

**CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
MUNICIPALITY OF LOW**

MINUTES of the regular meeting of members of the Council of the Municipality of Low, held this 13th day of January, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall, 4A d'Amour Rd., Low, Quebec, J0X 2C0 and presided over by Mayor Morris O'Connor.

Those present are: Councillors Lynn Visentin, Amanda St. Jean, Michèle Logue-Wakeling, Christopher Brownrigg and Charles Kealey.

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

Is absent : Councillor Joanne Mayer

(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

#01-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2nd, 2013 and of the special meeting of December 19th, 2013 as well as the report on the 2013 municipal election be adopted as presented.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(4) AGENDA

#02-01-2014

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

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) BILLS TO BE PAID

#03-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of invoices #01-2014, totalling \$196,992.54 be hereby accepted as presented;

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

MOVED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

ADOPTED

CERTIFICATE

I, undersigned, Director General/Secretary-Treasurer, do hereby certify that funds are available for the expenses mentioned in resolution #03-01-2014, as approved by Council.

Director General/Secretary-Treasurer

(6) ADMINISTRATION

(6.1) MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provides a report on December's activities.

(6.1.1) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

(6.1.2) NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Amanda St.Jean that at a subsequent meeting of council a modification of bylaw #001-2013 regarding question period shall be considered.

(6.1.3) NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Amanda St.Jean that at a subsequent meeting of council a modification of bylaw #010-2011 on the Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for Elected Officials shall be considered.

(6.1.4) COMPENSATION

WHEREAS the Director General has accumulated several hours of overtime;

#04-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve compensation for a portion of the accumulated hours in order to reduce the total number of accumulated hours.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.5) SUICIDE DÉTOUR

#05-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve a donation of \$100 to Suicide Détour, an organization that works to prevent suicide in the region.

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.6) CANADA POST

WHEREAS the present federal government has reviewed the way it delivers postal service;

WHEREAS the residents of Low can exercise their right to be heard on questions directly affecting them such as the postal service;

WHEREAS council has judged that the current proposal put forth by the government to eliminate door-to-door service as well as to increase costs significantly will do serious harm to the community, to its seniors and to individuals who are physically challenged;

#06-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council request that the Minister responsible for Canada Post revise its proposal (to close or reduce public post offices, to completely eliminate door-to-door service, etc...) and that it implement a true and transparent public consultation process to find solutions to Canada Post's current challenges.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.7) FQM REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS the proposed candidate has experience as Deputy Mayor of the Argenteuil MRC, as council member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as well as involvement in the opposition to Bill 14 to amend the French language charter;

#07-01-2014

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council support the candidacy of Scott Pierce, Mayor of Gore, as a representative of bilingual municipalities on the council of the Quebec Federation of Municipalities.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.8) SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION - HAUTS BOIS SCHOOL BOARD

#08-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council support the resolution from the Hauts- Bois School Board requesting that a course on firearms repair be returned to them if the demand for the course should increase.

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.9) FESTIVAL ECLIPSE

#09-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council support the techno music festival produced by Tech Safari at Camp Awacamenj Mino from July 25th to 28th, of 2014.

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

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

A brief report is provide by Michèle Logue-Wakeling, Chair of the Public Security Committee.

(6.3.2) AIR PACKS

WHEREAS prices for air packs are presently very favourable;

WHEREAS the purchase of 6 air packs at favourable prices will ensure that the fire department will not have to purchase air packs for the next 10 years;

#10-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the purchase of 6 airpacks at a cost of \$32,400 plus applicable taxes; that the funds come from the working fund and that the working fund be reimbursed at a rate of \$9,000/year from the fixed asset budget and the fire department budget starting in 2014.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.3.4) AGREEMENT DENHOLM

WHEREAS the Risk Coverage Plan requires that mutual aid agreements between neighbouring municipalities;

#11-01-2014

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the mutual aid agreement between Low and Denholm; that the mayor and the director general be authorised to sign the agreement and that the agreement be sent to the (!! CLR as soon as completed.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 ENVIRONMENT

(6.4.1) REPORT

No report.

6.5 URBAN PLANNING

(6.5.1) REPORT

A brief report is provided by Councillor Amanda St. Jean, Chair of the Urban Planning Committee.

6.6 RECREATION & CULTURE

(6.6.1) REPORT

A brief report is provided by Councillor Lynn Visentin, Chair of the Recreation and Culture Committee.

(6.6.2) INCREASED HOURS

#12-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve the addition of one hour per week to the Library Administrator, Lise Legros, for a weekly total of 15 hours starting February 1, 2014.

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin
SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 MISCELLANEOUS

(8) ADJOURNMENT

#13-01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed at 7:45 PM

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin
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."