Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held November 3rd, 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**

189-20/11 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to adopt the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

190-20/11 Moved by Councillor McGuire that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6th, 2020 be accepted.

Adopted

**6. Questions from the public**

*- Jane Toller, Warden of MRC Pontiac:*

- discussed current pandemic situation;

 - discussed current water levels along the Ottawa River.

 **7. Correspondence**

* *Letter from Bouffe Pontiac:*

*Cancellation of their annual Holiday Food Drive – at Pembroke Road and the Highway 148*

* *Letter from West Pontiac Connects*

*From Greg Graham, new Coordinator for the Driving for Success program introducing the program*

* *Letter from Roger Fleury*

*Information regarding native land rights and recent court judgments*

* *Remembrance Day*

*Invitation to elected officials to attend the Remembrance Day event at the Pembroke Legion*

191-20/11 *Pontiac Artists Association – annual sponsorship*

 Moved by Councillor Tallon to approve the annual sponsorship to Art Pontiac for the 2021 year, in the amount of $125.

 Adopted

 **8. Items for discussion**

 **DG updates**

* *Updates given regarding major road work, asphalting, PIRRL engineering plans, FIMEAU water/sewer project, residential water sampling, transfer site winter hours and provincial COVID relief funding received*

192-20/11 *RIRL Grant application*

Moved by Councillor McGuire to proceed with finalizing the financial assistance application to the RIRL program for the required road work, as outlined in the Engineering Plans, and to authorize the Director General to send and sign all required documentation.

Adopted

193-20/11 *Interest and Penalties*

Moved by Councillor Tallon that this Municipality resume charging interest and penalties on unpaid municipal tax accounts, as of November 1st, 2020, as discussed.

Adopted

194-20/11 *Support for non-for-profits*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that the Municipality coordinate a meeting with all local non-for-profit organizations to discuss their needs and their potential losses due to the pandemic situation.

 Adopted

195-20/11 *Ottawa River Regulatory Board disclaimer*

Moved by Councillor Lavoie that this Municipality request that the Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board edit their website to remove the disclaimer stating ‘contact your Municipality’ if you have concerns for flooding, and to send this request that the MRC Pontiac for their support.

Adopted

 **9. Approval of accounts**

196-20/11 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 November 3rd, 2020.

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Alicia Jones

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

**10. Questions from the public**

 None.

**11. Varia**

*- Outdoor skating rink*

197-20/11 Moved by Councillor Lavoie that this Municipality approach the local organizations, to possibly partner with the Municipality, to create an outdoor skating rink.

Adopted

* *Ski at School program*

The Mayor presents the request for funding from the Ski at School program. The Warden, Jane Toller, mentions that the MRC may have funding available.

* *Municipal Inspectors Report*

The Inspectors report is presented. Terry Lafleur continues to work as Municipal Inspector on a hourly basis until the position is filled.

* *Fire Chiefs Report*

The Fire Chief’s report is presented.

198-20/11 *Firefighters Training 2021*

WHEREAS the *Regulation respecting the conditions governing the exercise of functions within a municipal fire safety service* provides training requirements for firefighters of the fire safety services to ensure a minimum professional qualification;

WHEREAS this regulation is part of a desire to ensure municipalities forming fire crews with the skills and abilities necessary to respond effectively to emergencies;

WHEREAS in December 2014 the Quebec government established the financial assistance program for the training of volunteer and part-time firefighters;

WHEREAS the programs main objective is to provide municipal organizations financial assistance to enable them to have a sufficient number of trained firefighters to act effectively and safely in an emergency;

WHEREAS this program also aims to promote the acquisition of basic skills required by volunteer firefighters and part-time practicing in municipal fire safety services;

WHEREAS the municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, representing the Pontiac Ouest Fire Safety Service, wishes to benefit from the financial support offered by the program;

WHEREAS the municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes foresees the training of eight (8) firefighters for the Firefighter I program during the next year to respond effectively and safely to emergency situations on its territory;

WHEREAS the municipality must send this resolution to the Ministry of public security through the MRC Pontiac in accordance with article 6 of the program;

It is proposed by Councillor Tallon and resolved to apply for the financial assistance under the financial assistance program for volunteer or part-time firefighter training at the Ministry of public security and forward this request to the Pontiac MRC.

Adopted

199-20/11 *Appreciation Dinner*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to support an alternative for the annual staff and firefighter Appreciation dinner, in the form of a take-out dinner or a gift certificate, and to authorize the Director General to proceed as required.

Adopted

200-20/11 *CBC Radio – Tower contract*

Moved by Councillor Lavoie that the proposed contract with CBC/Radio-Canada for radio transmission services, for a period of 5 years (2020-2024), be accepted and that the fees be paid according to the payment schedule; and to authorize the Mayor and the Director General to sign the document.

Adopted

**12. In-Camera**

201-20/11 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to continue the discussions in-camera, at 8:15pm.

Adopted

202-20/11 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to resume the meeting in progress, at 8:40pm.

Adopted

203-20/11 *Municipal Inspector interview committee*

Moved by Councillor McGuire to appoint Pat Montgomery and Mariette Sallafranque as members of the next interview panel for the position of municipal inspector, along with representation from Chichester and the Director General.

Adopted

**13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held December 1st, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

**14. Closing of meeting**

204-20/11 Moved by Councillor Lavoie that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45pm.

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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