

**CANADA
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MUNICIPALITY OF LOW**

MINUTES of the regular meeting of members of the Council of the Municipality of Low, held this 11th day of August, 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, Joanne Mayer, Christopher Brownrigg and Charles Kealey.

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

Those absent are: Councilor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

(1) OPENING

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

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. No business arising
2. Festival Eclipse – special discussion

(3) MINUTES

#119-08-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7th, 2014 be adopted as presented.

MOVED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(4) AGENDA

#120-08-2014

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

MOVED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) BILLS TO BE PAID

#121-08-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of invoices #08-2014, totalling \$188,238.77 be hereby accepted as presented;

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

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St.Jean

OPPOSED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

ADOPTED

CERTIFICATE

I, undersigned, Director General/Secretary-Treasurer, do hereby certify that funds are available for the expenses mentioned in resolution #121-08-2014, as approved by Council.

Director General/Secretary-Treasurer

(6) ADMINISTRATION

(6.1) MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provides a report on his activities for the month of July.

(6.1.1) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A brief report is presented by Councillor Joanne Mayer, Chair of the Executive Committee.

(6.1.2) NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion is given that at a subsequent meeting of council a noise bylaw will be proposed.

(6.1.3) NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion is given that at a subsequent meeting of council, article 4.2 of the 02-93 zoning bylaw shall be modified.

(6.1.4) DONATION

WHEREAS council had budgeted a contribution of \$2500 in 2014 for the golf tournament fundraiser for the arena, which took place in July;

WHEREAS the contribution will be applied to a capital reserve fund for major projects in the arena;

WHEREAS council recognizes the importance of the arena for the community;

#122-08-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve a contribution of \$2500 to the 2014 golf tournament for the capital reserve fund.

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.5) NOTARY (CHEMIN DE LA RIVE)

WHEREAS the municipality has been asked to undertake the standardization of the chemin de la Rive on behalf of its residents;

WHEREAS parts of lots on the chemin de la Rive must be ceded to or expropriated by the Municipality of Low by the owners before undertaking the standardization ;

WHEREAS the ceding of land required the services of a notary;

WHEREAS Bernard Marquis, Notary, has an excellent professional reputation in the region;

WHEREAS the municipality has developed a relationship with Bernard Marquis subsequent to services rendered on another file;

#123-08-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorises the Director General to use the services of Bernard Marquis, Notary, for all that is related to the ceding and/or expropriation of land on the chemin de la Rive for the purposes of standardizing the road.

MOVED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.6) EMPLOI QUEBEC

#124-08-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the hiring of Martin Béland as general worker, a position subsidized by the programme Emploi Quebec.

MOVED BY: Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.7) DONATION

#125-08-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes that the municipality sponsor a prize of \$100 for the Fireman's Association corn roast fundraiser.

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.8) SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION RE: NEW LONG TERM CARE FACILITY

WHEREAS the MRCVG has requested support for the construction of a new long-term care facility;

WHEREAS council believes that the facts concerning the new long-term care facility merit their support;

WHEREAS the members of the *Centre de santé et de services sociaux de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau (CSSSVG)* had raised the issue of the need for more long term care beds in 2007;

WHEREAS the current long term care facility in Maniwaki, Père-Guinard Center, is constantly at risk of flooding;

WHEREAS the CSSSVG did present a plan in 2009 to the Agence de santé et de services sociaux de l'Outaouais, which included the new long term care plans for Maniwaki;

WHEREAS the plan underscored the run-down state of that current facility as related to current standards, the difficulty with preventing infections and the difficulty the current facility was having adapting to the principle of "milieu de vie";

WHEREAS numerous demands have been made by the board of the CSSSVG to make this project a priority;

WHEREAS a number of factors (demographic profile of the MRC, the rate of hospital occupation, number of patients waiting for long term care) led to the recognition of the need for 30 more beds in the MRCVG;

WHEREAS the current project proposed by the CSSSVG has many advantages, including the fact that the land upon which this new facility would be built is already owned by the CSSSVG, which itself is close to the hospital;

WHEREAS despite repeated attempts to get this project moving, no answer has been received from MSSS for the new construction;

WHEREAS it is urgent to obtain the necessary authorisations so that the 3-4 year planning can begin;

WHEREAS the need for this type of service is at a critical stage given the aging population in this region;

#126-08-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that council support the resolution from the MRCVG;

THAT it supports the CSSSVG's project for the construction of a new long-term care facility (CHLSD) in Maniwaki;

THAT the Minister of Health and Social Services be asked to make it a priority.

