

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
REGULAR MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5TH, 2025**

The 3rd, 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 February 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerald Hill (GH)	Councillor Isabel Gagné (IG)
Deputy Mayor Tim Taylor (TT)	Councillor Angie Robertson (AR)
Councillor Susan Campbell (SC)	
CAO JoAnne Yates (JY)	

ELECTRONICALLY:

Councillor Norman MacDonald (NM)
Councillor Reg Howard (RH)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

043/25 SC/RH THAT the Agenda be adopted as Presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

044/25 NM/TT THAT the minutes from the Special Meeting January 20, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

045/25 IG/SC THAT the minutes for January 22ND, 2025, Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

CONSENT OF AGENDA:

ACCOUNTS:

046/25 NM/SC THAT the general accounts for ratification and approval Cheque #'s 24480 to 24490 totaling; \$92,292.35 be ratified and approved as presented; and Electronic Payments for ratification from Prairie Valley School Division, Other #1312025; totaling \$3,111.70 as presented; and the December 2024 Statement of Financial Activities – Detail as presented; With the exception of Item 4 on the agenda.

CARRIED

047/25 TT/IG THAT the general accounts for approval Cheque #24491 to 25025; Totaling; \$48,990.69 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATION:

048/24 1. December Water Report:
IG/TT MOVES THAT the Town of Wolseley Council hereby approves the January Monthly Water Report as presented.

CARRIED

049/24 2. Fleury Wagon Financial Statement:
GH/AR MOVES THAT the Town of Wolseley Council hereby approves the 2024 Yearly Financial Statement from the Fleury Wagon Committee as presented.

CARRIED

3. SaskTel – Upcoming Legacy service rate increase:
Effective March 1, 2025, in accordance with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications commission (CRTC) local forbearance price cap framework, we will be implementing a 10% rate increase to select legacy services.
4. RCMP – Indian Head Detachment – Policing Report:
The Community Policing Report from Indian Head Detachment from October 1st to December 31st, 2024, was reviewed by Council.
5. Wolseley and District Sportsplex – Monthly Financial Statement:

050/24 **TT/SC MOVES THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council hereby approves the January Monthly Financial Statement from the Wolseley and District Sportsplex as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR:

051/25 1. Wolseley’s Cultural Compass – Council Endorsement:
GH/TT THAT the Town of Wolseley Council endorses Wolseley’s Cultural Compass Project and authorizes the Community Development Coordinator to apply for the second stream of the SaskCulture Community Cultural Engagement & Planning Grant.

CARRIED

052/25 2. Wolseley’s Cultural Compass – Letter of Support:
GH/SC THAT the Town of Wolseley Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for the SaskCulture CCEP Grant for the Engagement Stream Application.

CARRIED

053/25 **IG/TT THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council approves the report from the Community Development Coordinator as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION:

054/24 1. December Bank Reconciliation:
TT/SC MOVES THAT the bank reconciliation and notes for the period ending December 31, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Utility Update:
Report was given on the Utilities: The Utility accounts receivable are approximately; Current \$20,262.75, 61-90 days \$(441.99), and over 90 days \$10,372.91 totaling \$30,193.67.

055/24 3. Public Works:
GH/AR MOVES THAT the Public Works equipment training be tabled.

CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS’ FORUM:

RH – Hoping to have the contractor selected to do the doors at the Sportsplex soon, should start in April.

GH call for a 10-minute recess at 8:05 PM and Council meeting resumed at 8:17 PM.

RH continued that the Public Works department has tried both the Bobcat skid steer and the John Deere; I have also left some information on Brandt’s lease program for Municipalities.

NM – The Randy Clark Legacy Committee is putting on a Valentine’s Bingo as a fundraiser

TT – The evening of Governance Training for Council was much appreciated, waiting for the Power Point.

AR – Unfortunately I could not make the Governance Training on January 27th, do to other commitments. With my new position, I am on the Utility Board for Qu’Appelle and will need at least 2 weeks’ notice to attend meetings in Wolseley. I would like to correct my statement last meeting, it was not to get air fresheners, but to look at addressing the air quality at the Town Hall/Opera House with something that would improve the quality of air at the hall.

IG – I also found the Governance Training very informative and helpful and would like to see some of the policies mentioned updated or implemented.

SC – Unfortunately I could not attend the Governance Training but look forward to the Power Point for a refresher.

Jubilee Court – Would like a formal letter sent to Ken Drever and Inna Bateman appointing them to the Jubilee Court Board. Also a Thank You to Joanne Bonnor and Andrew Woodrow for their service.

Wolseley Welcomes (Wolseley Welcomes Ukraine) is disbanding, they feel they no longer need to continue and would like to close and transfer the \$1,989.01 to the Wolseley Food Bank. We would like to thank Gerry Hill for all the work and time he spent on this project. There will still be welcome bags for new residents, Sandy Taylor will be looking after the bags.

Transfer to Reserve:

056/25 **GH/TT THAT** the surplus on the financial statement shows a surplus of \$86,151.51; **THEREFORE**, allocate and transfer to reserves the amount of \$80,000.00 to the Bridge account.

CARRIED

Sale of Equipment:

057/25 **SC/IG THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council approve the sale of the Ice resurface machine to Colby Bellendine for the amount of \$1,800.00 and the bucket(box) to George Peslari for \$500.00 and be ratified.

CARRIED

HR and Policy Committee:

058/25 **GH/RH THAT** Councillor Tim Taylor, Susan Campbell, Norman MacDonald and Angie Robertson form the HR and Policy Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor RH stepped out the meeting at 8:10 PM and returned at 8:20 PM.

GH – SHA meeting, there is a new manager for the acute side and long-term care. Virtual Care getting in place to supply care 7 to 7 days, end goal is 24 -7, we still need another doctor to do rotations, new positions are posted for doctor and a nurse practitioner. The new X-ray machine needed at the hospital is needing a contractor assessment of whether it can be placed on the ceiling or needs to be the floor., the budget for the machine is approximately \$700,000.00. The R.M. of Wolseley will be talking with Denton Keating, Chair of the Wolseley Health Foundation.

There are 50-52 beds filled at Lake Side Long-term Care Home, the nurses are in rotation with Broadview.

The Next SHA meeting is February 25, 2025, at 10:30 AM at the Town Hall/Opera House.

John Turnbull's offer has expired, part of his delay is finding new investors, we have asked the realtor to get another offer written and that a deposit must be sent in by Friday February 7th, 2025, and closed by the end of February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. MNP – Engagement Letter and Quote:

059/25 **GH/TT THAT** the Engagement Letter and Quote given by MNP be tabled until the new CAO is in place.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Quotes for New/Used Skid Steers:

060/25 **GH/RH THAT** the quotes for skid steers be tabled until CAO can gather more information on financing and interest rates.

CARRIED

2. Brandt – Municipal Trade-in Program Agreement:

The council looked at the Municipal Trade-in Program offered through Brandt. The lease program offers trade-in every year with.

3. SUMA Convention:

061/25 **GH/TT THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council approves Councils Norman MacDonald, Angie Robertson as voting delegates and JoAnne Yates, CAO to attend the April 13th to 16th SUMA Convention

CARRIED

4. Wolseley Girls for a Cause:

062/25 **TT/SC THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council approves to sponsor the Wolseley Girls with a Cause in the amount of \$300.00

CARRIED

063/25 **TT/IG THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council moves to discount the rent of the Town Hall Opera House and set up for the Wolseley Girls for a Cause fundraising event.

DEFEATED

CLOSED SESSION:

064/25 **AR/TT THAT** Council moves into a Closed Session at 9:55 PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Human Resources
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Parties Present: Mayor GH, Councillor TT, SC, AR, IG, and Chief Administrative Officer JY, Electronically, Councillor NM and RG.

CARRIED

Councillor NM declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 10:05 PM

065/25 **AR/SC THAT** Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 10:20 PM

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

CARRIED

Councillor NM re-entered the meeting electronically at 10:22 PM

Human Resources:

066/25 **SC/AR MOVES THAT** the CAO is to move forward with the interviews of candidates for the Office Clerk position and bring the recommendation to the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting, Wed. February 19th, 2025, 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall/Opera House (510 Varennes Street).

ADJOURNMENT:

067/25 **AR THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer