

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
December 20, 2023**

The 82th 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 December 20th, 2023 at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerald Hill (GH)	Councillor Norman MacDonald (NM)
Councillor Ken Drever (KD)	Councillor Ron Lyke (RL)
Councillor Randy Quintyn (RQ)	Councillor Susan Campbell (SC)
Councillor Tim Taylor (TT)	
Interim CAO JoAnne Yates (JY)	

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

452/23 SC/TT THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

MINUTES:

453/23 KD/RQ THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held December 6th, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

ACCOUNTS:

454/23 RQ/RL THAT the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 23384 to 23389 totaling \$8,953.73 be ratified. **CARRIED**

455/23 SC/RL THAT the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 23390 to 23393 totaling \$2,600.00 be ratified. **CARRIED**

456/23 RQ/KD THAT the Electronic Payment #1456551 for Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 in the amount of \$3,914.97 be ratified. **CARRIED**

457/23 RL/TT THAT the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 23394 to 23420 with the exclusion of Cheque #23408 in the amount of \$2,227.58 Totaling \$49,261.54 be approved. **CARRIED**

Councillor RL declared a pecuniary interest and left the council meeting at 7:10PM

458/23 RQ/KD THAT cheque #23408 in the amount of \$2,227.58 be approved. **CARRIED**

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

459/23 RQ/TT THAT the Statement of Financial Activities detailed for the period ending November 30, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

460/23 SC/RL THAT the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 23421 to 23422 Totaling \$162.26 be approved. **CARRIED**

COMMUNICATION:

1. Access Communications – News Release
2. Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency – Information on Emergencies.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION:

1. November Bank Reconciliation: The CAO prepared and presented the bank reconciliation and notes for the general operating account for the period ending November 30th, 2023.

461/23 GH/TT THAT the bank reconciliation and notes for the period ending November 30th, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Property Tax Update: Taxes continue to come in and I suspect that a lot will pay before the end of the year. The arears are \$30,574.70 and current is \$174,089.22.
3. Utility Update: The Fourth quarter (Q4) Utility Billing for the period October 1 to December 31, 2023 will soon be on their way. Late Notices will be sent out this week. Concerned with 12 residents, they are getting further behind, do we look at disconnect or add arears to taxes.
4. Update on Committee Appointment:

462/23 SC/TT THAT the Town of Wolseley Council appoint the following for a 2-year term; Chair Laurie Langlois, Co-Chair Ann Malo, Treasurer Michelle Williams, Secretary Susan Campbell and members at large Olha Blienko, Yuliia Denhub, Madeline Dunn, Susan Brooks and Laurie Lawson.

CARRIED

5. Furnace from the Curling Rink: Public Works department is wondering if they can keep the furnace as a spare for the Water Plant.

Councillor SC declared a pecuniary interest and left the council meeting at 7:35PM

463/23 KD/RQ to waive the rental at the Town/Opera Hall on December 31, 2023 for the New Year's Eve Committee party.

DEFEATED

Councillor SC returned to the council meeting at 7:41 PM.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM:

SC - Nothing to Report.

TT - Nothing to Report.

- KD - Both rinks are going well, the community is doing great at supporting the rinks with the Ad Signs.
- There has been a good response from community groups working the Booth.
 - The phone in the elevator is a concern, if elevator stops you have only one call, then it needs to be reset by going down stairs, disconnect and reconnect a wire, this is unacceptable and asks the Administrator to call Access Communications.
 - EMO budget of \$25,000.00 in account number 525-260-110 moved to reserve account number 110-110-181.

464/23 KD/RQ THAT the \$25,000.00 budgeted for EMO be moved from Account Number 525-260-110 to a reserve account number 110-110-181.

CARRIED

- RL - The water plants are having a lot of broken valves and pumps, as part of the maintenance.
- Would like to investigate a better way to remove the steel from the transfer station.

- RQ - Would like the Administrator to add Tim Hill to the Fire Fighters insurance as a new member.
- Talked to the contractor doing the room at the Fire hall, they will begin work in the room mid-January, 2024.
 - The new radio training is set for January 15th, 2024.
 - The Recreation Board as the Fire Department to sell the hotdogs on Family day and they have agreed to.
 - The Fire Board has agreed to work the booth at the rink on January 6th, 2024.

NM - Nothing to Report.

- GH** - Welcome Committee is still in discussions with Grandure Housing for a spec house.
- Also, talking with Paul Farrell for a 4-8-unit rental property.
 - Something for council to think about to attract new business, a policy for municipal property tax abatement for new businesses.
 - SHA meeting tomorrow at 10:30 am.
 - Jamie St. Jean now has his CLST.
 - Access Communication will be sponsoring the Wolseley Triathlon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Introduction and Reading:** Bylaw 06-2023 “Golf Course Bylaw”.
465/23 **TT/NM** THAT Bylaw No. 06-2023 being “A Bylaw to permit the operation of golf carts on the public roadways with the limits of the municipality” be introduced and read for the first time.

CARRIED

2. **Joel Kempfer** – Independent contract Agreement for Bylaw enforcement. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Wolseley Triathlon 2024** – Route.
466/23 **RQ/RL** THAT the Town of Wolseley Council approves the use of the beach area and lake on May 31st, 2024 for set up and June 1st & possibly 2nd, 2024 for the triathlon event. Also, permission to use a boat with small electric motor on the lake, to open the public washrooms at 7:00 am. Also, have permission to stop public parking on Garnet Street in front of Dr. Isman School on the east side from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm on June 1st, 2024. Also, to approve the requested route attached and forever forming part of these minutes as “Schedule A”.

CARRIED

2. **Pest Control** – Dave McMain - Tabled
 3. **Munisoft** – 2024 Community project initiative.

Council has requested the administrator apply for the Community Project of \$2,00.00 offered by Munisoft for the Beach Development Project and the Relief Fund Program of \$500.00 for the Wolseley Food Bank.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting, Wed Jan. 3, 2023 @ 7:00PM, at the Council Chamber (610 Varennes Street).

ADJOURNMENT:

- 467/23** **SC** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer