

**CANADA
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MINUTES of the regular meeting of members of the Council of the Municipality of Low, held this 9th day of September 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. 4A chemin d'Amour, Low, Quebec, J0X 2C0 and presided over by Mayor Morris O'Connor.

Those present are: Councillors Theresa van Erp, Amanda St. Jean, Maureen Rice, Carole Robert, and Charles Kealey.

Absent: Albert Kealey

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

(1) OPENING

Quorum is established and the meeting is officially opened by his Worship the Mayor, Morris O'Connor.

(2) QUESTION PERIOD

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

(3) MINUTES

#149-09-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8th, 2013 be adopted as presented.

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean
SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(4) AGENDA

#150-09-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented and that it remain open.

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

(5) BILLS TO BE PAID

#151-09-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of invoices #09-2013, totalling \$118,020.71 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 Amanda St. Jean
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATE

I, undersigned, Director General/Secretary-Treasurer, do hereby certify that funds are available for the expenses mentioned in resolution #151-09-2013, as approved by Council.

Director General/Secretary-Treasurer

(6) ADMINISTRATION

(6.1) MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provides a report on August's activities.

(6.1.1) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

No report

(6.1.2) NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with article 445 of the Quebec Municipal Code, notice of motion is hereby given by Councillor Amanda St-Jean that at a subsequent meeting of council a modification to bylaw #02-1993, article 6.1 on minimum distances for buildings will be proposed in order to harmonize the local bylaw with those of surrounding municipalities.

(6.1.3) NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with article 445 of the Quebec Municipal Code, notice of motion is hereby given by Councillor Amanda St. Jean that at a subsequent meeting of council modifications to articles 3,6,7 and 8 of bylaw #02-2001 on distances for accessory buildings will be introduced in order to ensure that bylaw #02-1993 confirms with the modified bylaw #02-1993.

(6.1.4) NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with article 445 of the Quebec Municipal Code, notice of motion is hereby given by Councillor Amanda St-Jean that at a subsequent meeting of council a new bylaw #010-2013 on property maintenance standards will be introduced.

(6.1.5) RESIGNATION

WHEREAS Brian Mahoney, employee of the municipality since 1993 has given his resignation;

WHEREAS over the years he has demonstrated, as team leader in public works, his loyalty and his dedication to the municipality;

WHEREAS Council recognizes Mr. Mahoney's contribution the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally recognizes Mr. Mahoney's contribution.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.6) – CPTAQ – REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE

WHEREAS the Commission, by virtue of article 62 of the Law on the protection of agricultural lands, can authorize the subdivision of a lot or property;

WHEREAS the present request concerns the subdivision of a lot that is inaccessible to the present owner and who would like to sell it to the neighbouring proprietor;

WHEREAS the lot in question is in the agricultural zone;

WHEREAS the neighbouring property is also in the agricultural zone so that the sale of the property in question would not have any negative impact on the homogeneous nature of the community or on agricultural activity, but rather would have a positive impact as it would be added to a property already under agricultural cultivation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council supports this request for a subdivision of lot 21, range 10 made by the property owner.

MOVED BY Councillor Carole Robert

SECONDED BY Councillor Maureen Rice

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.7) – CPTAQ – REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A RESIDENCE

WHEREAS by virtue of article 31.1 a person may not construct a residence without the authorization of the Commission on a vacant lot unless the lot is 100 hectares or more;

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WHEREAS the present request concerns the construction of a house on a lot that is 9.7 hectares;

WHEREAS in accordance with 62.2 the requestor is presently engaged in agricultural activity on his property cultivating plants, raising horses and making maple syrup;

WHEREAS in accordance with article 62.6, the proposed residence would have no impact on the homogeneous quality of the surrounding community or on agricultural activity;

WHEREAS in accordance with article 62.9, the requestor, through his activities, attracts visitors to the community, stimulating the local economy;

WHEREAS in accordance with 62.10 the local economy is in decline due to the forestry crisis and that employment at the last mill, ATLAS, in Low has fallen from over 100 employees to less than 15 today;

WHEREAS the Western Quebec School Board continues to try to close the school, thereby threatening the local economy further;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council supports this request for the construction of a residence on this property.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St.Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.8) DONATION – BILL WILSON

#155-09-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a donation of \$100 in the name of Bill Wilson to the United Church in Low.

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Carole Robert

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.9) DONATION – St-MICHAEL’S

#156-09-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a donation of \$275 for the students of St-Michaels and their Gatineau River clean up initiative.

MOVED BY Councillor Theresa van Erp

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 ROADS

(6.2.1) REPORT

A brief report is provided by Councillor Charles Kealey, Chair of the Public Works Committee.

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

Included in the general report.

(6.3.3) TRAINING

WHEREAS the training being proposed is specialized training for rescue in small spaces;

WHEREAS the cost for 2 fire fighters would be over \$4000, which was not budgeted for in 2013;

WHEREAS this training will be offered again in the new year;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees to delay the motion and have it considered by a new council at a date after the municipal elections.

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

6.4 HYGIENE

(6.4.1) REPORT

No report in the absence of Councillor Albert Kealey, Chair of the Hygiene Committee.

6.5 URBANIZATION

(6.5.1) REPORT

Report by Councillor Amanda St. Jean, Chair of the Urbanization Committee

6.6 RECREATION & CULTURE

(6.6.1) REPORT

Report by Councillor Maureen Rice, Chair of the Recreation Committee presents the activities for the month.

7.0 VARIA

No items

(8) ADJOURNMENT

#158-09-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed at 7:35 p.m.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean
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. "