

**CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
MUNICIPALITY OF LOW**

MINUTES of the regular meeting of members of the Council of the Municipality of Low, held this 1st day of December, 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, Michèle Logue-Wakeling, Christopher Brownrigg and Charles 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) BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. None

(3) MINUTES

#179-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3rd as well as those of the special meeting of November 13th, 2014 be adopted as presented.

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

(4) AGENDA

#180-12-2014

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

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin
SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St. Jean
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) BILLS TO BE PAID

#181-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of invoices #12-2014, totalling \$89,097.83 be hereby accepted as presented;

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

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean
SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATE

I, undersigned, Director General/Secretary-Treasurer, do hereby certify that funds are available for the expenses mentioned in resolution #181-12-2014, as approved by Council.

Franceska Gnarowski

Director General/Secretary-Treasurer

(6) MAYOR'S REPORT

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

(6.1) ADMINISTRATION

(6.1.2) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A brief report is presented by Councillor Joanne Mayer, Chair of the Administration

(6.1.3) LVBRA CONTRIBUTION

#182-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the renewal of the contract with the LVBRA for the rental of the Heritage Hall for council meetings at a cosy of \$4848 for 2015 paid in two instalments (July and December).

MOVED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.4) CHRISTMAS DINNER KAZABAZUA

#183-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves a donation of \$150 for the Kazabazua community Christmas dinner.

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

SECONDED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.5) CHRISTMAS CLOSING

#184-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that council authorized the closing of the municipal office for the holidays from December 24 to January 2 inclusive.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.6) CARREFOUR JEUNESSE

WHEREAS the current provincial government proposes to modify the administrative governance of the Carrefour Jeunesses Emploi, which will have a negative impact on youth;

WHEREAS the local Carrefour Jeunesse has offered concrete solutions to the needs of local youth;

WHEREAS the MRCVG is considered one of the poorest in the province;

WHEREAS local youth are in need of more supports in order to ensure a positive and productive future;

WHEREAS Carrefour Jeunesse has already proven its worth in the region by supporting youth in their endeavours;

#185-12-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council recognizes the value of Carrefour Jeunesse and supports the organization;

THAT council requests that the government reflect on the impacts that major changes could have on the effectiveness of the program in the regions.

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.7) VIDÉOTRON

WHEREAS Vidéotron must address the CPTAQ in order to implement its latest project to install a communication tower on part 33 and 34 of range 2 in Low;

WHEREAS an agreement has been reached between Vidéotron and Keith Ramsay, the owner of the lot in question;

WHEREAS the installation of such towers is subject to federal regulations, not municipal regulations;

WHEREAS the project favours the development of telecommunication in rural regions;

WHEREAS the installation conforms with health and security requirements;

WHEREAS the agricultural potential of the lot in question is negligible;

WHEREAS the lot in question is actually wooded;

WHEREAS the chosen lot will have a minimal impact in agricultural activity;

WHEREAS the tower will not disturb the homogeneity of the area;

WHEREAS the project will have no impact on current or future agricultural activities;

WHEREAS there are no other appropriate lots available that are not zoned agricultural that could ensure the adequate functioning of the telecommunications network;

WHEREAS a telecommunication tower is not considered a protected asset

WHEREAS we must provide a resolution of support for the application;

#186-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council supports the application being submitted to the CPTAQ by Vidéotron.

MOVED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.8) VIDÉOTRON-SUPPORT

WHEREAS Vidéotron plans to install a telecommunication tower on the territory of Low;

WHEREAS council is aware of the project as described in Vidéotron's public notice;

WHEREAS a favourable notice is required relative the installation of the tower;

WHEREAS Industry Canada's CPC-2-0-03 applies to the installation of such a system as per the law on Radio Communication;

WHEREAS the chosen site has minimal impact given the technical requirements of such an installation;

#187-12-2014

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipality of Low supports the project as submitted by Vidéotron; preamble forms an integral part of this resolution;

THAT council will forward this resolution to Vidéotron.

MOVED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.9) INVISIBLE WORK

WHEREAS invisible work is that which is usually accomplished within the family unit as well as community volunteerism;

WHEREAS the benefits of invisible work, the role of the parent, and that of the caregiver are undeniable and essential to the development of society, yet all too often neglected;

WHEREAS the last census on invisible work was completed in 1992;

WHEREAS in 1992 Statistics Canada estimated the value of such work between 235 and 374 billion dollars annually, or between 34 and 54 % of GDP;

#188-12-2014

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council request that the Government of Canada reinstates the obligatory long-form census for 2016 and that it include questions on invisible work;

THAT Statistics Canada carries out exhaustive consultations in the possibility of broadening questions on invisible work for future census;

THAT the government undertakes measures to promote equitable treatment of people who do invisible work and to improve their economic security.

THAT all MRCs in the region and their municipalities be asked to support this resolution.

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

(6.1.10) RED CROSS

#189-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the renewal of the annual contribution to the Red-Cross for \$250 in order to ensure their support in case of emergency.

MOVED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer
SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.11) COUNCIL MEETINGS

#190-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the calendar of council meetings for 2015 as presented below.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Mois/Month	Heure	Endroit
12 janvier/January	19h00	Salle Héritage
2 février/February	19h00	Salle Héritage
2 mars/March	19h00	Salle Héritage
13 avril/April	19h00	Salle Héritage
4 mai/May	19h00	Salle Héritage
1 juin/June	19h00	Salle Héritage
6 juillet/July	19h00	Salle Héritage
3 août/August	19h00	Salle Héritage
14 septembre/September	19h00	Salle Héritage
5 octobre/October	19h00	Salle Héritage
2 novembre/November	19h00	Salle Héritage
7 décembre/ December	19h00	Salle Héritage

(6.1.12) PICHÉ LACROIX ACCOUNTANTS

WHEREAS Piché Lacroix accountants have completed the preliminary work for the 2014 audit as well as the financial reports for the gas tax program 2010-13;

#191-12-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the payment of 9772.88 to Piché Lacroix for services rendered.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.1.13) RED CROSS

#192-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that council requests that notices for special meetings be posted at Brennan's Hill, Venosta and Low according to the Municipal Code and that they be posted in the web and sent via email to the current email list of contacts.

MOVED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

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) MODIFICATION RESOLUTION #142-09-2014

WHEREAS it is impossible to conduct road works on Macdonald Road as submitted in the proposal to the Road Improvement Program due to time constraints;

#193-12-2014

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council amend the resolution #142-09-2014 to substitute work on Macdonald Road for work done on Lac Bernard Road, including stabilisation of the road side for a distance of 400 metres and a width of 1.4 meters (excavation, drainage, gravel) for an estimated cost of \$20,000.

MOVED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.2.3) RESIGNATION – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS Normand Schnob, Director of Public OWrks and Municipal Inspector, would like to retire as of February 21, 2015;

WHEREAS Mr. Schnob has submitted a letter to this effect;

#194-12-2014

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council accept the resignation of Normand Schnob effective February 21st, 2015.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 PUBLIC SAFETY

(6.3.1) REPORT

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

(6.3.2) INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS - RATES

WHEREAS the recommendation of the MRCVG concerning rates fro fire trucks attending emergencies in other municipalities;

#195-12-2014

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council accepts the recommendation of the MRCVG for all inter-municipal agreements concerning mutual aid in emergency situations, as follows :

Tanker	\$150
Pumper	\$150
Service truck	\$150

MOVED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer
SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(6.3.3) TRANSFER CLEANING ALLOCATION

WHEREAS fire fighters are responsible for cleaning the fire hall, as agreed with the municipality years ago;

WHEREAS the municipality agrees that the Fire Fighter's Association should receive the amount allocated for the cleaning of the fire hall;

#196-12-2014

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the transfer of \$1665 to the association for the cleaning of the fire hall.

MOVED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin
SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean
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.

6.6 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) SUMMER STUDENT

#197-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approves an application to the federal government for a summer student for the library.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 MISCELLANEOUS

(7) QUESTION PERIOD

- Presentation by Véronique Laflamme about the state of the park for children.
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(8) ADJOURNMENT

#198-12-2014

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed at 7:40 PM

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Morris O'Connor
Mayor

Franceska Gnarowski
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."