

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2023**

The 70th 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 21, 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)
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

208/23 SC/TT that the Agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

MINUTES

209/23 RQ/NM that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 07, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

ACCOUNTS

210/23 NM/TT that the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 22900 to 22907 totaling \$8,216.60 be ratified. **CARRIED**

211/23 KD/RL that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 22908 to 22915 totaling \$9,312.95 be approved. **CARRIED**

212/23 RL/NM that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 22916 to 22938 totaling \$48,137.78 be approved. **CARRIED**

213/23 RQ/SC that the Statement of Financial Activities Detailed for the Period Ending May 31, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

1. May Bank Reconciliation: The CAO prepared and presented the bank reconciliation and notes for the general operating account for the period ending May 31, 2023.

214/23 GH/KD that the bank reconciliation and notes for the period ending May 31, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

2. Utility Update: The meter reads for the 2023 Q2 Utilities for the period April 1 to June 30 have been done. Utility bills will be prepared and sent in the mail this upcoming week. The 2023 Q2 Utility Bills will be due July 31, 2023.

The Utility Accounts Receivable is approximately \$7,800.

3. TAXervice Update – 2021 Arrears File: The six-month waiting period following registration of the tax lien will expire July 26, 2023 for the 2021 Arrears File that includes four residential properties. The Tax Enforcement Act provides that Council may, by resolution, authorize proceedings for any title. TAXervice suggests it is best practice to continue with proceedings against all properties to maintain an even hand among all owners with arrears. All four properties remain subject to Tax Enforcement proceedings (i.e. not redeemed).

215/23

RQ/RL that TAXervice be authorized under Section 22(1) of The Tax Enforcement Act on or after July 26, 2023 to commence proceedings to request title with respect to the following described lands:

ROLL NO.	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	TITLE NO.
095 000	Lot 11-Blk/Par 7-Plan 176 Ext 87 Lot 12-Blk/Par 7-Plan 176 Ext 0	153681262 153681228
126 000	Lot 13-Blk/Par 9-Plan 173 Ext 0	148926156
222 000	Lot 6-Blk/Par 17-Plan 35900 Ext 0 Lot 7-Blk/Par 17-Plan 35900 Ext 0 Lot 8-Blk/Par 17-Plan 35900 Ext 0	145100067 145100135 145100179
439 000	Lot 14-Blk/Par 8-Plan 66R25768 Ext 02	153886001

CARRIED

4. Municipal Surcharge on SaskEnergy Bills: SaskEnergy advises the Town of Wolseley about the upcoming opportunity to opt-in or opt-out of the Municipal Surcharge Program administered by SaskEnergy. The Municipal Surcharge Program directs SaskEnergy under The SaskEnergy Act to collect five per cent (5%) of natural gas sales from residents and businesses in participating municipalities and remit all funds collected to the municipality. SaskEnergy does not receive any profit from these payments. If the Council would like to opt-in a certified resolution must be sent in to SaskEnergy no later than September 1, 2023. If the deadline is missed, the next opportunity to opt-in or opt-out of the program will be in the fall of 2029.

216/23

GH/NM to table the Municipal Surcharge on SaskEnergy Bills to the next regular meeting for discussion.

CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

GH - Courthouse Gazebo Electrification: The electrical permit fee is \$100. Wolseley Heritage Foundation has committed to funding \$1,085.80 for the supplies and Michael Hill will do labor portion for a charitable receipt (valued at approx. \$800-\$1,000).

Mayor GH declared a pecuniary interest and left the council meeting at 7:34PM.

217/23

RQ/RL to proceed with the Wolseley Courthouse Gazebo Electrical Project and provide Michael Hill with a charitable receipt for the labor portion of the project up to \$1,000 and purchase the electrical permit for \$100.

CARRIED

Mayor GH returned to the meeting at 7:37PM.

- Saskatchewan Health Authority meeting with stakeholders scheduled for tomorrow at 10:30AM at the Town Hall regarding update for Wolseley Hospital.
- Grade 5/6’s doing planting for the Pollock Memorial project tomorrow. The Beach Washroom flowerbed is done and looks great.
- The benches were installed at the Pollock Memorial project.
- Front Street Sign Project is progressing. Marty Happy is doing measurements for the photo installations. There have been lots of positive comments on the project so far.
- The Communities In Bloom Judges will be here from July 27th to the 29th and will require to be picked up from the Regina Airport and brought out to Wolseley. They will be staying at The Banbury House Inn.

SC - Electronic Sign: still paying a power bill for the electronic sign. Councillor SC suggests we give notice to Wolseley Home Building Centre that the Town of Wolseley will be disconnecting our service. If they wish to continue to have power in the building, they will have to connect the service. Look at dismantling the electronic sign totally.

218/23

RQ/KD to disconnect power to electronic sign and have electronic sign totally dismantled and stored at the Town Shop compound.

CARRIED

- Wolseley 125 Advertising: Councillor SC had a proposal from 620 CKRM to have them on location for Saturday August 12 from 10AM to 3PM for a cost of \$1,780 + GST. Council doesn't see much benefit to having them on location for that day. Ideas from Council on what they could do.
- Councillor SC waiting for quotes for refurbishing the "mushroom" bulletin board on downtown Sherbrooke Street.
- Councillor SC waiting for quotes for the photo "stand-ins".

TT - Councillor TT concerned with the safety of kids jumping off the Garnet Street Bridge into the lake; although there are signs prohibiting diving and jumping from bridges within Town. The Town does have a Bylaw prohibiting such activities, with fines if caught. Councillor TT suggests putting a notice online for public awareness.

- Additional sand was put at the SplashPark and looks good. Will help with erosion.
- Golf Clubhouse floor follow-up. Needs replacing. The floor was fine before, but the glue-on tiles are not an appropriate choice of flooring for that area. Discussed with Kyle and Wolseley Home Building Centre. He will give recommendation for remedying the situation.
- There is a tree at the north west corner of the clubhouse on the golf course that is leaning towards the clubhouse and looks half dead. See if Rob can take a look at this and assess for possible removal.

KD - Sportsplex: the eavestroughs are not done on the garage project. Councillor KD spoke with Beliveau Construction and they will talk to the subtrade to get done.

- Wolf Creek Jubilee Court has one vacancy. Next month it is supposed to be filled.
- Horticulture raised just under \$3,200 with the cash calendars and the fundraiser BBQ.

RL - Grader thermostat was replaced. Rob fixed up the street in front of Donna Taylor's where it was giving water trouble. Seemed to have worked as water is not going on sidewalks anymore.

- There is no excess clay for use at Garden Street. Will have to source clay for building up that street.

RQ - Fire Department: meeting held on Monday. Six firefighters were out, they pumped water out of trucks and showed everyone how they fill. The Grade 1-2 class will be doing a tour at the Fire Hall on Friday at 1:00PM. A couple firefighters volunteered to give the tour.

- The roof at the Fire Hall is still leaking a little bit when it rains heavily.
- Councillor RQ inquires if there are plans to install the outdoor rink boards, get some volunteers together to install before fall.
- Canada Café does not have a permit for structure they are building in behind the Canada Café car garage.

NM - Wolseley 125: meeting held. Will require six toilets and just waiting for prices from Loraas Disposal. Need to check with Rob about trash cans. Sherbrooke Street from Front Street to the Swinging Bridge will have to be closed for the Car Show and vendor market on Saturday August 12th.

219/23

NM/KD to temporarily close the public street Sherbrooke Street from Front Street to the Swinging Bridge on Saturday August 12th for the car show and vendor market; and temporarily close the intersection at Front Street and Sherbrooke Street for approximately 20-30 minutes for the Front Street Sign dedication ceremony on Saturday August 12th.

CARRIED

- The Horticultural BBQ went very well.

- Councillor KD mentioned camping for the Wolseley 125 event will need to be solidified as areas will have to be set up for people to stay in campers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wolseley & District Sportsplex Board – Board Member Renewal Appointment:

220/23 RQ/TT to appoint Frank J Schneider as a Board Member for the Wolseley & District Sportsplex Board for a one-year term, 2023-2024.

CARRIED

2. Staff Wage Recommendations:

221/23 GH/TT upon review of current staff remuneration, and effective June 26, 2023, that the following staff be given the following wages:

- Robert Schneider, \$32.52 per hour; - Diane Beliveau, \$18.00 per hour;
- Mark Smith, \$25.03 per hour; - Darcy Hoel, \$16.00 per hour.
- Garth Domokos, \$24.63 per hour;

CARRIED

Councillor RQ declared a pecuniary interest and left the council meeting at 8:42PM.

222/23 KD/RL that the Chief Administrative Officer’s (Candice Cieckiewicz) salary be increased to \$81,085 per year, effective June 26, 2023.

CARRIED

Councillor RQ returned to the council meeting at 8:42PM.

3. Cemetery Directory Project – Progress Report #1: For informational purposes. Landon Taylor provided a report on progress at the Cemetery and provided an example of the data being collected to create some sort of directory.

CLOSED SESSION

223/23 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:

- DRAFT Utility Bylaws Review and Utility Arrears Service Management Policy Review.

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

CARRIED

224/23 RQ/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 Chief Administrative Officer CC.

CARRIED

225/23 KD/TT to bring Utility Bylaws and Policy to next regular meeting.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Council Meeting, Wed Jul 05, 2023 @ 7:00PM, at the Council Chamber (610 Varennes Street).

ADJOURNMENT

226/23 KD that the meeting be adjourned at 9:31PM.

CARRIED

Gerald Hill
Mayor

Candice Cieckiewicz
Chief Administrative Officer