

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF OGEMA

Regular Meeting of Council

Wednesday, July 09th, 2025

At 07:00 p.m.

Ogema Library

Ogema, Saskatchewan

Call to Order:

Agenda:

Minutes: Approval of Minutes
- Regular Meeting June 11th, 2025

Questions/Business Arising from the Minutes:

Delegation: Jonah Toth – SUMA Invest

Financial Statements: Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the Month of June 2025.

Correspondence:

Information: Monthly Reports – June 2025
Water Treatment Plant
Water Bulk Sale Report
Landfill Report
RCMP – Monthly Report

Discussion: Main Street – Pavement Repair Quote
Sewer Clean Up – Invoice Dispute
SK Recycle – Curbside Recycle Pick Up
Lagoon Rip Rap
Overnight Parking – Main Street

Bylaws: Bylaw 2025-03 – A Bylaw to Control the Ownership of Animals

Committee Reports: Administrator
Councillors

Approval of the Accounts: Accounts for Approval. Cheques No. 3466 to 3485 and online payments, totaling \$ 69,840.04

Old Business: R.M. of Key West #70 – Joint Venture Library Facility Agreement
Fire Truck – Storage Location and Upgrades
Rec Dir – Funding
Ogema Landfill – Transfer Station
Ogema Fire Department – Ogema Board Agreement

New Business: Tender Application – 117 Frederick Street

Announcements: Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council
of the Town of Ogema held Wednesday
The 09th day of July 2025
07:00 pm at Ogema Library, Ogema SK**

PRESENT: Mayor Carol Peterson presided with Councillor William Fisher, Kevin Leonard, Gordon Stewart, Cara Olafson, Kerrie Boyd and Nick Struthers and CAO Joy Christian

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present Mayor Carol Peterson the meeting to order at 07:00 p.m.

AGENDA: Waterworks Rate policy – 2024
Ogema Public Library – Janitor Contract

080/25 Fisher/Leonard:
That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

DELEGATION: Jonah Toth – SUMA Invest
Mayor Peterson extended a warm welcome to Jonah Toth from SUMAInvest, who joined us at 7:01 PM. Jonah provided valuable insights into the operations of SUMAInvest and highlighted the benefits it offers to the Municipality.

SUMAInvest, a partnership between the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association and the Saskatchewan Community Foundation, is a program aimed at strengthening municipal financial capacity through pooled reserve investment. It uses the Saskatchewan Community Foundation's diversified and professionally managed investment portfolio to help municipalities grow reserves. Third-party investment managers apply strategic insights to maximize returns and reduce risk. The well-balanced investment portfolio includes alternative investments in infrastructure, real estate, and mortgages, reducing exposure to market volatility. Municipalities can withdraw funds at any time without penalty, and the funds remain under ownership and accounted for on financials. The low fees charged by the Community Foundation support local jobs and communities, with a portion dedicated to local impact investing. The program is open to all Saskatchewan communities with a minimum initial investment of \$10,000. The SUMAInvest portfolio balances market-based equities with alternative investments, offering greater potential for investment growth and reduced risk.
Jonah Toth left the meeting at 07:20 pm.

MINUTES:

081/25 Olafson/Boyd:
That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried.

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES:
None.

FINANCIAL:

082/25 Boyd/Olafson:
That the Radius Credit Union bank reconciliation's and Statements of Financial Activities for the period ending June 2025, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Information:

- Monthly Reports – June 2025
 - Water Treatment Plant
 - Water Bulk Sale Report
 - Landfill Report
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Discussion:

- Main Street – Pavement Repair Quote
- Sewer Clean Up – Invoice Dispute
- SK Recycle – Curbside Recycle Pick Up
 - Table to Next Meeting
- Lagoon Rip Rap
 - Don Birg will be contacted to get his thoughts on using concrete piles at the landfill, and we'll also ask if he has any options for sourcing rocks from a nearby area. Table to next meeting.
- Overnight Parking – Main Street



083/25 Main Street – Pavement Repair Quote

Boyd/Leonard:

The Town of Ogema discuss and agree to investigate the cause of the cracks on Main Street and postpone the trenching project for now. As such, the trenching quote received from Genco is not approved at this time.

Carried.

Councillor Fisher declared conflict of interest and left the meeting at 07:35

084/25 Sewer Clean Up – Invoice Dispute

Stewart/Leonard:

That the Town of Ogema discuss and agree that prior to the cleanup, Douglas Schenher signed a waiver form provided by the Town Foreman. This form clearly stated that weekend service would be invoiced. As he signed the waiver form acknowledging these terms, he is responsible for the payment of the sewer cleaning invoice occurred on June 01, 2025. The outstanding invoice for custom sewer cleanup work will be added to property taxes if it remains unpaid by the end of 2025.

Carried.

Councillor Fisher returned to the meeting at 07:45

085/25 Overnight Parking – Main Street

Fisher/Boyd:

That the Town of Ogema discuss and agree to keep “No Overnight Parking” Signs on Railway Avenue due to safety during night time and for street maintenance.

Carried.

086/25 Correspondence

Leonard/Boyd:

That the Town of Ogema acknowledge that the correspondence addressed within the meeting be filed.

Carried.

BYLAWS: Bylaw 2025-03 – A Bylaw to Control the Ownership of Animals

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Struthers/Fisher

That Bylaw No. 2025-03 – A Bylaw to Control the Ownership of Animals, be given third and final reading at this meeting and passed by Council members present.

Councillor Olafson voted against.

Councillor Stewart voted against.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief Administrative Officer

- Tax Notice/Water Bills/Waterworks Financial reports mailed out to the residents
- SGI Street Signs – final report submitted
- Landfill Attendant job posting posted
- Mill rate information submitted to the Ministry
- Traffic Bylaw provided to all council members for review to approve during next meeting.
- Survey email sent to all council members from OTC – Truth & Reconciliation
- Joint Meeting Poll – Questionnaire
- Town Office will be closed on July 15/2025 – Attending Case Management in Estevan
- Boyd Holland – Dirt fill on culvert as he is moving his drive way to the south.
- Water overdue notice with disconnection

Mayor Peterson

- Attended Mosaic Food Festival at the Drop in Centre on June 27/2025.

Councillor Fisher

- Ideal Zone sign was removed near the Ogema Motel which needs to be re-installed. He will be present with Fire Truck during fireworks event on July 12/2025.

Councillor Leonard

- No Report

Councillor Stewart

- No Report

Councillor Boyd

- No Report



Councillor Olafson

- No Report

Councillor Struthers

- The Hiring Committee should connect with the Rec Dir to ensure she reaches out to existing volunteers and actively recruits new ones. There are many willing volunteers in the community who would be happy to help. Our current volunteers have a significant workload, and we need more community engagement to support our initiatives. It would be beneficial if the Rec Dir consult with higher management and share project ideas and outline how the grant funding will be utilized before applying for grants.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

088/25

Boyd/Leonard:

That the accounts for approval, Cheques Accounts for Approval Cheques No. 3466 to 3485 and online payments, totaling \$69,840.04 be approved for payment.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

R.M. of Key West #70 – Joint Venture Library Facility Agreement
Fire Truck – Storage Location and Upgrades
Rec Dir Funding
Ogema Fire Department – Ogema Board Agreement
o These items will be discussed during the Joint Council meeting, which is scheduled to take place sometime after July 16, 2025.
Ogema Landfill – Transfer Station – Table to next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Tender Application – 117 Frederick Street
Waterworks Rate policy – 2024
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089/25 Tender Application – 117 Frederick Street

Total two (2) Tender application were received. Mayor Peterson opened all received sealed tender applications during the meeting. The bids were submitted by Les Cushion and Wayne Costron.

Fisher/Struthers:

That the Town of Ogema discuss and deny both tender bids for the 117 Frederick Street property, and agree to re-advertise the tender for this property.

Carried.

090/25 Waterworks Rate policy – 2024

Leonard/Stewart:

That the Town of Ogema approve Waterworks Rate Policy for 2024.

Carried.

091/25 Ogema Public Library – Janitor Contract

Olafson/Fisher:

That the Town of Ogema discuss and approve a janitorial contract for the Ogema Library. This contract would authorize the Ogema Librarian to perform janitorial duties at the library for an annual rate of \$750.00, covering the years 2025 and 2026.

Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: - Next regular meeting of Town Council – Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

092/25

Fisher: That this meeting adjourns 09:00 p.m.





Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer