Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held December 1st, 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, Louis Lair, Mariette Sallafranque, Roger Lavoie and Nancy McGuire.

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)**

Councillor Sallafranque and Mayor Sunstrum declare possible conflict for the proposed discussions relating to relief funding for local non-for-profits.

**4. Adoption of agenda**

205-20/12 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to adopt the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

206-20/12 Moved by Councillor Lair that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3rd, 2020 be accepted.

Adopted

**6. Questions from the public**

None.

 **7. Correspondence**

207-20/12 *Request from Chapeau RA – Holiday decorating*

 Moved by Councillor Lair to approve the request for donation from the Chapeau RA for their holiday decorating and competition, in the amount of $250.

 Adopted

 **8. Items for discussion**

 *Pecuniary interests*

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

*The Director General provides an update regarding major road work, asphalting, FIMEAU water/sewer project, and the holiday hours for the Municipal Office.*

208-20/12 *Final report – Road improvement grant*

WHEREAS the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes has taken note of the terms of application of the Special Improvement Projects (PPA) component of the Local Road Assistance Program (PAVL) and undertakes to respect them;

WHEREAS the road network for which a request for financial assistance has been granted is under municipal jurisdiction and is eligible for the PAVL;

WHEREAS the work was carried out in the calendar year during which the Minister authorized it;

WHEREAS the work carried out or the inherent costs are eligible for the PAVL;

WHEREAS the V-0321 accountability form has been duly completed;

WHEREAS the transmission of the projects’ expense account was made at the end of the work or no later than December 31, 2020 of the calendar year during which the Minister authorized them;

WHEREAS the payment is conditional on the acceptance, by the Minister, of the accountability report relating to the project;

WHEREAS if the rendering of accounts is deemed to be compliant, the Minister makes a payment to the municipalities according to the list of work he has approved, without however exceeding the maximum amount of assistance as it appears literally announcement;

WHEREAS the other sources of funding for the work have been declared;

FOR THESE REASONS, on the proposal of Councillor Montgomery, it is unanimously resolved and adopted that the Council of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes approve the expenses in the amount of $75,354.74 relating to the improvement work carried out and the inherent eligible costs mentioned in form V-0321, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministère des Transports du Québec, and recognizes that in the event of non-compliance with these, the financial assistance could be terminated.

Adopted

209-20/12 *Request for moving hydro poles*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to make a formal request to Hydro Quebec to advance the Municipality’s initial request for the relocation of hydro poles along St-Jacques street and at the intersection of King and Pembroke Road.

Adopted

210-20/12 *COVID relief funding for NFPs*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to grant a total of $58,850 to the local non-for-profit community organizations to assist with financial relief due to the pandemic situation.

*Councillor Sallafranque abstains from the vote.*

Adopted

211-20/12 *2021 Council Meetings*

Moved by Councillor Tallon that the Council meetings for the year 2021 be scheduled as follows: January 12th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, November 16th, December 7th.

 Adopted

 **9. Approval of accounts**

212-20/12 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 December 1st, 2020.

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Alicia Jones

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

**10. Questions from the public**

 None.

**11. Varia**

 - *the Municipal Inspectors Report is given*

 *- the Fire Chief’s Report is given*

213-20/12 *Replace Rescue vehicle*

Moved by Councillor Tallon that the Municipality, on behalf of the Pontiac Ouest Fire Service, purchase a used paramedics vehicle to replace the aging rescue vehicle, and that any related expenses for the purchase and the retrofit of the vehicle be appropriated from the Fire Capital Reserve Fund.

 Adopted

**12. In-Camera**

214-20/12 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to continue the discussions in-camera, at 7:45pm.

Adopted

215-20/12 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to resume the meeting in progress, at 8:40pm.

Adopted

216-20/12 *Wage increase – cost-of-living*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the annual cost of living wage increase of 1% for all employees and Council members, as discussed.

Adopted

217-20/12 *Firefighter wages & acting chief stipend*

 Moved by Councillor McGuire to increase the firefighter wages to $17/hour, as discussed, and to implement an Acting Chief stipend, for the replacement of the Chief while absent, effective January 1st, 2021.

Adopted

218-20/12 *Hiring – Manager Urbanism & Infrastructure*

Moved by Councillor Lair to appoint Terry Lafleur as Manager, Urbanism & Infrastructure to a 3 year renewable contract, with the conditions discussed; and to authorize the Director General and the Mayor to sign the employment contract.

Adopted

219-20/12 *Municipal Inspector interview committee*

WHEREAS the Mayor has exercised his right to refuse to sign, seal and execute resolution 203-20/11 of November 3rd, 2020, in accordance with article 142 of the Municipal Code;

WHEREAS according to this same article 142, the resolution must be, at the next regular meeting, submitted for reconsideration by the Council;

THERFORE IT IS

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.

 FOR: AGAINST:

 Nancy McGuire Roger Lavoie

 Pat Tallon

 Louis Lair

 Mariette Sallafranque

 Pat Montgomery

Adopted

**13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held January 12th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

The Special meeting for Adoption of the 2021 Budget will be held on December 9th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

**14. Closing of meeting**

220-20/12 Moved by Councillor Lavoie that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30pm.

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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