

**CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
MUNICIPALITY OF LOW**

MINUTES of the regular meeting of members of the Council of the Municipality of Low, held this 4th day of March 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

Those present are:

His Worship the Mayor	Morris O'Connor
Councillors	Theresa van Erp Albert Kealey Amanda St. Jean (absent) Maureen Rice Carole Robert Charles Kealey

The Director General/Secretary-Treasurer Franceska Gnarowski is also present.

(1) OPENING

The meeting is officially opened by his Worship the Mayor, Morris O'Connor.

(2) MINUTES

#29-03-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4th 2013 be accepted as presented.

MOVED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp
SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(3) AGENDA

#30-03-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of item 6.3.4 concerning supplemental winter salary for fire fighters and that it remain open for the duration of the meeting.

MOVED BY Councillor Carole Robert
SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(4) QUESTION PERIOD

From 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(5) BILLS TO BE PAID

#31-03-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of invoices #03-2013, totalling \$189,404.04 be hereby accepted as presented;

AND THAT the Director General/Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to make the necessary budgetary arrangements.

MOVED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp
SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATE

I, undersigned, Director General/Secretary-Treasurer, do hereby certify that funds are available for the expenses mentioned in resolution #54-03-2013, as approved by Council.

Director General/Secretary-Treasurer

6.1 ADMINISTRATION

(6.1.1) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's report of February activities.

(6.1.2) SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION

WHEREAS THE Municipality of Amqui has requested support for their resolution concerning the fluoridation of potable water;

WHEREAS THE mandatory fluoridation of water is controversial from both a health and an ethical perspective, among others;

WHEREAS THE quality of water in Low is excellent;

#32-03-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Low supports the resolution from Amqui; and that this resolution be forwarded to Amqui, to the MNA and to the MRCVG.

MOVED BY Councillor Albert Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Maureen Rice

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.3) LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS THE Municipality of Low has availed itself of Nerio de Candido's services for several years;

WHEREAS THE Municipality is satisfied with the services offered by Nerio de Candido;

#33-03-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low retain legal services as offered by Nerio de Candido for the year 2013.

MOVED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

OPPOSED BY Councillor Albert Kealey

ADOPTED

(6.1.4) SOS VALLÉE DE LA GATINEAU

#34-03-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low offer a \$250 donation to SOS Vallée de la Gatineau as a contribution to the costs of cleaning trails damaged by the storms of December.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.5) COMMONWEALTH PLYWOOD

WHEREAS the Municipality of Low benefits from having Atlas (Commonwealth Plywood) as a major employer;

WHEREAS the company is employer of several residents of Low;

WHEREAS the company has been cutting employees for five years and again this year;

WHEREAS the company is requesting an increase in its quotas from Quebec's Ministry of Natural Resources;

WHEREAS an increase in quotas for pine would reinforce the viability of the company;

#35-03-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality support Commonwealth Plywood's request of the Ministry of Natural Resources for larger quotas for pine and that this resolution be sent to the appropriate parties, the local MNA and to the president of the company.

MOVED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.6) REQUEST CPTAQ

WHEREAS the applicant is the co-owner of lot 48A-1, range 3 with her daughter;

WHEREAS the property in question is a residence and the landscape is mountainous, wooded and the soil is classed as 7, or very poor for agriculture;

WHEREAS the consequences of an authorization will not impede or affect other agricultural activity on neighbouring lands;

WHEREAS the CPTAQ has previously authorized the construction of a residence on this land in 1993 (file 201349 CPTAQ);

WHEREAS the request confirms with the Municipality of Low's zoning bylaw;

#36-03-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality endorses the request concerning lot 48A-1, range 3 property # 4572-82-1985 without reservation.

MOVED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

SECONDED BY Councillor Carole Robert

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.7) REQUEST SUPPORT

WHEREAS the "Comité consultatif en matière de forêt de proximité" (Committee) has developed a strategy for crown lands and implemented a public consultation process, leading to improvements to the strategy as part of a consensus driven approach;

WHEREAS the Committee has prepared a business case for the crown lands strategy for the Quebec's Ministry of Natural Resources' consideration;

WHEREAS this proposal is of major significance for the socio-economic development of the Municipality of Low;

#37-03-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality endorses the Committee's project for crown lands expansion and for a delegation of authority to manage those lands locally.

MOVED BY Councillor Carole Robert

SECONDED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

OPPOSED BY Councillor Albert Kealey

ADOPTED

(6.1.8) PROPOSAL CIMA

WHEREAS THE Municipality of Low must complete a report in its consumption of potable water in 2011 for MAMROT;

WHEREAS THE Municipality risks losing its gas tax contribution if it does not confirm to the demands of the ministry;

#38-03-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low retain the professional services of CIMA who will complete the submit the report as soon as possible.

MOVED BY Councillor Carole Robert

SECONDED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.9) SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

#39-03-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low employ the following individuals on a seasonal basis from May until October/November: Fern Rochon for the waste depot at \$65/day; Steve Kelly for roads and Albert Maloney as general labour for the Municipality.

MOVED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.10) LINE OF CREDIT

#40-03-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low authorizes the renewal of a line of credit of \$600,000.00 at the Caisse Desjardins.

MOVED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp
SECONDED BY Councillor Carole Robert
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.11) REQUEST CPTAQ

WHEREAS the applicant is the owner of lot 36B-2, range 5;

WHEREAS the property in question is wooded, sloping and is surrounded by residences making the agricultural potential of this and neighbouring lots non-existent;

WHEREAS the closest agricultural activity or use (pasture) is 2-3 kilometres away from the lot in question, and so the building of a residence will have no impact on existing agricultural activity;

WHEREAS the request will have no negative impact on the nature of the surrounding community;

WHEREAS the request confirms with the Municipality of Low's zoning bylaw;

#41-03-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality endorses the request concerning lot 36B-2, range 5 property # 4171-40-9429 for the construction of a new residence without reservation.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Albert Kealey
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.12) RENOVATIONS

#42-03-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low authorizes an expenditure of up to \$2500 for the renovation of the old Caisse to be used for meetings and as a space for the mayor; that \$1098.54 (balance left) be liquidated from the reverse surplus for office renovations for this renovation.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 ROADS

(6.2.1) REPORT

A brief report is provided by the Mayor.

(6.2.2) SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION

#43-01-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low supports resolution AR13-01-013 from the Municipality of Cayamant concerning a request to the MTQ to install catch basins and manholes near Lake Cayamant.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.2.3) FIELDVILLE REIMBURSEMENT

#44-01-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low approves a final request for the remainder of the grant (\$9,000) for the paving of Fieldville Road.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Albert Kealey
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 PUBLIC SAFETY

(6.3.1) REPORT

Councillor Carole Robert gives a report of the Low Fire Department's activities.

(6.3.2) REPORT 9-1-1

No report was submitted by the Regional 9-1-1 Service Centre.

(6.3.3) ANNUAL REPORT

WHEREAS the Fire Department has completed its annual report on the implementation of the Risk Management Plan in the Municipality;

#45-01-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality accept the report as tabled.

MOVED BY Councillor Carole Robert

SECONDED BY Councillor Albert Kealey

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.3.4) WINTER RATE

WHEREAS the Fire Department responds to emergencies year-round:

#46-01-2013

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve an hourly winter rate of one dollar more per hour for hours worked by firefighters from November 15 until March 15 only.

MOVED BY Councillor Carole Robert

SECONDED BY Councillor Maureen Rice

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 HYGIENE

(6.4.1) REPORT

A report on the success of the recycling program, which has risen 37% in 5 months is provided by Councillor Albert Kealey.

6.5 URBANIZATION

(6.5.1) REPORT

No report.

6.6 RECREATION & CULTURE

(6.6.1) REPORT

Councillor Rice presents the activities for the month.

(6.6.2) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#47-01-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the costs associated with attending the *Réseau Biblio's* AGM for Lise Legros and Sherrill Owen Saturday, June 8th, 2013.

MOVED BY Councillor Maureen Rice

SECONDED BY Councillor Carole Robert

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.6.3) DESK

#48-01-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a cost of up to \$500 for the purchase of a desk for the library.

MOVED BY Councillor Albert Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Maureen Rice

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 VARIA

(7) QUESTION PERIOD

From 8 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

(8) ADJOURNMENT

#49-01-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed at 8:00 p.m.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Director General/Secretary-Treasurer

" I, Morris O'Connor, Mayor, certifies that the signature of these minutes is equivalent to my signature on all resolutions in the above document and this according to article 142 (2) of the Municipal Code. "