Chamber (610 Varennes Street).

ADJOURNMENT

207/23 SC that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40PM.

CARRIED

Gerald Hill

Mayor

Candice Ciekiewicz

Chief Administrative Officer