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.9) SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION RE: TRANSITORY UNITS

WHEREAS the MRCVG has requested support for the implementation of 12 transitory long-term care units;

WHEREAS council believes that the facts concerning the short term need for transitory units merit their support;

WHEREAS the members of the *Centre de santé et de services sociaux de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau (CSSSVG)* had forecast the lack of long-term care beds in the short term in the Vallée-de-la-Gatineau 2007;

WHEREAS the CSSSVG did present a plan in 2009 to the Agence de santé et de services sociaux de l'Outaouais, which included the new long term care plans for Maniwaki;

WHEREAS a number of factors (demographic profile of the MRC, the rate of hospital occupation, number of patients waiting for long term care) led to the recognition of the need for 30 more beds in the MRCVG;

WHEREAS despite repeated attempts to get this project moving by the CSSSVG, no answer has been received from MSSS for the new construction;

WHEREAS resolution 2014-R-AG261 adopted by the MRCVG council supports the CSSSVG in its efforts to construct a new long-term care facility;

WHEREAS the need for this type of service is at a critical stage given the aging population in this region;

WHEREAS while awaiting a positive response from the MSSS regarding the new long-term care facility, temporary measures must be taken to respond to the need in the MRCVG;

WHEREAS given that a proposal for the construction of 12 transitory units was submitted in March 2014 and no answer has been received;

#127-08-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that council support the resolution from the MRCVG;

THAT it supports the CSSSVG's project for the construction of a transitory 12 bed unit, which was submitted to the *Agence de santé et de services sociaux de l'Outaouais*.

MOVED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.10) CIBC

WHEREAS the municipality already offers taxpayers the option of paying online through their banking institution;

WHEREAS CIBC bank is not among those that are accessible for tax payers;

#128-08-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorise payments on line through CIBC and that costs associated with such transactions be assumed by the municipality.

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 ROADS

(6.2.1) REPORT

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

(6.2.2) SALE OF TRUCKS

#129-08-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the sale through a public call for tenders the ¾ tonne 2003 Silverado truck and the tandem truck Sierra 1994.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 PUBLIC SAFETY

(6.3.1) REPORT

A brief report is provided by Amanda St. Jean, in the absence of Michèle Logue-Wakeling, Chair of the Public Security Committee.

(6.3.2) OPTIMISATION STUDY

#130-08-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the participation of the municipality of Low in the study looking at whether a consolidation or sharing of services being conducted by the Ministry of Public Security;

THAT the municipality of Low commits to supplying the comity put in place for this purpose all the information necessary for the study.

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 ENVIRONMENT

(6.4.1) REPORT

No report is provided by Councillor Christopher Brownrigg, Chair of the Environment Committee.

6.5 URBAN PLANNING

(6.5.1) REPORT

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

(6.5.2) CPTAQ

WHEREAS the agricultural potential of the lots in the sector in question has not been capable of sustaining any agricultural development thereby not retaining its families;

WHEREAS the MRCVG, the CLDVG and MAPAQ are united in seeking to provide agricultural producers the resources which will permit new options in diversifying their activities;

WHEREAS agriculture has played an important role in the history of this municipality and the municipality is keen to encourage those interested in investing in new agricultural activity in order to ensure the municipality's continuing viability;

WHEREAS Statistique-Québec has revised its demographic projections downward for the territory of the MRCVG to take into account the increasing exodus of its young people;

WHEREAS the current proposal will favour the establishment of a young person wishing to revive agricultural activity in the proposed sector;

WHEREAS the part of lot being considered does not actually possess the resources necessary for sustaining agricultural development;

WHEREAS the municipality keenly appreciates the agricultural sectors need for young talent;

WHEREAS in being able to live in close proximity to the farm, the son will be in a position to provide much needed assistance to the farm and to the development of new agricultural activity;

WHEREAS the municipality is conscious of its responsibilities as stewards of economic development in an MRC that is recognized as being among the poorest in the province;

WHEREAS the crisis in forestry and its economic impact continues to be felt locally;

WHEREAS the proposal conforms with municipal bylaws;

#131-08-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Low supports the proposal being submitted by the property owner 4371-50-6010, which seeks the authorization from CPTAQ to use a half-acre hectare for uses other than agriculture in order to build a residence.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.5.3) CPTAQ – REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A CURRENT PROPOSAL

NOTE: Councillor Joanne Mayer leaves the room before the discussion due to conflict of interest

WHEREAS the proposal submitted by the property owner 3980-86-5252 is presently before the CPTAQ commission;

WHEREAS the property owner in question request another letter of support before finalizing the decision;

#132-08-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes a letter if support to the CPTAQ for the request to build a new residence for the property known as 3980-86-5252.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ABSENT DURING THE VOTE Councillor Joanne Mayer

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE: Councillor Joanne Mayer returns

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) CULTURE DAYS

#133-08-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council supports the Cultural Association's initiative, which will put the spotlight in local musicians as well as local producers September 28th 2014;

THAT the municipality contribute \$150 for the publicity of the event.

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin
SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 MISCELLANEOUS

(7) QUESTION PERIOD

(8) ADJOURNMENT

#134-08-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed at 8:40 PM

MOVED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg
SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
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."