Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held March 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 Patrick 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**

047-21/03 Moved by Councillor McGuire to adopt the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

048-21/03 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2nd, 2021 be accepted.

Adopted

049-21/03 Moved by Councillor McGuire that the minutes of the Special meeting of February 12th, 2021 be accepted.

Adopted

**6. Questions from the public**

None.

**7. Correspondence**

050-21/03 *Pontiac Scholarship Fund*

Moved by Councillor Tallon that this Municipality contribute $1,000 to the annual Pontiac Scholarship Fund for this year.

Adopted

051-21/03 *Request from NDSC class*

Moved by Councillor Lavoie to donate $500 to the girl’s fitness group at the Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Coeur school.

Adopted

**8. Committee Reports**

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

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

052-21/03 *CCU Committee membership*

Moved by Councillor Lair to assign Councillors Lair, Montgomery and Tallon, along with 4 resident members of the Municipality, to be assigned to a new urbanism (CCU) committee.

Adopted

**Administration**

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

053-21/03 *Pro-Mayor – March-Nov 2021*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to appoint Councillor Mariette Sallafranque as Pro-Mayor for the period of March 2021 ending November 2021, and to represent and act in the absence of the Mayor for all instances including any meeting for the Pontiac MRC.

Adopted

054-21/03 *Audited Financial Statements*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to require from the current audit firm, Dignard-Éthier, that the audited financial statements for the 2020 fiscal year be completed and presented to Council no later than June 30th, 2021.

Adopted

**Public Works**

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

055-21/03 *Bounties*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery that this Municipality no longer offer bounties, due to the refusal of animals in the current waste bins.

Adopted

**Public Security**

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

The Fire Department Committee Meeting summary is also presented.

056-21/03 *Drone*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to approve the expenses related to the purchase of a drone and associated training of 4 (four) firefighters, for a total amount of approximately $15,000 plus applicable fees and taxes, to be allocated within the current budget as discussed.

Adopted

057-21/03 *Bell Landlines – Telephone infrastructure*

WHEREAS there is an ongoing and increased number of recent complaints from ratepayers regarding recurring problems experienced with Bell Canada’s landlines;

WHEREAS Bell Canada has failed to provide proper maintenance to their landline infrastructure on Allumettes Island;

WHEREAS the lack of maintenance by Bell Canada has created a serious number of outages to their landlines;

WHEREAS it is recognized that numerous landline users do not have cellular phone service as there is no or very restricted reception service;

WHEREAS the outages have created a serious public security issue where residents do not have access to 911 service during the outages;

WHEREAS it is recognized that Bell Canada has conducted some maintenance to their landlines on Allumettes Island over the past few months, however, the problem continues to persist;

WHEREAS Bell Canada continues to collect their full rate of their monthly service charges despite the numerous outages.

THEREFORE, considering the negative impact this has created to our public security, it is moved by Councillor Lair to make a formal request to Bell Canada to immediately address this problem and that this resolution be sent to our local MNA André Fortin, MP Will Amos and to the CRTC and the Commission for Complaints for Telecom-Television Services.

Adopted

058-21/03 *Cell-phone service*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to make a formal request to cell phone providers, including but not limited to Rogers, Bell, Telus, to request that they setup a tower or partner with others to provide adequate service across our territories.

Adopted

**Marketing**

Councillor McGuire, Chair of the Marketing Committee, declares having no report.

**Family & Seniors**

Councillor Lavoie, Chair of the Family & Seniors Committee, declares having no report.

**9. Approval of accounts**

059-21/03 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 March 2nd, 2021.

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Alicia Jones

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

**10. Questions from the public**

None.

**11. Varia**

*Mayor’s update*

The Mayor gives an update regarding ongoing MRC Pontiac files, particularly the issues surrounding regional Forestry projects.

**12. In camera session**

060-21/03 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque that the session continues in camera, at 9:05pm.

Adopted

061-21/03 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to return to the meeting in progress, at 9:25pm.

Adopted

062-21/03 *Janitor position*

Moved by Councillor Montgomery to proceed with the job posting for the vacant janitor/cleaning position for the municipal office and St-Joseph Hall buildings.

Adopted

063-21/03 *Labourer/Operator position*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque to approve the job posting for the upcoming vacant labourer/operator position, with a potential start date of June 2021.

FOR: AGAINST:

Mariette Sallafranque Pat Montgomery

Roger Lavoie Pat Tallon

Louis Lair

Nancy McGuire

Adopted on Division

**13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held April 6th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

**14. Closing of meeting**

064-21/03 Moved by Councillor Lavoie that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 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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