

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
MARCH 20th, 2024**

The 89th 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 20th, 2024 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)	

REGRETS:

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Mayor GH called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

AGENDA:

086/24 SC/RQ THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended

CARRIED

MINUTES:

087/24 NM/RL THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held March 6th, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS:

088/24 RQ/SC THAT the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 23618 to 23619 totaling \$9,618.50 be ratified.

CARRIED

089/24 NM/TT THAT the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 23620 to 23625 totaling \$8,126.24 be ratified.

CARRIED

090/24 RL/KD THAT the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 23626 to 23641 totaling \$23,100.51 be approved.

CARRIED

091/24 RQ/RL THAT the Statement of Financial Activities detailed for the period ending February 29, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATION:

1. RCMP – Indian Head/Montmartre and Area News: Report
2. Wolseley and District Sportsplex Board: Minutes
3. Wolseley & District Sportsplex – Monthly Financial Statement

092/24 KD/TT THAT the Town of Wolseley Council support the Wolseley Hockeyville Committee for promotion and advertising fifty percent (50%) with a limit of \$3,000.00.

CARRIED

093/24 KD/RQ THAT the Town of Wolseley administer the funds for the promotion and advertising for Kraft Hockeyville, subject to Mayor Hill and Gloria Dureault overseeing the project.

CARRIED

094/24 KD/NM THAT the March 2024 Financial Statement for the Wolseley and District Sportsplex be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION:
JANUARY BANK RECONCILIATION

1. The CAO prepared and presented the bank reconciliation and notes for the general operating account for the period ending February 29, 2024.

095/24

KD/NM THAT the bank reconciliation and notes for the general operating account for the period ending February 29.

CARRIED

2. Utility Update: The First quarter (Q1) Update; Water Meter Reads will be taking place this month, and utility bills for the first quarter of 2024 will be prepared and mailed before the end of the month. This billing is for the period January 1 to March 31, 2024, due April 30. The Utility Accounts Receivable is approximately \$4,283.28
3. Property Tax Update. – March update, arrears at March 20, 2024 are 74,616.81.
4. Traffic Sign cloud quote: The old Traffic Logex regarding the digital traffic signs in 2020 was \$800.00/year. The new quote is \$1,000.00/year.
5. Dutch Elm Disease: – The City of Regina gave information on how they are keeping down the number of trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease is being monitored by the Public Works department.
6. Bylaw Court: I had conversations with both Provincial Court and Indian Head and both strongly suggested retaining a lawyer to not only look over our bylaws we wish to enforce, but to also set up with the Provincial Court.
7. Emergency Information Plan: Attached is the start of the Wolseley Emergency Plan, Diane will continue working on and updating the plan.
8. Water Street Bridge: Jim Zacaruk is looking for information on the sewer flow that runs through the pipe attached to the Bridge.
9. Constable Tran of the Indian Head RCMP: Would like the young man that hit the Blue Bins to work off the Damage.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM:

NM - Monday night attended the community meeting held at the RCMP station in Indian Head. 6 municipalities from the area attended.

- Discussion was held on staff shortages at the RCMP and how the recruitment is going. It is a 10-member depot and have only 7 officers at this time.
- The Indian Head RCMP have 3,255 open files and 50% are Break and entry and petty crimes. There has be an increase in both.
- Vagrancy and substance abuse are another concern in the area. DUI's are also increasing.
- Most of the concerns from the municipalities were regarding traffic and highway traffic enforcement.

RQ - Fire Department meeting was held on Monday, discussions where held on the town budget for the department.

- Indian Head is ready to release the compressor and equipment, we will pick it up on Saturday and Monday I will call an electrician to wire the unit.

RL - The plant at the rink will be turned off tomorrow, the plant is still leaking freon and will need to be topped up in the Fall.

KD - The Olympia garage project is complete.

- The rink is rented tonight and there is a game tomorrow and the season is over.
- The group of young people promoting and organizing the push to have as many votes for Hockeyville are working hard and doing a great job.
- A shift in promoting the pre-season NHL game to Saskatchewan is getting momentum.
- Some of the events happening at the rink are Saturday March 23rd, crib tournament from 1 pm to 4 pm then in the evening from 7 pm to 10pm is bingo.
- March 29th is the marathon of voting.
- March 30th is the announcement of the winner, around 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm. The news media will be there.

SC – There is a Tourism Economics and Development meeting tomorrow evening at 7 pm.

- Would like administration to bring the contracts for the Tourist Booth, splash park and beach for council to review and advertise.

TT - The golf course clubhouse flooring has started coming off and it is going well. The glue that is left on the floor needs to come off before the new flooring is installed. It looks like a heat gun is needed to remove the old flooring around the base boards.

- I have been in touch with a company that cleans headstones, there is money in the cemetery budget.

GH - The food bank went really well, there are still some cash donation coming in, the Credit Union is one that is giving a cheque.

- SHA meeting tomorrow at 10:30 am in the Council Chambers.
- I contacted Harvard Media for quotes on advertising Kraft Hockeyville competition, the total campaign value is \$14,080.00 and they are only charging \$3,430.00 that is a substantial savings.
- Advertising options for Social Media such as TikTok, and Facebook are approximately \$100.00 to \$500.00 depending on the amount of people you want to reach in Saskatchewan.

ADVERTISING KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE:

096/24 RQ/KD THAT moves to approve advertising with Harvard Media at \$3,430.00 plus applicable taxes and social media such as TikTok and Facebook with a limit of 557.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

SPORTSPLEX SAFETY NETTING:

097/24 KD/RL THAT moves to approve the quote given by Wolseley Home Building Centre for mounting hardware in the amount \$520.54 taxes included, and from Canadian Plains Energy Services for the safety netting in the amount of \$3,034.45 taxes included for a total of \$3,555.00 taxes included.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. INSURANCE POLICY:

098/24 TT/RQ THAT moves to approve the quote given from Western Financial Group for the general property and equipment insurance policy in the amount of \$35,444.00.

CARRIED

2. ACCESS COMMUNICATION QUOTE:

099/24 GH/SC THAT moves to approve the quote given from Access Communication for a 1-year contract with an option of 5-years at the end to replace phones, lines and internet for \$300.99 per month plus taxes, subject to not losing the SaskTel email addresses.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Prairie Mobile Communications Quote:

100/24 RQ/RL THAT moves to approve the quote given by Prairie Mobile Communications in the amount of \$2,309.50 taxes included for 4 handheld radios with speaker microphone and ear jack.

CARRIED

101/24 GH/NM moved to authorizes Councillor Randy Quintyn who is Fire Chief the R.M. of Wolseley No. 155's Emergency Pre-Fire Plan.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

102/24 NM/RL THAT Council moves into a Closed Session at 9:05 PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Public Works vehicle discussion

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

CARRIED

103/24 **RQ/NM THAT** Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 9:35PM

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

CARRIED

104/24 **KD/RL** moves to get a quote from Wolseley Service for repair to the 2005 Truck.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting, Wed Apr. 3rd, 2024 @ 7:00PM, at the Council Chamber (610 Varennes Street).

ADJOURNMENT:

105/24 **RQ THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer