Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held February 2nd, 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**

028-21/02 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to adopt the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

029-21/02 Moved by Councillor Lair that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12th, 2021 be accepted, with amendments.

Adopted

**6. Questions from the public**

 None.

 **7. Correspondence**

None.

 **8. Committee Reports**

 **Land-use Planning & By-Laws**

Councillor Lair, Chair of the Land-use Planning & By-Law Committee, gives a verbal report.

 **Marketing**

Councillor McGuire, Chair of the Marketing Committee, gives a verbal report.

 **Family & Seniors**

Councillor Lavoie, Chair of the Family & Seniors Committee, gives a verbal report.

 **Administration**

Councillor Sallafranque, Chair of the Administration Committee, gives a verbal report.

030-21/02 *Taxation ByLaw 2021-001*

WHEREAS the Municipality is subject to the conditions of section 252 of the Act respecting municipal taxation;

WHEREAS a presentation of the Draft By-Law was presented and a notice of motion was previously given by Councillor Lair at a regular meeting of Council held on January 12th, 2021;

CONSEQUENTLY, the members of the Council of having all voted in favor of the adoption of this By-Law;

It was moved by Councillor Sallafranque and unanimously resolved that this BY-LAW # 2021-001 entitled *By-law respecting the imposition of the rates of property tax and service taxes for the fiscal year 2021 and the conditions of tax collection* be adopted.

Adopted

031-21/02 *Mail-in voting*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve mail-in voting for non-residents in the upcoming November 7th, 2021 elections, as prescribed by the *Act Respecting Municipal Elections and Referendums,* and to authorize the Director General to send out the necessary documents.

Adopted

 **Public Works**

Councillor Montgomery, Chair of the Public Works Committee, gives a verbal report.

032-21/02 *Tender – gravel crushing*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to proceed to the call for tenders, by invitation, for the required crushing of granular materials for 2021.

Adopted

033-21/02 *Tender – surface treatment*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to proceed to the call for public tenders for the double surface treatment planned for 2021, in conjunction with the Municipality of Chichester.

 Adopted

034-21/02 *Tender – Snowplowing 2021-2023*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to proceed to the call for public tenders for the snowplowing of the municipal roads, in 4 sections, for the 2021-2023 winter seasons, as discussed.

 Adopted

035-21/02 *HVAC system plans*

Moved by Councillor McGuire to proceed with the required engineered plans for the retrofit of the Municipal Office HVAC system, and to authorize the Director General to contract with the lowest quoted firm.

Adopted

036-21/02 *Transfer site – scales rates*

Moved by Councillor Lair to approve an increase to $0.30/kg of the waste disposal rates at the transfer site, for large items and additional household waste, effective March 1st, 2021.

Adopted

 **Public Security**

Councillor Tallon, Chair of the Public Security Committee, gives a verbal report.

The Fire Department Committee Meeting summary is also presented.

037-21/02 *Rescue vehicle*

Moved by Councillor Tallon to approve the expense of the wrap and decal installation for the rescue vehicle, as discussed.

Adopted

 **9. Approval of accounts**

038-21/02 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 February 2nd, 2021.

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Alicia Jones

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

**10. Questions from the public**

 None.

**11. Varia**

 *Bell Canada telephone services*

Ongoing concerns regarding poor service of telephone lines, by Bell Canada, as well as damaged equipment along the roadsides. These issues are present in several local municipalities. The Mayor will inquire about the issue.

 *Mayor’s investigation*

The Mayor has sent the findings of his investigation and his concerns with breach of the Code of Ethics to the Commission Municipale du Quebec. No formal response has been received.

 *Ambulance services*

Concerns regarding the wait times for ambulance services. The DG is awaiting further information and will inquire about the issue.

*Financial audits*

Concerns regarding the delay in completion and formal receipt of the audited financial statements for the year 2019. The DG has agreed to redistribute the 2018 statements to Council for their review.

039-21/02 *Road improvement grant 2021*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to request funding from the local road improvement fund (members grant), for the 2021 road work, in the amount of $90,000, and to authorize the Director General to complete and send the required documents.

Adopted

**12. In camera session**

040-21/02 Moved by Councillor McGuire that the session continues in camera, at 8:25pm.

Adopted

041-21/02 Moved by Councillor McGuire to return to the meeting in progress, at 8:50pm.

Adopted

The positions for janitor and operator/labourer are discussed.

No resolutions are made at this time.

**13. Date of next meeting**

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

**14. Closing of meeting**

042-21/02 Moved by Councillor McGuire that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 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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