

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

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes held
January 14th, 2020 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 present.

3. Conflict of interest (if applicable)

None.

4. Adoption of agenda

001-20/01 Moved by Councillor McGuire to adopt the agenda as presented and
amended.

Adopted

5. Adoption of minutes

002-20/01 Moved by Councillor Lavoie that the minutes of the regular meeting of
December 3rd, 2019 be accepted, with amendments.

Adopted

003-20/01 Moved by Councillor McGuire that the minutes of the Special meeting for
the 2020 Budget held on December 11th, 2019 be accepted.

Adopted

6. Questions from the public

None.

7. Correspondence

- *Thank you card from Chapeau RA for all project support given by the
Municipality in 2019*

- *Letter of discontent regarding the newsletter*

- *Request for letter of support for the Skills Link program, by West Pontiac
Connects*

- *Letter of permission for building advertising from West Pontiac
Connects*

8. Items for Discussion

Pecuniary interests

All members of Council revise and sign their Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.

004-20/01

Notice of Motion – Taxation ByLaw

A notice of motion is given by Councillor Lair and a draft ByLaw is presented for *ByLaw 2020-001 – ByLaw respecting the Imposition of the Rates of Property Tax and Service Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2020 and the Conditions for Tax Collection.*

005-20/01

Memberships & Conferences – FQM, FCM & ADMQ

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the expenses for the 2020 annual memberships for FQM, FCM & ADMQ and to authorise the DG to attend the 2020 ADMQ & FQM conferences and other regional training events.

Adopted unanimously

006-20/01

Harrington Community Centre

Moved by Councillor Lavoie to approve the annual contribution to the Harrington Community Centre for an amount of \$1,000.

Adopted unanimously

007-20/01

Upper Pontiac Sports Complex

Moved by Councillor McGuire to approve the annual contribution to the Upper Pontiac Sports Complex for an amount of \$15,000, payable in 2 installments.

Adopted unanimously

008-20/01

Community grounds maintenance

Moved by Councillor Tallon to approve the annual contribution to the UPSC for the maintenance of the community grounds on its site, for a total amount of \$1,500.

Adopted unanimously

009-20/01

Annual support - Résidence Meilleur

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the annual contribution to Résidence Meilleur, for an amount of \$7,500, representing year 3 of 10, ending in year 2027.

Adopted unanimously

010-20/01

Land Sale for tax arrears

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to authorize the Director General to proceed with the collection of tax arrears through the sale of immovables for non-payment of property taxes done by the MRC Pontiac, and to represent the interests of this municipality at the sale scheduled for May 14th, 2020.

Adopted

9. Approval of accounts

011-20/01

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 January 14th, 2020.

Alicia Jones
Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

10. Questions from the public

None.

11. Varia

012-20/01 Grant relating to Seniors Healthy Lifestyles
Moved by Councillor Lair that the Municipality support the Residence Meilleur and the Young at Heart in their request for financial assistance to the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MSSS) and to authorize the Director General to sign a letter of support to that effect.
Adopted

013-20/01 Councillor representative – MRC Sports & Leisure Committee
Moved by Councillor Lavoie that this Municipality nominate Councillor Mariette Sallafranque as its representative on the MRC Pontiac Regional Sports & Leisure Committee.
Adopted

014-20/01 Mileage expenses – Flood meeting
Moved by Councillor Montgomery to approve the mileage expenses for Mr. Maurice Leger, who attending the Flood meeting in Mattawa, as discussed.
Adopted

Water meters
Councillor Lair presents further concerns regarding the previous resolution relating to water meters.

The item is referred to the Director General for implementation of next steps.

015-20/01 Salaries – Elected Officials
Moved by Councillor Montgomery to publicize the salaries of the elected official, to ensure complete transparency, as discussed.
Adopted

016-20/01 Skills Link Program- bridge funding
WHEREAS West Pontiac Connects has offered 17 successful sessions of the Youth Employment Skills Strategy Program since 2003;
WHEREAS the funding stream has been changed from a Federal-led program to a Provincial program;
WHEREAS with this change, the funding for the current program at West Pontiac Connects will end in February 2020;
WHEREAS this program is crucial and essential for the development of the youth in our devitalized area of West Pontiac;
THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor McGuire to that this Municipality strongly support West Pontiac Connects in their pursuit to obtain bridge funding or an extension of the funding for their Skills Link Program.
Adopted

- 017-20/01 West Pontiac Connects request
 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to allow WPC to permit corporate signage and advertising on the municipal building located at 120 rue King; so long as any future signs are no larger than the current WPC sign that is in place.
 Adopted
- 12. In camera session**
- 018-20/01 Moved by Councillor Tallon that the session continues in camera, at 8:30pm.
 Adopted
- 019-20/01 Moved by Councillor Tallon to return to the meeting in progress, at 9:30pm.
 Adopted
- 020-20/01 Offer to purchase – Lot # 4 605 038
 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to accept the offer to purchase lot # 4605038, for an amount of \$11,750.00 with the purchasers to assume all legal costs associated with the transfer of the file; and to authorize the Director General to sign all documents.
 Adopted
- 021-20/01 Relocation Allowance – Transfer of Land to Municipality – Lot# 4 786 219
 WHEREAS this Municipality is subject to Decree No. 817-2019 establishing a special intervention zone (ZIS) published by the government of Quebec on July 12, 2019;
 WHEREAS the Municipality is also subject to the Interim Control By-law no 231-2016 of the MRC Pontiac relating to the determination and protection of the floodplains along the Ottawa and Coulonge rivers as well as the minimum standards of protection arising from the protection policy for shores, coastline and floodplains adopted by the government of Quebec;
 WHEREAS according to these above regulations, the affected property owner must comply to these regulations or demolish the building, following the damages resulting from the 2019 floods;
 WHEREAS a demolition permit (permit# ZIS 36-2019) has been issued for the property bearing lot # 4 786 219;
 WHEREAS in accordance with the Compensation and Financial Assistance Program for Owners of a Main Residence and Tenants affected by Flooding as established by the Ministère de la Sécurité publique, said owners have the option of a severance allowance and must transfer their lot to the municipality for the sum of \$1;
 THEREFORE,
 It is moved by Councillor McGuire and unanimously resolved that this Municipality purchase lot# 4 786 219 for an amount of \$1, and to assume all legal fees related to the transfer.
 Adopted
- 022-20/01 Legal retainer 2020
 Moved by Councillor Montgomery to approve the retainer fees for legal services for the year 2020, with Me Nerio de Candido, as discussed.
 Adopted

023-20/01

Remuneration Policy
Moved by Councillor Lair to approve the proposed remuneration policy and salary scales presented; and to have further revisions done to the individual positions by the FQM HR Services, as per their contracted mandate, as discussed.

FOR:
Pat Tallon
Nancy McGuire
Roger Lavoie
Louis Lair
Marianne Sallafranque

AGAINST:
Pat Montgomery

Adopted on division

024-20/01

FQM Report
Moved by Councillor Montgomery to not accept any of the proposed recommendations from the FQM Review on human resources, at this time; until further information is received.

FOR:
Pat Montgomery

AGAINST:
Pat Tallon
Nancy McGuire
Roger Lavoie
Louis Lair
Marianne Sallafranque

Defeated on Division

13. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held February 4th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

14. **Closing of meeting**

025-20/01

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

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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