

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY  
REGULAR MINUTES  
JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

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The 3<sup>rd</sup>, regular meeting of Council of the Town of Wolseley, in the Province of Saskatchewan for the 2024-2028 term was held in the Town Hall/Opera House located at 510 Varennes Street on Wednesday January 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Gerald Hill (GH)	Councillor Isabel Gagné (IG)
Deputy Mayor Tim Taylor (TT)	Councillor Angie Robertson (AR)
Councillor Norman MacDonald (NM)	Councillor Reg Howard (RH)
Councillor Susan Campbell (SC)	
CAO JoAnne Yates (JY)	
CDC Julia Schofer (JS)	

**REGRETS:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**AGENDA:**

**028/25** SC/TT THAT the Agenda be adopted as Presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**029/25** NM/RH THAT the minutes for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CONSENT OF AGENDA:**

**ACCOUNTS:**

**030/25** RH/SC THAT the general accounts for ratification and approval Cheque #'s 24459 to 24479 totaling; \$61,496.70 be ratified and approved as presented and Electronic Payments for ratification from Prairie Valley School Division, Other #1864317; totaling \$22,838.22.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNICATION:**

1. **Sheila – Access Communications:** Wolseley Dam Days  
The Wolseley Dam Days are no longer available, and Council has requested an email to Sheila that the event is no longer available.

**REPORTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR:**

**031/25** TT/RH THAT approves a budget of \$150.00 for the Cultural Planning Steering Committee for the lunch provided for the Scope/Timelines Cultural Planning Initiative & Triple C session on January 23, 2025.

**CARRIED**

1. **Volunteer Recognition Program:** Wolseley is a strong volunteer community. The purpose of this policy is to develop a Volunteer Award Program to recognize the dedicated efforts and hours of work performed by our community members.
2. **Wolseley's Cultural Compass Update:** Thank you to all members of Council who completed the S.C.O.T.Y. exercise. We will be meeting with our steering committee in January to go over the responses to help guide our research and planning going forward. Majority of this strategic plan is funded by SaskCulture. However, partial funding will be required for the development of the Cultural Plan near the end of 2025 as SaskCulture only cover 50% of expenses associated with the writing of the plan.

**032/25** TT/RH THAT approves the purchase of two VISA cards at \$100.00 each to be given as random draws for completing the Wolseley Cultural Compass survey.

**CARRIED**

033/25 3. Town Website Project Proposal:  
**RH/TT MOVES** to hire OmniOnline to build a new website design for the Town of Wolseley in the amount of \$10,500.00 plus applicable taxes and to approve the \$500.00 yearly hosting fees provided by OmniOnline.

**CARRIED**

034/25 4. Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation:  
**GH/NM MOVES** to authorize the CDC Julia Schofer to apply for the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation funding for the outside stone repair needed at the Wolseley Courthouse.

**CARRIED**

5. Town Hall/Opera House: Provincial Heritage Property Plaque.  
 The Provincial Heritage Property designation plaque was taken from the Wolseley Town Hall/Opera house, I have contacted the Heritage Conservation Branch of Ministry of Culture and Sport, and they will replace the plaque in the near future.

035/25 **GH/RH MOVES** to approve the report given by the Community Development Coordinator.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATE:**

036/25 **NM/IG MOVES** to hear the information given by Rensche Venter MNP, on Enterprise Risk Management and Benefits at 7:30 PM.

**CARRIED**

Rensche Venter MNP, finished at 8:05 PM.

**GH called a 5-minute recess was called at 8:23 PM**

Julia Schofer, CDC left the meeting and did not return.

**GH Called meeting back to order at 8:28 PM.**

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Utility Update:  
 Report was given on the Utilities: The Utility accounts receivable are approximately; Current \$36,770.94, 61-90 days \$(441.99), and over 90 days \$13,242.51 totaling \$49,571.46.
2. Property Tax Update: Property taxes are \$102,691.00 arrears.
3. Public Works:  
 Public Works staff have completed their WHIMIS training and have all passed. The Books for Landscaping certification and Tim Hill and Garth Domokos have begun studying for the exam.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' FORUM:**

SC – Sorry to miss the Council meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

There will be a meeting with the New Year's Committee coming up soon.

The dry rib supper at the Sportsplex was good, not a huge turnout like the wing's night.

There is a new manager at Lakeside Nursing Home.

TT – Nothing to report at this time.

IG – At the Economic Development Committee meeting this week, we discussed looking into hosting Entrepreneurship Fair where we will invite in businesses, non-profit organizations, and financial institutions who have resources for existing entrepreneurs and those who have dreams or ideas of starting a business. Once we have plans for the special initiative, we will present them to the council for approval.

AR – I am still working on the OH&S policies and procedures. I would like to see air mediation plan in the bathrooms at the Town Hall/Opera House.

RH - Ice Plant Project Progress: The Sportsman Celebrity Dinner will be held on October 18, 2025, at the Wolseley Town Hall/Opera House. The major washrooms renovations at the Sportsplex was added to the Grant application with the Ice plant. Foreman Rob Schneider is getting quotes on equipment, and I will be getting leasing prices.

NM – The Tourism and Economics Committee Met this week; they will now start meeting quarterly. There is now representation from the R.M. which is great and nice to see.

GH – SHA meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2025, at 10:30 A.M.  
The Public Meeting for Water Street Bridge will be February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 PM

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Appendix A of the Wolseley and District Sportsplex Bylaw No. 02-2019:  
Third Reading:  
037/24 **NM/SC THAT** Bylaw Number 01-2025 having been read a third time, annexed hereto, and forming part of these minutes, be adopted and authenticated by the Mayor and CAO.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Zacaruk Consulting:  
038/25 **NM/IG THAT** the quote given by Zacaruk Consulting in the amount of \$5,000.00 to inspect bridges be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

2. Cupw.sttp – Industrial Inquiring Commission Reviewing Canada Post:  
039/25 **GH/NM Whereas** the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the Canada Labour Code.  
**Whereas** the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an Industrial Inquiry Commission under Section 108 of Canada Labour Code, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the Canadian Postal Service Charter.  
**Whereas** Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.  
**Whereas** the Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.  
**Whereas** the Commission only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.  
**Whereas** while there is room for written input, the Commission process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.  
**Whereas** it will be crucial for the Commission to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.  
**Therefore, be it resolved that** The Town of Wolseley provide input to the Commission in the form of a written submission.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** Town of Wolseley will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the Canada Post Corporation Act, Canada Post’s mandate or the Canadian Postal Service Charter without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**040/25** **SC/AR THAT** Council moves into a Closed Session at 9:25 PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Planning

*Parties Present: Mayor GH, Councillor TT, SC, NM, RH, AR, IG, and Chief Administrative Officer JY*

**CARRIED**

**041/25** **SC/AR THAT** Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 9:40 PM

*Parties Present: Mayor GH, Councillor TT, SC, NM, RH, AR, IG, and Chief Administrative Officer JY*

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING:**

**042/25** **SC/NM MOVES THAT** The Town of Wolseley continue with their planning for future infrastructure.

**CARRIED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Council Meeting, Tue. February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall/Opera House (510 Varennes Street).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**043/25** **SC THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 PM.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer