

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

SPECIAL meeting of the Municipal Council of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes held March 31st, 2020 at 11:00AM by teleconference, due to the current pandemic situation; and as per the recommendation of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

At which were present, on the line, his Worship Mayor Winston Sunstrum and Councillors Pat Tallon, Nancy McGuire, Roger Lavoie, 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. Declaration of Conformity

Considering Articles 152 and 158 of the Municipal Code of Quebec (C.M.);

Considering that the Director General declares that a Notice of Convocation for this Special meeting has been served to each member of the Council on March 29th, 2020, in accordance with Article 156 of the C.M.;

Considering Article 153 of the C.M. states that the Notice of convocation must be mentioned in the Minutes;

078-20/03 It is thus declared that the Special meeting of March 31st, 2020 will be held according to the agenda presented.

3. Adoption of agenda

079-20/03 Moved by Councillor McGuire to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted

4. Potential Border Closures

080-20/03 *Potential Border closures*

WHEREAS there is a very close proximity and close relationship between the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and its surrounding communities with Ontario, specifically Renfrew County;

WHEREAS the population, the businesses and the overall economies of both L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Renfrew County are very closely integrated;

WHEREAS there is a lack of essential services in western Pontiac to support all of its residents, including medical services, emergency services, pharmacy, grocery, banking, and other;

WHEREAS there are thousands of residents, throughout the MRC Pontiac and Renfrew County, that are required to travel across the borders for essential employment reasons;

WHEREAS the residents of this Municipality are very well-informed via various platforms and encouraged to practice all the required directives as set out by the province and the public health officials;

WHEREAS at the present time, the number of cases and the likelihood of exposure the COVID-19 virus are very similar in Renfrew County and the MRC Pontiac;

Is is therefore proposed by Councillor McGuire and unanimously resolved that this Municipality strongly oppose the comments made by Warden Jane Toller regarding the closure of the interprovincial borders; and to request that any future consideration for limited access to the region be

discussed at the local levels prior to implementation;

And that this resolution be shared with the following, for their consideration:

- All Municipal Councils of the MRC Pontiac;
- Jane Toller, Warden MRC Pontiac
- Debbie Robinson, Warden Renfrew County
- André Fortin, MNA Pontiac
- Will Amos, MP Pontiac
- John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- Cheryl Gallant, MP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- Mathieu Lacombe, Minister Responsible for the Outaouais Region
- François Legault, Premier of Quebec

Adopted

6. Closing of meeting

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Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that the meeting be adjourned at 11:45am.

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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