

TOWN OF WOLSELEY
REGULAR MINUTES
April 23rd, 2025

The 8th, 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 April 23, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

157/25 **SC/TT THAT** the Agenda be adopted as Presented. **CARRIED**

158/25 **RH/TT** Moved to open the Public Meeting at 7:02 PM. **CARRIED**

Mayor GH opened the floor for attendees to speak on the Water Street Bridge Project. The consensus was that a new bridge should be constructed. Some of the concerns are the traffic diverted to other streets such as Varennes Street past the Town Hall/Opera House, and Lions Park.

159/25 **GH/NM THAT** the Public meeting ends at 7:30 PM and resumes Regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

160/25 **GH/RH THAT** the Water Street Bridge be replaced with Option 4; permanent gravity fed sanitary line supported under a New Precast Steel Bridge with a geo-synthetic reinforced soil & steel bridge deck for an approximate price of \$1,360,000.00 as quoted by Zacaruk Consulting Inc. **CARRIED**

DELEGATION:

161/25 **NM/TT THAT** the Town of Wolseley Council hears the Delegate Bev Kenny at 7:36 PM **CARRIED**

162/25 **NM/TT MOVES THAT** to approve the request by Bev Kenny to place a granite monument that is approximately one (1) foot higher than the Wolseley Cemetery template allows, also to review the Cemetery Bylaw. **CARRIED**

Bev Kenny left the meeting at 7:46 PM and did not return.

MINUTES:

163/25 **SC/RH THAT** the minutes from the Regular Meeting April 2, 2025, be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

CONSENT OF AGENDA:

ACCOUNTS:

164/25 **NM/IG THAT** with the exception of item one (1) and item four (4) approve Electronic payment number 1956908; in the amount of \$3,587.19, General accounts for approval; Cheque 's #25174 to 25199; totaling \$92,930.12, and all Communications be approved and filed as presented. **CARRIED**

165/25 **RH/SC THAT** Cheque's #25167 to 25173; totaling \$3,902.62 be ratified.

CARRIED

166/25 **IG/TT THAT** the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending February 28, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION:

167/25 **1. FEBRUARY BANK RECONCILIATION:**
NM/IG THAT the bank reconciliation and notes for the period ending February 28, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC WORKS – PAY INCREASE SCHEDULE:

Please table until May 7, 2025, Council Meeting

3. MCDOUGALL AUCTIONS:

The equipment is at McDougall Auctions, the Auction is open now and will close on April 28, 2025.

4. PURGATORY ADVENTURES CONTRACT:

They stayed overnight at the Courthouse on April 19, 2025. They were supposed to pick up a key on Friday at the office, but the office was closed for Stat Holiday. They arrived with no way to get in, if it wasn't for a person walking their dog and giving them the information to contact the mayor, they would not have been able to film. I phoned Purgatory Adventures; YouTube will not be out for at least one month.

Councillor RH declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:00 PM

5. TOURIST BOOTH CONTRACT:

168/25 **NM/SC MOVED TO** increase the Tourist Booth contract from \$2,500.00/month to \$3,000.00/month.

CARRIED

Councillor RH returned to the council meeting at 8:10 PM

6. SASKPOWER ABANDON LINES:

Attached is an email stating that SaskPower is fully responsible for any damage done to the road, which may be done in the digging.

7. WATER BREAK IN FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL:

All the invoices for the water break in front of the Wolseley Hospital are in and the final cost was approximately \$24,000.00.

Mayor GH declared a conflict of interest and Deputy Mayor TT chaired the meeting at 8:15 PM

8. WOLSELEY BASEBALL BOARD:

169/25 **NM/SC THAT** the old concession stand at the Public Works shop can be moved to the baseball diamonds.

CARRIED

170/25 **IG/NM THAT** the Wolseley Baseball Club can use the Sportsplex on April 30, 2025, to store the plants from the minor ball fundraiser and make sure cleaned up after.

CARRIED

Mayor GH returned to chair meeting at 8:30 PM

9. FIRE BAN:

171/25 GH/TT THAT a blanket approval for placing a fire ban for the 2025 season by the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

CARRIED**10. YARD WASTE PICK UP:**

172/25 RH/TT THAT the 2025 Yard Waste Schedule be as follows: May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, and the final pick up will be November 3, 2025.

CARRIED**11. Splash Park Washrooms and Beach, and all Portable Washroom Contracts:**

12.

173/25 TT/RH THAT Kim and Trevor Baron contract for the Beach Washrooms and Splash Park will continue for the 2025 season at \$1,500.00/monthly and Mya Bieber Maintenance Contract Agreement for the Beach Area, Golf Course Washrooms and all Portable Toilet will continue for the 2025 season at \$1,500.00/monthly.

CARRIED

174/25 RH/TT THAT the Administrator's report be accepted as read.

CARRIED**MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' FORUM:**

NM – Nothing to report, will have a report of the SUMA convention next meeting.

IG – Nothing to report at this time, other than I will be attending the Economic and Development meeting on April 22, 2025. Also, congratulations to the Wolseley Mustangs on their win and shout out to all the volunteers.

AR - The Economic and Development meeting was postponed until June.

RH – The Sportsplex is all closed down everything went well. The windup for the Mustangs and the clean up is completed.

I would like to mention that the Public Works crew have been doing a great job with the roads.

AR – Would like to mention that I had a medical emergency and went to the Indian Head Hospital and sat for 3 hours, and did not get in, I left and waited until morning and went to the Wolseley Hospital and was in and out in 3 hours, I just want to say that the Wolseley Hospital is running well and doing a great job.

I would like to set up meetings with some other portfolios holders and discuss planning. Norman did a great job speaking at the SUMA bear pit.

TT – I went to the Fire Fighter meeting on Monday and 11 of the fire fighters attended, it was a very well-run meeting. Some of the topics they discussed was: The Air tank filling station is operating well, the Radio Charging station is also up and running and working well, they also have the capability to fill the truck inside the Fire Hall, it makes it easier than filling outside. They feel another Rapid Response truck is needed. The big red door needs painting. The fire fighters will be holding a Golf Tournament on June 7th, 2025.

The curling ring has a leak in the header, and they are working on it.

The Mainline Music Festival was a success, participants are from Wolseley, Grenfell, Indian Head and surrounding areas, the board does need revitalizing with new members, it would be terrible if we lose this program.

SC – I Would like the CAO to give Public Works the list of repairs that need to be completed at the Tourist Booth before it opens for the season.

GH – I would like to order 22 – 10” baskets to transplant to the planters at the Courthouse Park.

175/25 RH/IG THAT the Town of Wolseley Council approve the purchase to 22 – 10” baskets from Serenity 2.0 in the amount \$1,258.74.

CARRIED

The SHA minutes are attached to this meeting, hopefully everyone has read them.

- 176/25** **RH/NM THAT** the Wolseley Landfill moves to its summer hours of Wednesdays from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

CARRIED

This year the Music in the Park will be held on June 21, 2025.

- 177/25** **SC/TT MOVES TO** approve the request from the Horticultural Board and Cornerstone Credit Union to hold Music in the Park on June 21, 2025, in the Wolseley Courthouse Park.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Hydra survey – Bathymetric Be Tabled
2. Bylaw No. 02-2025 amending Bylaw No. 03-2014 Regulating outdoor fires. -Be Tabled

Introduction and Reading:

3. Quote For Door replacement at the Sportsplex.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 178/25** 1. Wolseley District Health Foundation:
SC/TT THAT the Town of Wolseley Council appoints Kara MacRobbie to the Wolseley District Health Foundation as a representative of the town.

CARRIED

- 179/25** 2. REMAX:
GH/SC THAT Town of Wolseley Council continues to list two (2) properties with Remax Blue Chip Realty 302 and 304 Garnet Street and to Authorize the CAO to sign the one (1) year Seller's MLS Brokerage Contracts.

CARRIED

- 180/25** 3. Wolseley Graduating Class of 2025:
AR/TT THAT Town of Wolseley Council approves the request from Holly Vipond on behalf of the Wolseley 2025 Graduation Class to borrow snow fence for the celebration on June 13, 2025, and will return in the same condition as borrowed

CARRIED

- 181/25** 4. Refund on over payment:
GH/RH THAT the Town of Wolseley Council approves the refund of \$1,300.00 to Alexis Puffalt for overpaid taxes sent in error.

CARRIED

- 182/25** 5. Parking at the Wolseley Parking lot:
RH/TT THAT Town of Wolseley Council approves the request from Donna Lechman to park her fully self-contained RV at the Wolseley Sportsplex parking lot on June 13 and 14, 2025, to attend a wedding at the Wolseley Town Hall/Opera House.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

- 183/25** **SC/NM THAT** Council moves into a Closed Session at 9:45aPM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:

- Human Resources

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

CARRIED

- 184/25** **RH/TT THAT** Council moves out of a Closed Session and reopens the regular meeting at 10:15 PM

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

CARRIED

Councillor RH declared a conflict of interest at 10:15 pm and left the meeting.

- 185/25** Community Development Coordinator:
GH/TT THAT the Town of Wolseley Council advertises the position of Community Development Coordinator at SaskJobs, Wolseley Bulletin, SUMA, SEDA, Linked in and the Wolseley Website.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- 186/25** **ADJOURNMENT:**
AR THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer