Province of Québec Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes held June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the municipal office in Chapeau.

At which were present his Worship Mayor Winston Sunstrum and Councillors Pat Tallon, Roger Lavoie, Nancy McGuire, Pat Montgomery, Mariette Sallafranque and Louis Lair.

Alicia Jones, Director General, is in attendance.

### 1. **Opening of meeting**

The Mayor welcomes everyone and declares the meeting to be open.

## 2. Roll call

All are present.

#### 3. <u>Conflict of interest (if applicable)</u>

None.

#### 4. Adoption of agenda

112-19/06

Moved by Councillor Lavoie to adopt the agenda as presented, with amendments.

Adopted

## 5. Adoption of minutes

113-19/06

Moved by Councillor McGuire that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be accepted as amended.

Adopted

#### 6. Questions from the public

- Mrs. Gene O'Brien:
  - requesting dumpster bins or assistance with removal of debris
  - questions regarding the compensation program and whether waste removal is an eligible expense
  - would the Municipality offer more assistance and consider using their surplus?
- Mr. George Bouchard:
  - questions regarding number of seasonal residents vs. permanents
  - Will the Municipality be covering the costs of the electrician inspections to have the hydro hooked up?
  - Will there be compensation for septic beds and well testing?
  - Can the Municipality request and lobby for support for seasonal residents and damages to cottages?
  - Will there be additional hours or extra days at the dump?
  - What are the directives on sandbag disposal? Should we be concerned with contamination?
  - Questions regarding the water levels? Especially in the Fall season.

The Mayor responds with information regarding sandbag disposal and that more information will become available regarding water levels at the June 17<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting.

Councillor Pat Tallon responds regarding the MRC assessments and

communication of the information to the residents.

#### - Mr. Steven Grundy:

- Questions regarding the communications system during an emergency, suggestions to include email system for future responses
- What has the Municipality done to advocate for compensation for cottagers?
- Will there be an option of buy-outs for cottagers? Municipality request this from the Province?
- Can the Municipality have a dedicated Contractor secured and retained to assist with the required work? Can we secure a company to raise buildings?
- Will the process to obtain permits be expedited?
- Are there any new ways to mediate raising of cottages? Or other ways of prevention?

The Mayor responds that we must follow provincial and local ByLaws as they relate to buildings and construction.

#### 7. **Correspondence**

None.

#### 8. **Committee Reports**

#### Administration

Councillor Sallafranque, Chair of the Administration Committee, gives a verbal report.

#### 114-19/06 <u>Golf tournament – arena UPSC</u>

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the sponsorship of a municipal employee team to the upcoming UPSC Annual Golf Tournament on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Adopted

#### 115-19/06 <u>Golf Tournament – Fire Departement</u>

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the sponsorship of a firemen team to the upcoming Fire Department Golf Tournament in August 2019.

Adopted

#### 116-19-06 Acquiring titles – Land Sale 2018

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to proceed to obtain the titles for the properties adjudicated to the municipalities at the 2018 Land Sale, pay the required professional fees and to authorize the Mayor and the Director General to sign the required documents.

Adopted

#### 117-19/06 Conformity Fire Safety Cover Plan

the Ministry of Public Security issued to the MRC Pontiac on WHEREAS April 3, 2017 a certificate of compliance of its fire risk cover scheme.

WHEREAS the implementation of Fire Safety Cover Plans will be beneficial to the municipal sector, despite the investments and requirements encountered, since the fire departments that have adopted the measures contained in their implementation plan will comply with them and will benefit from an exemption from liability for an intervention during a fire or emergency, unless there is gross negligence or intent;

the Mutuelle des Municipalités du Québec, which ensures WHEREAS

and covers the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes, encourages the implementation of the Fire Safety Cover Plans;

It was moved by Councilor Tallon and unanimously resolved that the Municipality commits to achieving all the annual objectives set out in the Fire Safety Cover Plan within the next five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality ask the Mutuelle des Municipalités du Québec, as announced by the latter, to grant the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes a 10% premium reduction in respect of the Property Insurance (Building / Content), as a cooperative member implementing the Fire Safety Coverage Scheme.

Adopted

#### 118-19/06

#### Coverage Cyberattacks

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that this Municipality approve the additional insurance coverage, with our insurer MMQ, required for security against cyberattacks and to authorize the Director General to complete the necessary documentation.

Adopted

#### 119-19/06

#### Maintenance PPJ

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to request to the MRC Pontiac to increase the frequency and quality of the maintenance of the portion of the PPJ Trail located within the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes.

Adopted

#### 120-19/06

## Donation flooring - Chapeau Regionale Gallerie

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to donate the surplus of flooring from the 2017 municipal floor projects to the Chapeau Regionale Gallerie.

Adopted

### **Marketing**

Councillor McGuire, Chair of the Marketing Committee, gives a verbal report.

#### **Public Works**

Mayor Sunstrum gives a verbal report.

#### 121-19/06

## <u> Issues Waste Management Contract – Tom Orr</u>

Moved by Councillor Lavoie that this Municipality make a formal request to the MRC Pontiac to ensure that the Contract with Tom Orr is being respected and that any conditions regarding failure to provide service be applied.

Adopted

#### 122-19/06

# Purchase Dump trailer

Moved by Councillor Lair to ratify the purchase of a new dump trailer for the Public works department and to authorize the Director General to arrange the purchase, upto a maximum amount of \$10,000.

Adopted

# **Land Use and Planning**

Councillor Lair, Chair of Land Use and Planning, gives a verbal report.

#### Family and Seniors

Councillor Montgomery, Chair of Family and Seniors committee, gives a verbal report.

#### **Public Security**

Councillor Tallon, Chair of Public Security, gives a verbal report.

# 123-19/06 <u>Tender results – Purchase of a new tanker</u>

The results for the public tender for the purchase of a new tanker truck for the Pontiac Ouest Fire Department are as follows:

Camion Hélie 259 827,98 \$ BattleShield 325 278,07 \$

WHEREAS the amounts of the submitted tenders are well above the amounts

budgeted for this purchase;

WHEREAS the Municipality, with the flooding of 2019, is experiencing

several overages and unexpected expenses, which put serious

strain on the global budget;

WHEREAS the Pontiac Ouest Fire Department purchases must be approved

by other Councils, as outlined in the Agreement;

It is therefore moved by Councillor Tallon and resolved that this Municipality not accept any tenders at this time, and that the issue of fire trucks be returned to the Pontiac Ouest Committee for further discussions.

FOR: AGAINST:
Mariette Sallafranque Pat Montgomery
Nancy McGuire

Louis Lair Roger Lavoie

Adopted on division

# 124-19/06 <u>Public Inquiry – Water Levels</u>

WHEREAS the spring floods of 2017 and 2019 have flooded and threatened the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and the neighbouring Municipalities more ferociously than ever before;

WHEREAS the ratepayers within this Municipality have several questions and great doubts about the management of dams and the regulation of the Ottawa River;

WHEREAS the answers received to questions from the public about the causes of the extreme levels of the spring flood of 2019 remain unclear;

WHEREAS the levels of the Ottawa River in 2019 greatly exceeded the 100-year flood elevation levels and, in fact, reached unprecedented record levels;

WHEREAS the Municipality must ensure the safety of its residents;

It is therefore moved by Councillor Tallon and resolved unanimously:

- To request that the relevant political authorities launch an independent public inquiry to determine if the partners and stakeholders responsible for the management and regulation of the waters of the Ottawa River did indeed perform their roles according to the rules established.
- To request that the competent authorities in the field send to the Municipalities of the Outaouais the safety assessment reports of all the dams regulated along the Ottawa River
- That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, to the Minister of the

Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, to the Minister of Families and responsible for the Outaouais, the Pontiac MNA, the Pontiac Federal MP, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities, the MRC Pontiac and all its Municipalities.

#### Adopted unanimously

#### 125-19/06

#### <u>Permit Fees – Flood victims</u>

Moved by Councillor Tallon that this Municipality waive any applicable permit fees for construction, renovation and demolition to any properties affected by the flooding.

Adopted

#### 126-19/06

#### Flood relief volunteer appreciation

Moved by Councillor Tallon that this Municipality organize a volunteer appreciation dinner for the many people who helped with the flood relief efforts, to be held in the Fall 2019.

Adopted

#### 127-19/06

## Support NFPs in flood fundraising

Moved by Councillor Tallon that this Municipality support any local not-for-profit organization that wishes to collect donations or do fundraising in support of the flood victims.

Adopted

## 9. Approval of accounts

128-19/06

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that the bills be paid as per the list presented.

Adopted

## Certificate of Availability of Funds

I, the undersigned, *Alicia Jones, Director General / Secretary-Treasurer* for the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes, certify that there are sufficient credits available to pay the expenses as per the list presented.

Whereof, this certificate is given in Chapeau this June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Alicia Jones

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

#### 10. Questions from the public

- Mr. Marshall Saar:
  - What are the upcoming changes to the Construction ByLaw?

The Director General responds that the requirements for National Building Code standards will be remove as they are not the responsibility of the Municipality.

- Will there be other changes expected to the ByLaws? As they relate to riverfront and flooded properties.
- Can the Municipality publicize information and contacts for local contractors?

- Can all ratepayers be treated equally, in terms of compensation?
- When will the MRC be posting their information regarding re-integration?
- Where are the discussions reached in terms of updating the Emergency Management Plan? And what has the MRC done so far?

The Mayor responds that the MRC has a Regional Emergency Coordinator that will be reviewing the Regional Plan and assisting with the local plans. Updates are currently underway for our local plan for the Municipalities of Allumettes, Chichester, Sheenboro.

- Mrs. Gene O'Brien:
  - Should the Municipality be buying more sand bags now? Should we maintain an inventory?
- Mrs. Jean Grundy:
  - Stating the importance of a Public Inquiry
  - Questioning the discrimination between residents and non-residents
  - Requesting that the local governments do not accept the regular response from HQ and OPG – demand for answers and continue to advocate for all ratepayers.

#### 11. Varia

Councillor Pat Montgomery requests confirmation of a meeting with a local contractor. Deferred to in-camera discussion.

### 12. <u>In camera session</u>

129-19/06

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that the meeting continues in camera, 8:40pm.

Adopted

130-19/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to return to the meeting in progress, 9:35pm.

Adopted

131-19/06

#### Meeting with Entreprises Art Fleming & Sons

Moved by Counillor Montgomery that all Council members meet with representative of Entreprises Art Fleming & Sons, as requested.

FOR: AGAINST: Pat Montgomery Pat Tallon

Nancy McGuire Roger Lavoie Louis Lair

Mariette Sallafranque

Defeated on division

132-19/06

# <u>Clean-up – property</u>

Moved by Councillor Lair to proceed with the mandate to clean-up the property bearing lot # 4 604 735, as per legal counsel.

Adopted

# 13. <u>Date of next meeting</u>

The next meeting will be held July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

# 14. Closing of meeting

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Moved by Councillor Montgomery that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40pm. Adopted

Director General / Secretary-treasurer	Mayor

I, Winston Sunstrum, Mayor, certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to the signature by me of all the resolutions it contains, according to section 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.

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