Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held January 12th, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Office in Chapeau.

The meeting is held by teleconference, due to the current pandemic restrictions in effect. On the phone are 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.

1. **Roll call**

All present.

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

None.

**4. Adoption of agenda**

001-21/01 Moved by Councillor Lair to adopt the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

002-21/01 Moved by Councillor McGuire that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1st, 2020 be accepted, with amendments.

Adopted

003-21/01 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that the minutes of the Special meeting for the 2021 Budget held on December 9th, 2020 be accepted.

Adopted

**6. Questions from the public**

None.

**7. Correspondence**

*- Thank you cards from Chapeau Young at Heart and Residence Meilleur for the COVID-relief support.*

**8. Items for Discussion**

004-21/01 *Notice of Motion – Taxation ByLaw*

A notice of motion is given by Councillor Lair and a draft ByLaw is presented for *ByLaw 2021-001 – ByLaw respecting the Imposition of the Rates of Property Tax and Service Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2021 and the Conditions for Tax Collection*.

005-21/01 *Memberships – FQM & ADMQ*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the expenses for the 2021 annual memberships for FQM & ADMQ and to authorise the DG to attend the 2021 training events.

Adopted unanimously

006-21/01 *Harrington Community Centre*

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

Adopted unanimously

007-21/01 *Upper Pontiac Sports Complex*

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

Adopted unanimously

008-21/01 *Community grounds maintenance*

Moved by Councillor McGuire 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

009-21/01 *Annual support - Résidence Meilleur*

Moved by Councillor McGuire to approve the annual contribution to Résidence Meilleur, for an amount of $7,500, representing year 4 of 10, ending in year 2027.

Adopted unanimously

010-21/01 *Dust Suppressant – UMQ Tender*

Moved by Councillor Lair that this Municipality participate in the annual group tender for dust suppressant, in coordination with the Union Municipalities of Quebec, and to authorize the Director General to sign the required application forms (as per official resolution 010-21/01 in French).

Adopted unanimously

011-21/01 *Recylcing contract - Évolutic*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that this Municipality renew their contract with La Relance-Évolutic for the transfer of recyclable materials, for a 3-year period, as discussed and to authorize the Director General to sign the required documents.

Adopted unanimously

012-21/01 *Summer Student Grant*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery that this Municipality approve the application and request for funding from the Federal Summer Student Program for 2 (two) students, and to approve that the Director General sign all required documents.

Adopted

013-21/01 *Pontiac Journal Ad Budget 2021*

Moved by Councillor Lair to approve the Pontiac Journal Advertising Budget for a total amount of $750, as presented.

Adopted unanimously

014-21/01 *Amendments to Intermunicipal agreement for emergency Rescue*

WHEREAS the 3 Fire safety services of the MRC Pontiac will be ready to offer water rescue service on their territory;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac coordinated water rescue training for all FSS on its territory;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac wishes to develop a water rescue program for all of its municipalities;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac has adopted a local protocol for intervention in isolated areas and has been coordinating this rescue service for several years;

WHEREAS the municipalities of the MRC Pontiac have an intermunicipal agreement related to this service;

WHEREAS the terms of the water rescue program closely resemble those of an isolated rescue;

WHEREAS it would benefit all municipalities to sign a common intermunicipal agreement to ensure quality service and to standardize work methods during interventions, throughout the territory;

WHEREAS it is appropriate to integrate the water rescue terms with that of rescue in an isolated environment;

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor Tallon and resolved that the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes accepts the modifications proposed by the MRC of Pontiac to the intermunicipal agreement for isolated environment rescue to incorporate water rescue.

IN ADDITION, the Municipal council authorizes the Mayor to sign any document related to this agreement on behalf of the municipality.

Adopted unanimously

**9. Approval of accounts**

015-21/01 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 12th, 2021.

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Alicia Jones

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

**10. Questions from the public**

None.

**11. Varia**

- Fire Chiefs Report is given

- Municipal Inspector’s report is given

*Ambulance services*

Concerns regarding the wait times for ambulance services. The DG will inquire about the issue.

*Bell Canada telephone services*

Concerns regarding poor service of telephone lines, by Bell Canada, in several local municipalities. The Mayor will inquire about the issue.

016-21/01 *Donation – ESSC bursary*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that this Municipality donate $250 to École secondaire Sieur-de-Coulonge for their annual graduation bursary.

Adopted

017-21/01 *Donation – DWKS bursary*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that this Municipality donate $250 to Doctor Wilbert Keon School for their annual graduation bursary.

Adopted

018-21/01 *Tender – Paving*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to proceed to public tender for the paving required on the Culbute road.

Adopted

019-21/01 *Gas Tax projects*

Moved by Councillor Lair to approve the projects for 2021 to be included in the 2019-2023 Gas Tax financing program, based on the requirements outlined in the TECQ guidelines (French resolution is the official version).

Adopted

020-21/01 *Annual Report for Year 3 – Fire Safety Cover Plan*

WHEREAS the revised fire safety cover plan came into effect May 1st 2017;

WHEREAS year 3 of the revised fire safety cover plan ended on April 30th 2020;

WHEREAS article 35 of the Fire safety act states that an activity report for the previous year must be prepared, adopted by resolution and sent to the minister each year.

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor Tallon and resolved to adopt the annual report for year 3 of the revised fire safety cover plan and to transmit this report to the minister.

Adopted

**12. In camera session**

021-21/01 Moved by Councillor McGuire that the session continues in camera, at 8:00pm.

Adopted

022-21/01 Moved by Councillor McGuire to return to the meeting in progress, at 8:20pm.

Adopted

023-21/01 *Legal retainer 2021*

Moved by Councillor Lair to approve the retainer fees for legal services for the year 2021, with Me Nerio de Candido, with the legal firm Beaudry-Bertrand, as discussed.

Adopted

024-21/01 *Community Development Officer position*

Moved by Councillor Tallon that the Community Development Officer position remain vacant and held for the current employee on leave, until September 2021, to be re-evaluated by Council at that time.

Adopted

025-21/01 *West Pontiac Connects services*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to continue to contract the services of West Pontiac Connects, on an hourly basis as needed, for the needs of community development as discussed.

Adopted

026-21/01 *Hiring – Municipal Inspector*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the hiring of Samuel Danis as Municipal Inspector, as discussed.

Adopted

**13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held February 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

**14. Closing of meeting**

027-21/01 Moved by Councillor Lavoie that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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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