Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held October 6th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Office.

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

Alicia Jones, Director General, is also in attendance.

* + 1. **Opening of meeting**

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

1. **Roll call**

All present.

1. **Conflict of interest (if applicable)**

None.

**4. Adoption of agenda**

170-20/10 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to adopt the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

171-20/10 Moved by Councillor McGuire that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8th, 2020 be accepted.

Adopted

172-20/10 Moved by Councillor Montgomery that the minutes of the Special meeting of September 25th, 2020 be accepted.

Adopted

173-20/10 Moved by Councillor Lair that the minutes of the Special meeting of October 1st, 2020 be accepted.

Adopted

**6. Questions from the public**

*- Mayor Donald Gagnon, Councillors Neil Maloney and Louis Schryer, from the Municipality of Chichester:*

- expressing their disappointment with the process and outcome of the recent interview and failed hiring of a Municipal Inspector;

- two (2) resolutions from their Council are presented;

- requesting that L’Isle-aux-Allumettes support their resolutions.

174-20/10 *Letter for reconsideration*

Moved by Councillor Lavoie to support the resolutions presented by the Municipality of Chichester regarding the failed interview process and to formally request to Mr. Tim Ferrigan that he reconsider his decision of declining the offer of employment for the Municipal Inspector, and to send him a letter to that effect.

FOR: Against:

Roger Lavoie Nancy McGuire

Pat Tallon Pat Montgomery

Louis Lair

Mariette Sallafranque

Adopted on Division

**7. Correspondence**

* *Letter received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs:*

*announcing COVID relief funds to be distributed to Municipalities – L’Isle-aux-Allumettes will receive total $97,698 in 2020-2021*

* *Letter from Bouffe Pontiac regarding the annual Christmas Food Drive*

175-20/10 Moved by Councillor McGuire to approve the presence of Bouffe Pontiac at the intersection of Pembroke Road and the Highway 148 for their annual Christmas Food Drive.

Adopted

**8. Items for discussion**

**DG updates**

* Update regarding FIMEAU funding (Water/Sewer replacement)

176-20/10 *Water & Sewer Engineering plans*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to proceed with call for tenders for the engineering plans required for the replacement of the water and sewer infrastructures as outlined in the FIMEAU Grant.

Adopted

177-20/10 *FIMEAU Financing Agreement*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to approve the agreement for the financing of the renewal of water and sewer networks, within the framework of the FIMEAU program, and to authorize the Mayor and/or the Director general to sign said agreement.

Adopted

**Remembrance Day**

No formal ceremonies will take place this year, due to the pandemic restrictions.

178-20/10 *Donation to legions*

Moved by Councillor McGuire that this Municipality donate $500 to both local legions, branches Campbells Bay and Pembroke, in lieu of poppy campaign; and to approve an advertisement in the Pontiac Journal commemorating the Day.

Adopted

**Fire Department Committee**

A summary from the last Fire Department Committee meeting is presented.

179-20/10 *Fire Committee Recommendations*

Moved by Councillor Lavoie to adopt the recommendations of the Pontiac Ouest Fire Committee regarding the 2021 Fire Budget, and the cancellation of the Christmas Party for 2020; the increases to the Firefighters wages will be discussed during the budget meetings.

Adopted

**9. Approval of accounts**

180-20/10 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 October 6th, 2020.

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Alicia Jones

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

**10. Questions from the public**

None.

**11. Varia**

*- Bell locates at Chapeau RA*

The Chapeau RA needs locates done prior to the installation of their fence. The Director General agrees to assist.

* *Halloween*

The province has not made any restrictions for Halloween in our area, as of this time.

181-20/10 *Municipal Halloween activities*

Moved by Councillor Lair that all municipal Halloween activities be cancelled, including the haunted walk and the Firemen’s candy distribution.

Adopted

182-20/10 *Potential Bordure closures*

WHEREAS neither the County of Renfrew nor the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes are considered to be “hot spots” for COVID-19 infections;

WHEREAS the majority of residents in both Renfrew County and L’Isle-aux-Allumettes follow the guidelines regarding social distancing, wearing of masks, frequent hand washing, etc.;

WHEREAS the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes and the City of Pembroke, Ontario have historically been interdependent in areas of medical, employment, retail, financial, and other vital services;

WHEREAS immediate members of several families live both in Pembroke and L’Isle-aux-Allumettes;

WHEREAS there are many senior citizens with limited income residing in the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes who are limited in their ability to commute outside the local boundaries of our Municipality and Pembroke;

WHEREAS many of our senior citizens have primary care givers who reside in Pembroke, and vice versa;

WHEREAS there is a significant number of residents in L’Isle-aux-Allumettes who are in low income brackets, thus creating a financial burden on them to be restricted from services available in Pembroke;

WHEREAS many services such as grocery products, pharmaceutical products, medical services, etc. are more readily available and more cost efficient in Pembroke.

THEREFORE,

It is moved by Councillor Lavoie and unanimously resolved that should the pandemic situation result in future interprovincial border restrictions, that the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes request and be granted an exemption to these restrictions in order to access essential services more readily available and accessible in Pembroke and Renfrew County; including medical, pharmaceutical, financial, and grocery purchases, as well as for employment purposes;

AND that this resolution be sent to all local Municipalities in the area, the MRC Pontiac and the local federal and provincial members of parliament.

Adopted

183-20/10 *Report to Ministry of Transport – 2019 Compensation*

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transport du Québec has paid $552,301 in compensation for the maintenance of local roads for the 2019 calendar year;

WHEREAS compensation distributed to the Municipality aid in routine and preventive maintenance of local roads 1 and 2 as well as the bridges located on these roads which are now the responsibility of the Municipality;

It is proposed by Councillor Sallafranque and unanimously resolved and adopted that the municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes attests to the accuracy of the expenses incurred and that the use of compensation was on local roads 1 and 2, in accordance with the objectives set out by the Maintenance Assistance Program of the Ministry of Transport.

Adopted

184-20/10 *Quad Club signage*

Moved by Councillor Tallon to approve the installation of signage by the Pontiac Quad Club along the designated ATV trails within our Municipality.

Adopted

**12. In-Camera**

185-20/10 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to continue the discussions in-camera, at 8:10pm.

Adopted

186-20/10 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to resume the meeting in progress, at 8:15pm.

Adopted

187-20/10 *Municipal Inspector – Job re-posting*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the re-posting of the position of Municipal Inspector, conditional on the reconsideration of the current candidate.

FOR: Against:

Roger Lavoie Nancy McGuire

Pat Tallon Pat Montgomery

Louis Lair

Mariette Sallafranque

Adopted on Division

**13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held November 3rd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

**14. Closing of meeting**

188-20/10 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm.

Adopted

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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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