



Council Meeting Highlights

August 13, 2018

Please note Council meeting highlights are not a substitute for the Town's comprehensive Council meeting minutes, found on the Town website: <http://townofwadena.com/agendacenter>. Council meeting agendas, minutes and background information and archived Council meeting highlights are available from the agenda center.

Potential Sub-division

Council will be potentially subdividing the property previously known as McNichol Avenue between 5th and 6th Street NE. The road itself was closed a number of years ago.

Animal Control & Dangerous Animals Bylaws

New Animal Control and Dangerous Animals Bylaws are in place. Here are a few important changes to be aware of:

- The bylaw no longer prohibits dogs based on breed and no longer requires proof of insurance to license dogs of certain breeds, there is also no difference in the license fee, all breeds cost the same to license.
- The bylaw no longer *requires* the Town to dispose of impounded animals.
- Fees for licensing pets have also changed with a higher fee to help recover the costs of enforcement, but there are also now discounts for spaying or neutering or microchipping pets. There are also reduced licensing fees for pets under 12 months old.
- There is now a designated un-fenced off-leash recreation area at the sportsgrounds to the east of the entry road into the sportsgrounds (see diagram), as well as requirements for dangerous dogs and dogs in heat.

Council is also committed to reviewing a potential pilot spay/neuter/release program for stray cats. Administration will return additional information and draft program for them to consider at an upcoming meeting.



Rental Items

There are now set fees for rental of items from the Parks & Recreation Department. These include picnic tables, bbq's and porta-potties. Damage deposits will be required. Any non-profit wishing use for a fundraiser at reduced or free rates must submit a request to the Director which has to be approved by committee.

Fitness Centre

New discounts exist for Fitness Centre memberships. Previously, the Town offered a 15% discount on 6 month and annual memberships for two days in December. This has been increased to a 50% discount for 6 month and annual memberships from Dec 1st – January 15th. There will also be an annual back to school special of 25% off 3 month memberships from September 1 – 30. Council has also approved putting a TV and cable in at the Fitness Centre.

Development Fee Study

Council has approved the undertaking of a development fee study to determine what the future costs would be to develop the Lazar Drive and Florence Place lots.

Meeting Date Change

Council has changed the December meeting dates. There will no longer be meetings on December 3rd and 18th. Instead there will be a single December meeting on December 10th.



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Outdoor Skating Rink

As we have had to remove the outdoor rink due to the new construction of the Rec Centre Addition, Council has authorized a temporary skating path to be installed in the park this year. Replacement of the outdoor rink will be delayed until 2019.

Feasibility Study

Council has authorized administration to obtain quotes for a feasibility study for the purpose of attracting a hotel/motel development.

Administrative Succession Plan Policy

Council has passed a new Administrative Succession Plan Policy which will act as a guiding document for staff, Council and the Community when identifying present and future staffing needs.

Fire Hall RFP

An RFP has been issued to obtain plans and costs for construction for the Fire Hall Addition. The addition has been planned for a number of years and will be funded as much as possible by reserves designated for the purpose.

Town & Country Fair Board

Council has directed administration, upon request from the Fair Board, to prepare a bylaw to bring the Town & Country Fair Board under bylaw of the Town.

Coming Soon – Council Meeting – September 4, 2018

Please note this “Coming Soon” section is not a substitute for the Town’s full agenda, which is uploaded to the Town website and posted in the community on the Friday before each Council meeting.

Purchasing Policy

A new purchasing policy will be reviewed at the next meeting of Council.

Pilot Program – spay/neuter & release of cats

On direction from Council, administration is reviewing the potential for a spay/neuter and release program for stray cats in Wadena.

THANK YOU!

It appears our summer season is nearly at an end and this means saying good-bye to our seasonal staff. We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to our summer staff who have worked so hard for the Town this season! We couldn't offer the programs and services we do without you. From the beautiful flowers you take care of downtown, to providing entertainment to kids in the playground program, and from teaching our kids to swim to maintaining our heritage museum, it truly is a blessing to have had you all with us this summer. If you see one of our seasonal staff be sure to shake their hand and say thank you for a summer job well done!