



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 Council Chambers in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Pyziak, Councillors Tanchak, Gagaluk, Lindal, Nevakshonoff and
Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Marykuca
Regrets: Deputy Reeve Abas

Call to Order: 9:01 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

35/25 **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 as amended.

CARRIED

Under NB: 21. Other:

1. 23 Heritage Row
2. Dianco Sales

Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

36/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 5, 2025 have been circulated for their review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes are hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

37/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 28, 2025, have been circulated for their review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes are hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegates:

9:30

RCMP

Discussed stats for the month.

10:00

Frances Cooper – Transportation and Infrastructure

Liaison Officer for Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. Discussed issues with PR 17, 329, and 224 project.

10:30

Tim Teetaert and Bradley – Nature Conservancy

Discussed conservation management initiatives in the RM of Fisher. They work with diverse partners for nature conservancy. Purchased approximately 1500 acres in Poplarfield. They will address fencing on property as well as the unoccupied house.

Alvar was discussed and potential to designate it as an endangered area. Send contact info to WSP for Development Plan.

11:00

Ed Ledohowski – Cancelled

Financial:

1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

38/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque Nos. 7584 to 7590

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$20,563.66.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

39/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque Nos. 7654 to 7704

Electronic Payments EFT to PayWorks 3114 to 3116;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$136,711.18.

CARRIED

2. Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

40/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated February 28, 2025 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Gagaluk – Fisher Armstrong Planning. Discussion of fees and renewing By-law. Building Inspector.

Councillor Lindal – LUD, Vet Board

Reeve Pyziak – New Chair for EIWD. MAW advocacy for 3 new programs, 40 Million of additional funding. Attended Peguis Water Conference, received invite to EIWD not RM of Fisher. Senator McCallum spoke on quality of water. Minister Terry Doogood was also present. Reeve attended 2 breakout sessions, One being “Cause of Flooding Peguis First Nation” speaker Ian Helkat.

Councillor Nevakshonoff – Spoke of the WIWD, Gro Committee

Communications:

1. Thank you – Green

Info Only

2. Ronald McDonald House

Council received thank you for donation.

3. Interlake Municipal Bonspiel

Info Only

4. 2025 Spring Conditions Seminar

EC Warren Toderan to attend and report.

5. AMM Trading Company Rebate

Info Only

6. Fisher Branch Rec Center

Reeve to speak to auditor to clarify grants were received from the RM. Attach letter to explain that funds are to be allocated for all entities of the building, including the curling rink. Explain that \$16,000.00 dollars in funding have been donated to date.

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
41/25 **RESOLVED THAT** \$5,000.00 be donated to the Fisher Branch Recreation Center which includes the curling rink.

CARRIED

7. Epilepsy and Seizure Association of Manitoba

Advertise on Website and Facebook.

8. Cameron Prus

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal
42/25 **RESOLVED THAT** a “no through road” sign be installed on Road 144N west of Highway 233.

CARRIED

9. Sign Request

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
43/25 **RESOLVED THAT** a “stop sign ahead” be placed on Road 126N and 2W.

DEFEATED

Unfinished Business

1. Whitetail Woods

Quote for subdivision has been received. Councillor Nevakshonoff to research road construction costs. Reeve to talk to Hydro and CAO to call Interlake Well Drillers to find if property can be drilled for wells.

2. Animal Alliance

Tabled

3. Life Insurance

Tabled

4. Wastewater Grant

Council will allocate \$250,000.00 to Wastewater renewal.

5. Tile Drainage

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
44/25 **WHEREAS** a request for Tile Drainage for the SE 12-23-2W was made by Precision Land Solutions on behalf of Trevor Osnach,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality is in agreement with the tile drainage proposal on condition that no class wetlands are to be drained and it meets the conditions of all provincial regulations and they obtain a provincial drainage license.

CARRIED

6. Letter to Minister of Families

CAO to send letter to Minister of Families, Nahanni Fontaine about Riverdale Place.

7. Northern Trailblazers

CAO to send letter to Snoman.

8. Quote for Public Works Office

Discuss at Budget meeting March 20, 2025

9. Budget 2025

March 20, 2025 Council to finalize Budget

New Buisness

1. Request for Proposals Audit Services

Moved by Councillor Tanchack and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

45/25 **WHEREAS** the RM of Fisher requires audit services for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026;
AND WHEREAS one quote was received and opened at a public meeting;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reid and Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc. be awarded to perform audit services for the Municipality for the years 2024, 2025, 2026.

CARRIED

2. Fire Department requires a letter of authorization

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

46/25 **RESOLVED THAT** a letter of authorization be written to the Water Resources Department, Hodgson branch, for acceptance of two decommissioned ATCO buildings;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be brought to a designated spot at the Fisher Branch Transfer station for fire department training purposes which will be determined by Public Works
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all cost associated for moving the buildings be at the expense of Water Resources.

CARRIED

3. Gravel 2025 Checker

Advertise now.

Get Public Works and Grader Operators to provide critical miles needing gravel.

4. PR 329

Reeve to represent the RM of Fisher at a working group to upgrade PR 329 from Vidir to PR 17.

5. Road 4W Brushing – Ward 3

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

47/25 **WHEREAS** Road 4W at Road 139N requires brushing
AND WHEREAS the municipal tractor operator to brush as wide as possible and if not sufficient;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a bid hourly contractor be hired to brush the remaining large brush.

CARRIED

6. Tax Sale Resolution

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

48/25 **WHEREAS** Section 365 (2) of The Muncipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately proceeding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2023 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from year 2022 or prior); and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the tax sale be held November 6, 2025 at 2:00 pm at the Rural Municipality of Fisher Council chambers.

CARRIED

7. New Computers Required

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
49/25 **WHEREAS** a Windows upgrade is required and 2 computers will not support the new install,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT two new computers and monitors be purchased through MuniSoft.

CARRIED

8. Off Road Vehicle Land and Trail Rehabilitation Grant

CAO to apply for grant. Grading, Brushing and gravel (coarse ¾ down)

9. XSTREAM Air compressor quote

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
50/25 **RESOLVED THAT** quote for \$1,349.99 for an 8-gallon 6.5 HP Honda air compressor be approved.

CARRIED

10. Waste Management and Recycling Workers

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
51/25 **RESOLVED THAT** Public Works Supervisor, Phil Lappage and CAO Kelly Marykuca attend the MEIA/MARR Special Information Session on Training for Waste Management and Recycling Workers in Poplarfield.

CARRIED

11. Loan For Utilities

Info Only

12. RM Title

Title for 14-24-4 EPM has been surrendered to the RM.

13. Staff Meeting

Info Only

14. Cost Share for Speed Sign

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
52/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the RM of Fisher purchase one speed sign to install in front of the Fisher Branch Collegiate.

CARRIED

15. Insurance Recommended Risk Improvements

Info Only

16. EMS Assist

New program where Fire Department will get reimbursed for lift assistance.

17. Amend By-Law 1200/23

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
53/25 **WHEREAS** currently By-Law 1200/23, being the Rural Municipality of Fisher by-law to establish a reserve fund for the Mitigation and Preparedness Program must be amended to add statement, to add funds to the reserve account as necessary for emergency preparedness activities and or purchases;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 1212/25 being a by-law to add funds to the reserve account as necessary be read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 1212/25 being a by-law to add funds to the reserve account as necessary be read a second time.
CARRIED

18. Climate Preparedness and Communications Branch

Info Only

19. Conditional Use Request

CU02-25

NE 25-22-2W

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
55/25 **WHEREAS** a request for a conditional use for natural resource development was made on the NE 25-22-2W by Glacier North Limited;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the RM of Fisher approves the request and will proceed with the Public Hearing Process.
CARRIED

CU03-25

Request for conditional use for natural resource development was made by Glacier North on the NW/SW 7-25-1W. Council examined the proposal and have determines that the area has a sensitive ecosystem surrounding it and that it is home to historical marble used for the legislative grounds. Council has denied the request and encourages glacier North to use other nearby active quarries as well as development of the quarry on the NE 25-22-2W.

20. Full Scale Emergency Exercise

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
56/25 **WHEREAS** as a proposal by Napier Emergency Consulting for a full-scale ESS exercise was proposed;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a full scale ESS exercise be scheduled for September 2025 and that venue, refreshments and snacks be provided by the RM.
CARRIED

21. Other

23 Heritage Row

A new home is being proposed on 23 Heritage Row in the town of Fisher Branch. Utilities to locate nearby sewer and water and obtain a quote from Weik Construction on sewer extension.

Dianco Sales

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
57/25 **RESOLVED THAT** quote #QT-003486 from DionCo Sales and Service Ltd. for the amount of \$6,542.00 be accepted to purchase carbide bits for John Deere Grader 772G.
CARRIED

9. In Camera

In Camera:

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
58/25 **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 , Personnel

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 Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
59/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

Legal and personnel updates. Summer Student be hired for office duties this summer. Disposal sites in Fisher Branch and Hodgson may need to be closed temporarily this summer due to staffing shortages. CAO to take small system water and wastewater course this fall.

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
60/25 **RESOLVED THAT** a total of 34 days’ vacation be paid out to employee Lynette Boitson as per HR Policy and discussion with employee last year.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a recommendation by the municipal auditor is due to the employee’s position there is an increase in fraud risk if her position is covered for a long period of time, therefore going forward vacation time is to be utilized.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
61/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Fisher accept the report provided by Tetra Tech, Engineering Assessment for Remediation of Municipal Right of Way, dated January 17, 2025, and authorize the carrying out of the required restoration work at a cost of up to \$94,000.00, including taxes,
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RM receives funds from the defendant prior to the restoration of the Municipal Right of way.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded Councillor Gagaluk
62/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

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