

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2023**

The 73rd 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 August 16, 2023 at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Ron Lyke (RL)	Councillor Tim Taylor (TT)
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CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor GH called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

AGENDA

279/23 RQ/KD that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

280/23 SC/RQ that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 02, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor NM enters the meeting at 7:04PM

ACCOUNTS

281/23 SC/KD that the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 23060 to 23067 totaling \$9,797.42 be ratified.

CARRIED

282/23 NM/RQ that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 23068 to 23089 totaling \$50,364.73 be approved, with the exception of cheque # 23077.

CARRIED

Mayor GH appointed Councillor KD to chair the council meeting while Mayor GH declared a pecuniary interest and left the council meeting at 7:11PM

283/23 RQ/SC that cheque # 23077 payable to Michael Hill totaling \$936.00 be approved.

CARRIED

Mayor GH returned to the meeting and resumed chairperson for the council meeting at 7:11PM

284/23 RQ/NM that the Statement of Financial Activities detailed for the period ending July 31, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Wolseley Dance Club re: 2023-24 Season Rental Rates: Correspondence received from the Wolseley Dance Club requesting special rental rates for the Town Hall/Opera House for their 2023-24 Season. Dance Registration begins latter part of August and they want to confirm their rental rates as the same as the prior year.

285/23 KD/RQ to charge the Wolseley Dance Club the same Town Hall/Opera House rental as the prior year: \$100 for the first rental day of the week; and \$50 for any subsequent days following that week; and, \$415 per event for Dance Competition and Dance Recital.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

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

286/23

NM/RQ that the bank reconciliation and notes for the period ending July 31, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Utility Update: The 2023 Q2 Utility Bills for the period April 1 to June 30 were due July 31, 2023. Payment Reminder notices were sent in the mail August 1st and more payments or payment arrangements have been made. Continued monitoring for overdue accounts.

The Utility Accounts Receivable is at approximately \$11,191.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

- KD - Sportsplex: the Wolseley & District Sportsplex held a successful fundraiser over the Wolseley 125 celebration weekend. The Wolseley Girls For a Cause donated \$5,000 towards the ice plant from their cabaret fundraiser event held Saturday, August 12. Kudos to the fundraising committee for a successful quad raffle that profited \$25K for the Sportsplex. The Fundraising Committee will continue raising funds as they have a Community Comedy Night scheduled for October 28, 2023.
- Lift at the Sportsplex broke down on Sunday. A technician from Access 2000 was down and tweaked some of the switches and got it working. He said there may be a software update to do, but will keep monitoring it.
 - Wolfcreek Jubilee Court year end statement for the period ended December 31, 2022 was presented to Council.

287/23

KD/GH to accept the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 for Wolf Creek Jubilee Court Inc. as presented.

CARRIED

- The Wolseley Horticulture Society planned and organized a catered meal and rented the Golf Clubhouse for when the Communities in Bloom National Judges were in town evaluating Wolseley on Friday July 28. Invited newcomers were present and the small event was well received by the National Judges. Councillor KD requests the Town to reimburse costs to Wolseley Horticulture for the expenses paid for the catered meal and clubhouse rental.

288/23

KD/SC that the Town of Wolseley reimburse the Wolseley Horticulture Society \$600.00 (six hundred dollars) for the catered meal and clubhouse rental for when the Communities In Bloom National Judges were in town evaluating Wolseley on July 28, 2023.

CARRIED

- RQ - Fire Department: a new member is lined up to join the Fire Department but hasn't officially signed on yet.
- Indian Head Fire Department is changing its SCBA compressor to refill 45 min bottles to 30 min bottles. There may be an opportunity to purchase their old compressor and Wolseley Fire Department would be interested and make good use of it. The RM of Wolseley will also be consulted about this potential purchase.
 - Two Fire Trucks were in the parade over the weekend for the Wolseley 125 celebrations. Mascots Sparky the Dog and Smokey the Bear were along for the ride interacting with kids along the way.

NM - Wolseley 125 event was a great success. Thank you to all the volunteers who pulled together for a great weekend!

- SC - Library: Darrien Yule is hired as the new head librarian. Michelle Williams is assisting with the transition.
- Laramy Piller and Brett Hess donated their time and creativity for the three photo stand-ins created and setup in time for the Wolseley 125 celebration weekend. An invoice will be forthcoming for the materials used to create the stand-ins. They are setup at the south end of the Swinging Bridge, the Fairly Lake Beach and the Tourist Booth. Public Works went around and fastened each of them to the ground to prevent them from blowing over in the wind.

- Tourist Booth chairs were donated from Cornerstone Credit Union. Workers appreciate the new chairs, but need to find the arm rests for them. Due to volunteer availability, the Tourist Booth did not open on August 2nd.
- Wolseley Memorial Integrated Care Centre partnered with Southeast College and will be offering a part time CCA (Continuing Care Assistant) course in Wolseley. Further details to come. There is an SHA Stakeholder meeting tomorrow August 17 at 10:30AM.

- GH** - Front Street Sign looks great at night with the lights, it sure enhances the downtown core. Thank you for Council supporting the project and the numerous volunteers and donors that contributed towards the project!
- The Pollock Memorial dedication went really well. A fundraiser BBQ and Music in the Park was held after the dedication.
 - Wolseley 125 event went really well, good job to everyone involved. The community should be very proud!
 - A new Ukrainian family will be relocating to town tomorrow, as they have a house secured for the family of four. They have two school-aged children. Looking forward to having them in our community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bylaw No. 04-2023, the Golf Cart Bylaw: Nothing further to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Living Tree Environmental – Second DED Survey: Report for the second survey completed August 3rd was received. Twenty-six (26) hazard elm trees/DED symptomatic American elms were identified and marked for removal by the survey crew. All trees marked for removal have orange tree paint ring or orange flagging tape. It is recommended that all trees marked for removal should be removed and disposed of within 2 to 3 weeks of the survey or after receiving laboratory results. Administration is working with Public Works to identify which trees belong to private individuals so notification letters can be sent out.

Council discusses looking at what other communities/cities are doing to prevent Dutch Elm Disease.

2. Access Communications re: Request to Permit Approval to add Pedestals:

289/23

KD/NM that the Town of Wolseley provide approval for the installation of 12 CATV pedestal locations as noted on plans provided (project #43-23-314), on condition that Access Communications provide a summary or project plan and target date for the installation of service at the Wolseley Sportsplex.

CARRIED

3. Jump.ca Security Upgrade Options for Wells: Public Works Foreman recommends upgrading security system in order to facilitate integrating an alarm system for notification when the generator starts at the well site. In discussion with Jump.ca, their technician explained the existing system is aging and to get parts is challenging as they are becoming obsolete. It would be best to upgrade system to the new technology.

290/23

RQ/NM to proceed with Jump.ca security upgrade with re-signing a 4-year contract term for the Well Sites/WTP/Public Works as presented.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

291/23

NM/RQ that Council moves into a Closed Session at 8:24PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Staff Planning.

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

CARRIED

292/23 NM/RQ that Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 8:48PM.

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

CARRIED

293/23 GH/SC to continue staff planning.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Council Meeting, Wed Sep 06, 2023 @ 7:00PM, at the Council Chamber (610 Varennes Street).

ADJOURNMENT

294/23 SC that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49PM.

CARRIED

Gerald Hill

Mayor

Candice Cieckiewicz

Chief Administrative Officer