

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
REGULAR MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2025**

The 5th, 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 March 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerald Hill (GH)	Councillor Isabel Gagné (IG)
Councillor Reg Howard (RH)	Councillor Angie Robertson (AR)
Councillor Norman MacDonald (NM)	
Councillor Susan Campbell (SC)	
CAO JoAnne Yates (JY)	

REGRETS:

Deputy Mayor Tim Taylor (TT)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

093/25 **RH/IG THAT** the Agenda be adopted as Presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

094/25 **NM/IG THAT** the minutes from the Regular Meeting February 19, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

095/25 **RH/SC THAT** the minutes from the Special Meeting February 20, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

CONSENT OF AGENDA:

ACCOUNTS:

096/25 **NM/RH THAT** the Payroll accounts for ratification and approval Cheque #'s 25050 to 25056 totaling; \$11,650.93 be ratified and General Accounts Cheque #'s 25056 to 25085 in the amount of \$32,323.29 approved, with voiding Cheque #25069 and 25061 to correct amounts as presented;
And all Communications be approved and filed as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATES:

097/25 **7:05 pm – Jodie Irving – Mental Health and Wellness Support Group**
RH/AR MOVES THAT the Town of Wolseley Council hereby hears Jodie Irving

CARRIED

Jodie Irving gave a presentation on wanting to start a Mental Health and Wellness Support Group and was looking for suggestions and support.

Jodie Irving left the meeting at 7:30 pm and did not return.

REPORTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR:

1. SPRA Grant – Try Out Urban Poling

Funds were received in the amount of \$2,750.00. These funds have been put towards the training of an instructor (Sandy Taylor) who completed their training in January. Additionally, we were able to purchase 18 sets of Urban Poles with carry bags. The Urban Poles will be used during Sandy's Urban Pole classes.

I am currently working with the Public Library to have the poles accessible for the public to borrow with their library card when there is no clinic. Each set of poles have been designated an inventory number to assist with tracking when we are fully set up.

2. Town of Wolseley Website

First meeting with our website developer OmniOnline to start up the website project. We discussed timelines, expectations and requirements from both parties. We will be meeting on a weekly basis to touch base, and we will update Council as required and when approvals are needed.

Expected completion is approximately 12 weeks with no problems.

3. Community Cultural Plan Survey

I am currently finalizing promotional materials for the survey as part of the Community Cultural Plan. We will be including a one-page sheet to include in the next utility bill notice. Social media promotion will also take place.

Given the information planned to go out in the utility notices this month, it is not feasible to send out a physical copy of the entire survey to all property owners. Instead, we will have physical copies available at the Town Office. I am just waiting for confirmation from the Public Library to be a second location.

4. Wolseley Courthouse Update

We have received permit approval, with conditions, for the proposed work as per the recommendations of CAP Masonry as per the report received by Council last week.

Additionally, a grant application has been submitted to the Heritage Foundation of Saskatchewan to assist with the costs.

5. Co-op Community Spaces Grant

I have submitted a grant on behalf of Wolseley Baseball Club to purchase new backstop and perimeter fencing for the ball diamonds. Even though the ball diamonds are owned by the Town, the Town was ineligible to apply. Instead, if the grant is approved, there is a partnership in place with the Town to accept the funds on behalf of Wolseley Baseball Club since we recognize them as a non-profit organization.

6. Community Rink Affordability Grant

The Town of Wolseley has been approved for the Rink Affordability Grant for the Sportsplex and Curling Rink; \$2,500 per facility. Once funds arrive, they will be transferred to each respective board.

098/25

GH/RH MOVES to accept the Report from the Community Development Coordinator as presented.

CARRIED**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION:****1. UTILITY UPDATE:**

In March the water meters will be read, and the utility bills will be prepared to go out at the end of the month for the first quarter of 2025.

2. MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX UPDATE:

The administrator gave a report on property tax arrears.

3. PUBLIC WORKS – TRAINING:

Public Works have completed the Confined Spaces training and are going on Thursday March 6 for Fall Protection Training. I have talked to Angie about Equipment Training, and she was unable to get a date and has requested I get prices from other Companies.

**4. WATER STREET BRIDGE: PRESENTATION ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

The Public Meeting went well, there were 39 attendees plus council and presenters.

3 residents have so far picked up the information handed out at the meeting.

19 – Option 4

12 – Option 2

3 – Option 1

1 – Option 6

5. SPLASH PARK – CONCESSION STAND TENDER:

Councillor Howard would like to put a tender out for running a concession stand at Splash Park.

099/25 **RH/IG MOVES THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council in principle tenders the Wolseley Splash Park Concession once the contract is completed and insurance is checked.

CARRIED

100/25 **GH/SC MOVES THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council accepts the report given by the CAO as presented.

CARRIED

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' FORUM:

NM – I will be going to SUMA this year in Saskatoon.

I have been approached about swimming lessons in Wolseley and will discuss with Julia.

Ken Drever has retired as the treasurer of the Horticultural Board, I will remain chair, Loree Lawson is secretary, and Robbie Galenza is the new treasurer.

The Horticultural Board will be doing the Music in the Park in June 2025.

We would like to recommend doing the hanging baskets in deep pink and Purple. We also be planning a spring cleanup in the near future.

RH - The Foreman has suggested closing the Water Street Bridge to Traffic.

Water Street Bridge Closure:

101/25 **NM/RH THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council for safety reasons closes the Water Street Bridge on March 10th, 2025, at 9:00 am to all vehicle traffic until the engineer's assessment is complete.

CARRIED

Sportsplex – we are hosting 2 major tournaments coming up and we are hosting the U11 league playoffs.

Some of the Board members will be meeting at the rink on Monday to go over replacing the doors with contractors.

AR - Was having a hard time with the urgency of deciding on the courthouse. My goal is to be fiscally responsible.

The Mayor explained that all of the council wishes that as well, but in order to apply for the grant we needed to decide. The money has come from the Wolseley Heritage Foundation and was marked for the Courthouse outside work that needs to be done in order to keep the integrity of the building.

IG – Wanted to give my regrets for missing the Public Meeting due to a family medical emergency.

SC – Selling the souvenirs at the Tourist Booth went over really well and I would like to suggest replenishing the stock and selling them again this year.

I would like to see a simple instruction sheet on how to use the sound system at the Hall.

GH – I would like to narrow down the choices for the Water Street Bridge Project to 2 choices, Option 2 and Option 4.

Water Street Bridge Project:

- 101/25** **NM/RH THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council after seeing the scope of the Public Meeting, narrowing down the options for the Water Street Bridge to Option 2 – A walking bridge or Option 4 – A bridge for all vehicles putting the information in the upcoming water bills for Public option on which they would prefer.

CARRIED**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****1. Wolseley Baseball Club – Minor Ball:**

- 102/25** **GH/RH THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council support the initiative that the Wolseley Baseball Club is taking in bringing back ball and utilizing the Baseball diamonds.

CARRIED**2. Sportsplex and curling rink checklists:**

Administration brought the checklists for the Wolseley Sportsplex and the Wolseley Curling rink for the Public Works staff and check during the off season.

3. Wolseley Landfill Fee Schedule:

Mayor Hill and Councillor MacDonald will be taking a look at the fees and bring back to the next council meeting.

4. The Wolseley Sportsplex: Exterior Doors:

Administration will be sending out invitations to bid on supplying and installing the exterior doors at the Sportsplex.

5. Outside Hanging Baskets:

- 103/25** **NM/RH THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council approves the purchase of 25 hanging baskets from UK Greenhouse in the amount of \$115.00 each plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

- 104/25** **NM/RH THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council acknowledges the proposal given by CAP Masonry Inc. in the amount of \$48,800.00 to restore the Wolseley Courthouse for the purpose of applying for the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation Grant.

CARRIED

- 105/25** **NM/IG THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council authorizes Julia Schofer, CDC to apply to the Saskatchewan Heritage, Conversation Branch for the permit needed for the restorations at the Wolseley Courthouse.

CARRIED

- 106/25** **SC/NM THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council authorizes Julia Schofer, CDC to apply to the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation Grant Program for the restorations need at the Wolseley Courthouse in the amount of \$25,854.00.

CARRIED**NEW BUSINESS:****1. Saskatchewan Music Festival:**

- 107/25** **NM/RH THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council approves a \$300.00 donation to the Saskatchewan Music Festival held this year in Wolseley.

CARRIED**2. Wolseley Recreation Board Member:**

Request to use the Courthouse to hold a Haunted House, the Council has tabled to check with insurance.

3. Krista Laverdiere – Rock Snake:

- 108/25** **NM/AR THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council approves the request from Krista Laverdiere to use green space down from the Credit Union to create a rock snake.

CARRIED**4. Tourist Booth Contract:**

- 109/25** **SC/IG THAT** To Tender the Contract for the Tourist Booth Attendant for the 2025 season in the local paper, website and social media with an end date of March 30, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

CARRIED**5. Water Security Agency Waterworks Inspection:**

- 110/25** **RH/SC THAT** Town of Wolseley Council accepts the Wolseley Waterworks Inspection by Water Security Agency.

CARRIED

6. Foreman’s Report – Bobcat Skid Steer:
111/25 **NM/RH THAT** Town of Wolseley Council moves to purchase a New S590 T4 V2 Bobcat with a V-Blade, Snow Blower and Angle Broom with a 5-year warranty for \$94,911.68 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

112/25 **RH/IG THAT** Council moves into a Closed Session at 9:45 PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Human Resources
- Development

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

CARRIED

113/25 **SC/IG THAT** Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 10:05 PM

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

CARRIED

Development:
0114/25 **SCNM MOVES THAT** the Regular Council Meeting on March 19th, 2024, be moved to 8:00 pm and to have the Closed Session at 7:00 PM for Planning and Development.

CARRIED

Planning and Development:
115/25 **NM/IG MOVES** to continue with the Community Planning.

CARRIED

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

ADJOURNMENT:
116/25 **SC THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer