



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Thursday, December 5, 2024 Council Chambers in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Pyziak, Councillors Tanchak, Gagaluk, Nevakshonoff, Lindal, and
Accounts Payable Lynette Boitson
Regrets: Chief Administrative Officer Kelly

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal
277/24 **WHEREAS** the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council has been circulated for them to review;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this agenda be adopted with additions.

CARRIED

Under New Business:
Former LUD Working Group

Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
278/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 6, 2024, have been circulated for their review;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes are hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegates:

9:30

RCMP

Listed the stats for the month for the RM of Fisher. Reeve spoke of meeting with AMM delegation.

10:00

RM of Grahamdale

RM of Grahamdale requests a conversation with the RM of Fisher, Peguis and West Interlake. Request form committee to apply for grants to upgrade roads for fire guards etc. Would like a committee formed. Tom and Boyd to sit on group.

Financial:

1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
279/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:
Cheque Nos. 7462 to 7516
Electronic Payments EFT to Pay Works 3104 to 3106;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$660,893.39.

CARRIED

2. Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
280/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated November 30, 2024 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Tanchak – Rink Board – working hard to get grants for repairs. Rink and Curling Board are operating separately. Will try to find out when next meeting is and attend.

Councillor Nevakshonoff – WIWD – Board has stayed as is. Consultations with EIWD executive board.

Councillor Lindal – spoke of issues regarding illegal activity in town – has been quiet now. Spoke of possible Grant Match participation. New lights, Vet clinic doc shortage, AMM conference.

Councillor Abas – Hodgson Community Club Meeting, budget, fundraising for repairs, Vet clinic – new equipment.

Reeve Pyziak – AMM, FCM, RCMP, MASC – put letter together to lobby to get MASC and hydro back in Fisher Branch. Policy meeting, LGD Ad Hoc

Communications:

1. Stars Donation Request

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
281/24 **RESOLVED THAT** \$500.00 be donated to Stars.

CARRIED

2. Santa Claus Parade

a.) FireWorks

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas
282/24 **RESOLVED** that \$500.00 be donated to the Fisher Branch Santa Claus Parade for fireworks.

CARRIED

b.) Parade

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal
283/24 **WHEREAS** a request for a Christmas parade was made;
AND WHEREAS a request for closure of Tache Avenue from the Fisher Branch Community Center to the Wheel is required;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality hereby grants the request to proceed with the parade on December 6, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration apply for all necessary permits from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation.

CARRIED

3. Kris Barrett

Ward 7 Councillor to look into it. Beaver dams are part of the problem in area.

4. Legion

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas
284/24 **RESOLVED THAT** RM of Fisher purchase a Color Business Card for the Military Service Recognition Book for \$260.00.

CARRIED

5. Stanley Wallach culvert and drainage request

Not approved. Previously inspected ditch working fine and culvert is suitable. Send letter.

6. FCC

Info Only .

7. Gravel Request

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

285/24 **WHEREAS** a bus driver for Lakeshore School Division has requested gravel on a driveway for a student pickup off of Road 10.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT gravel be placed on driveway for bus driver.

DEFEATED

8. Terra Indigena

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

286/24 **RESOLVED THAT** RM of Fisher purchase ¼ page from the Terra Indigena paper for a holiday ad.

CARRIED

9. Mike Haliuk

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Unfinished Business

1. Whitetail Woods

Waiting for report. Tom to follow up.

2. Drainage Requests - Moved to Spring 2025

All drainage requests will be moved to Spring 2025

3. Sewer Main Renewal – Grant Match

Tabled to quarterly

4. Insurance

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

287/24 **WHEREAS** a quote for disability insurance for all municipal staff, Council and fire department was requested from One Insurance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT quote be accepted and life and disability insurance be purchased for all municipal staff.

CARRIED

5. Ward 5 – Culvert extension

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

288/24 **WHEREAS** an arched culvert on Road 142 and 0 is broken in the middle;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT culvert be replaced and ordered from Armtech and installed spring 2025.

CARRIED

6. David Hnatuik Culvert Through Railway

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

289/24 **WHEREAS** a request for culvert through the railbed at NE 35-22-2W

AND WHEREAS request has been made before with Broad Valley Drain project

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the drainage licensing officer review for his consideration.

CARRIED

CAO to research CN Drawings

7. David Hnatuik Ditching Request

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
290/24 **WHEREAS** a request for ditching on Road 7W (East of 26-23-2W) was made;
AND WHEREAS the survey is too old for licensing purposes and needs to be redone;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new survey be ordered Spring of 2025.
CARRIED

8. Mines Update

Tabled

9. Pot Country Farms Request

Deputy Reeve Abas declared conflict

Pot Country Farms to apply for a conditional use permit. And have Public Hearing in January.

New Business

1. NW 23-23-2W Dirt in Ditch

Reeve Pyziak declared conflict and left the room.

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
291/24 **WHEREAS** dirt has been piled into the municipal right of way on NW 23-23-2W
AND WHEREAS the said dirt has impeded flow in ditch
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to the landowner to remove
dirt from NW corner of the NE 23-23-2W.

CARRIED

2. Poplarfield Disposal

a.) Scrap Metal

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
292/24 **WHEREAS** scrap metal from the disposal sites have been sold by the municipality and
revenue generated has gone back into Municipal Operations;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED letter be sent to ratepayer stating that removal of
scrap is prohibited.

CARRIED

b.) Customers complaining that they have to pay for garbage but local hauler does not.

Keep status quo. Only if its RM ratepayers garbage that is being hauled and recyclables kept
separate. Doing a service for the RM.

3. Water License for W 33-23-1W

Moved to In Camera

4. Ward 5 Gulay

Invite Mr. Gulay as a delegate for Council meeting.

5. Christmas

a.) Office Closure

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas
293/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the office and public works will be closed from
December 23 to December 27.

CARRIED

b.) Disposal Sites

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
294/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the disposal site hours on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024 will
be from 9-12 and Closed Boxing Day December 26, 2024.

CARRIED

c.) Staff Christmas Gift

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas
295/24 **RESOLVED THAT** \$25.00 gift certificate be given for all staff and Fire department.

CARRIED

d.) Christmas Party

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal
296/24 **RESOLVED THAT** Lunch be provided for staff at the Fisher Branch Golf Course
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT office be closed to attend.

CARRIED

6. EMO Plan 2025

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
297/24 **WHEREAS** The Manitoba Emergency Measures Act requires municipalities to
implement emergency preparedness programs and plans;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of
Fisher hereby adopts the 2025 Municipal Emergency Response Plan as presented;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes said Plan to be
submitted to the Province for approval.

CARRIED

7. Nature Conservancy letter of support

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
298/24 **WHEREAS** the Nature Conservancy of Canada requests support from the RM to provide
support for a 2 year trust grant to develop a conservation and bio-diversity- focused
strategy for the rare Interlake alvar ecosystem.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Fisher submit a letter of support
to the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

CARRIED

8. Snow Clearing Office

Staff to Continue to clear snow.

9. VLT Funding

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal
299/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the 2024 VLT funding in the total amount of \$40,000.00 be
allocated as follows:

- 40% Fisher Branch Recreation Centre
- 10% Ukrainian National Home
- 10% Hodgson Community Centre
- 10% Poplarfield Community Centre
- 5% Broad Valley Community Hall
- 5% Fisherton Community Hall
- 10% Fisher Branch Community Center
- 10% Other allocations (Special Projects)

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal
300/24 **WHEREAS** the 2024 Financial Plan included an expenditure of \$13,000.00 for
providing financial assistance to community centers and halls;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipal funding be allocated as
follows:

- \$ 5,200.00 Fisher Branch Recreation Centre
- 1,300.00 Poplarfield Community Centre
- 1,300.00 Hodgson Community Centre
- 1,300.00 Broad Valley Community Hall
- 1,300.00 Ukrainian National Home
- 1,300.00 Fisherton Community Hall
- 1,300.00 Fisher Branch Community Center

CARRIED

10. 2025 Interim Operating Budget

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
301/24 **RESOLVED THAT** 2024 Interim Operating Budget be accepted as presented:

General Government Services	\$ 250,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 57,000.00
Transporation Services	\$ 387,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 45,000.00
Public Health and Welfare Services	\$ 15,926.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 12,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$ 24,000.00
Recreation and Cultural Services	\$ 17,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$ 130,000.00
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	2025 Interim Operating Budget

Capital Requirements

Utility Requirements \$ 100,000.00

CARRIED

11. Interlake Water Supply

Ask about filler pipes and well report

12. 74 Tache Street Meter

If water meter is damaged cost will be on homeowner.

13. Ward 7 – Road 14W

Examine area in spring with drone.

14. New Tires

Moved by Councillor Galaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

302/24 **WHEREAS** the public works truck requires new tires;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT quote from Fisher Repair for 4 Nexen Roadian ATX tires be accepted.

CARRIED

15. MB GRO

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Galaluk

303/24 **WHEREAS** the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) grant is providing municipalities funding for renewal, innovation, or climate resiliency projects

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Rural Municipality of Fisher apply for grant funding for innovation of a new recreational trail in the town of Fisher Branch.

CARRIED

16. WOA Consulting

Tabled

17. AMM Fall Convention

Info Only

9. In Camera

In Camera:

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
304/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go into
“In Camera” as
per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item:

Legal

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed are to remain
confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
305/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does
now re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas
306/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting
does hereby adjourn at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer
(Subject to errors and/or omissions)