

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
AUGUST 03, 2022**

The 47th 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 August 03, 2022 at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerald Hill (GH)	Councillor Norman MacDonald (NM)
Councillor Tim Taylor (TT)	Councillor Ken Drever (KD)
Councillor Randy Quintyn (RQ)	Councillor Ron Lyke (RL)
CAO Candice Cieckiewicz (CC)	

ABSENT:

Councillor Susan Campbell (SC)

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

302/22 RL/RQ that the Agenda be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

MINUTES

303/22 TT/RQ that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 20, 2022 be approved. **CARRIED**

ACCOUNTS

304/22 KD/RQ that the general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 22083 to 22090 totaling \$9,560.86 be ratified. **CARRIED**

305/22 RL/KD that the general account for ratification, cheque # 22091 totaling \$115.00 be ratified. **CARRIED**

306/22 TT/RQ that the general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 22092 to 22124 totaling \$35,766.30 be approved, with the exception of cheque # 22122. **CARRIED**

Councillor RQ declared a pecuniary interest and left the council meeting at 7:06PM.

307/22 KD/RL that cheque # 22122 payable to Wolseley Service Ltd. totaling \$1,644.74 be approved. **CARRIED**

Councillor RQ returned to the council meeting at 7:08PM.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Michelle Williams, Wolseley Public Library re: Outdoor Library Proposal:

308/22 KD/TT to grant permission to the Wolseley Public Library to install one Outdoor Library Box at the Tourist Information Centre/gazebo area and one Outdoor Library Box at the Front Street Fence. **CARRIED**

2. Tara Savard re: Tree/Shrub Inquiry for Removal:

309/22 RQ/TT to allow removal of public Elm trees on boulevard adjacent to 124 Sherbrooke Street, as per owner request. **DEFEATED**

310/22 GH/RQ to repair curb stop at 124 Sherbrooke Street to have functioning prior to winter.

CARRIED

3. Wolseley Dance Club re 2022/23 Dance Season Rental:

311/22 TT/NM to keep Town Hall/Opera House rental rates the same as the prior year (\$100 for first day of week and \$50 for second and subsequent days of same week; \$415 per event for Competition & Recital), with notice that rates will be reviewed next season.

CARRIED

4. Laurie Stringer re: Town Hall/Opera House Update: Correspondence received from Caretaker of the Town Hall/Opera House providing an update of the building maintenance. The double doors at the top of the stairs require hardware to be replaced. Council directed to get the required work completed to secure the building.

5. Minister Hindley re: Wolseley Hospital Update: Correspondence received from the Minister of Rural and Remote Health, Honorable Everett Hindley. The update assured that full restoration of all healthcare services at the Wolseley Memorial Integrated Care Centre remains a high priority for their government and the suspension of services is not permanent. They are committed to restoring these services as soon as staffing levels permit, and will do so in a staged re-opening as vacant positions are filled. They have advised they are working every day to recruit staff to Wolseley and also to other rural communities experiencing temporary service disruptions.

The last Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) meeting was May 26, 2022 and haven't heard anything since. Broadview is open during the week and is on bypass on weekends. Need to communicate with Ministers rather than SHA. Our Hospital closure affects more than just the Town, it affects surrounding areas and alleviates pressures from other rural community health facilities. Chances of getting a meeting organized now is slim, perhaps in the fall but can start planning for a meeting now.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

1. Utilities Update: The July 31st deadline for the 2022 Q2 Utility Billing for the period April 1 to June 30, 2022 has passed. Interest has been levied on accounts that have a balance remaining. Payment reminder notices will be distributed next week. The Final Notices will also be distributed next week. There are about 18 accounts with significant arrears over 90 days.

The total Utility Accounts Receivable is at approximately \$19,180.

2. Town Hall/Opera House Roof Rehabilitation Project Update: The Roofing Contractor was desperately trying to fit this project in between larger projects. He had asked if there was any possibility of a 30-day extension for the funding. The CAO reached out to Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation and explained our situation, and they granted us an extension up to October 31, 2022. The Contractor is aware of the new deadline, and confirmed they can accommodate this. They will touch base with us again to schedule a date.

3. Weed Harvesting Update: The CAO contacted Ron Ackerman on Tuesday August 2nd to find out when he was scheduling Wolseley in to complete our weed harvesting. He was reminded the Swimming Lessons are taking place from Friday August 5th to Monday August 8th. He will be coming by Wolseley this week and will confirm with us again as to what date he will be here.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

KD - The Wolseley & Sportsplex Board met and formed committees, had an election, etc. Arena Fees for the 2022-23 year were discussed.
- Sportsplex Financials were presented with Assets of \$45,622 realizing a profit of \$20,033.75

312/22 KD/RQ to accept Wolseley Sportsplex Financial report as presented.

CARRIED

- Sportsplex Garage project: working on details regarding the sapphire blue tin and its profile.

RL - Landfill: we had been stockpiling large items (couches, mattresses, etc.) to the side and putting in the bins later, but we will start putting these larger items in the bins and squish them down when they get full. Should look at purchasing a trail camera as someone had dumped off a load of waste at the gate when the Landfill was closed. Should also look at getting scentless chamomile sprayed out there.

313/22 RQ/TT to purchase a high-quality trail camera that works off cellular for the Wolseley Landfill.

CARRIED

- Mayor GH suggests spraying for dandelions, check with Lakeside Home to see who they get to do it or talk to local certified applicators and give proper notice.

RQ - Nothing to report.

NM - Would like to do a volunteer appreciation night \$200-300 budget for refreshments; would be an evening on a Saturday for Volunteer Recognition.
 - Norman is planning an event at the Town Hall/Opera House and is seeking council to waive the rental fees as all residual funds/profits from the event will stay with the Town Hall in a Town Hall/Opera House Reserve fund. Proposed date is either October 22 or November 12 for the Town Hall fundraiser.

314/22 NM/TT that the Town Hall fundraising event rental fee be waived due to all proceeds from event to be returned to the Town Hall/Opera House reserve fund.

CARRIED

TT - as a follow-up from last meeting, the purchases for the Town Hall/Opera House, the two speakers do not have stands. The projector has been ordered and two 50' cords will be purchased to hard-wire connect if necessary.

GH - The Wolseley Welcomes Ukraine meeting was held last night. The family hopes to be in the house by the end of the month, they are settling in nicely. The committee is going to be reaching out to the community for housewares to use one of the rinks for a drop-off depot. Initially thinking the west end of ice surface at the Sportsplex would be acceptable. The donations would be accepted for a short period of time. A garage sale would be held for duplicate items to raise funds for the family.

- Tourism & Economic Development Committee (TED): committee will approach existing businesses to encourage development of vacant spaces. Something to think about is would Council permit a tax incentive program for something like this. We have a deficiency with rentals in the community. Would like to develop a package for fuel stations/travel stops at east entrance. Would like to expand incentive program to include commercial properties, as it is currently only for residential properties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Tender Review for Outdoor Rink Project LED Lighting Component: Two tenders were received for the Outdoor Rink Project LED Lighting Component.

- DC3 Electric: \$26,212.47
- Half Diamond R Electric: \$12,987.00

315/22 KD/RQ to proceed with Half Diamond R Electric Ltd. for the Outdoor Rink Project LED Lighting Component and discuss design detail for a cost up to \$12,987.00.

CARRIED

2. Pound/Pound Keeper: No update. The CAO updated the website to include an Animal Services page. Mayor GH talked with the Foreman about setting up a pound at the Town Shop.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for July 2022:

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GH/RQ to acknowledge the Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for July 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting of Council, Wednesday August 17, 2022 at 7:00PM at Council Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

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KD that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49PM.

CARRIED

Gerald Hill

Mayor

Candice Cieckiewicz

Chief Administrative Officer