

**CANADA
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MUNICIPALITY OF LOW**

MINUTES of the special meeting of members of the Council of the Municipality of Low, held this Thursday, 17th day of December, 2015 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 who declares that the notice of the meeting has been given in conformity with the Municipal Code to the members of council.

2) AGENDA

The agenda is adopted as presented in the notice of a special meeting.

At the request of attendees, council agreed to a thirty minute question period before the proceedings.

3) ECLIPSE FESTIVAL

WHEREAS a petition containing 160 signatures of support from residents;

WHEREAS local businesses have provided their support with signatures;

WHEREAS the organisers will bring many improvements to minimize the more disturbing elements of the festival;

WHEREAS the festival brings approximately \$100,000 into the local and regional economy;

WHEREAS the festival represents an opportunity for local entrepreneurs, artists and artisans who want to exhibit at the festival;

WHEREAS the festival brings a higher visibility to the municipality and its environs;

WHEREAS the festival attracts festival goers from neighbouring regions, the rest of Canada, the US and Europe, heightening its touristic value;

WHEREAS the organisers already have agreements in principle with local suppliers, property owners, bed and breakfasts and farmers for the next edition;

WHEREAS the festival has a significant economic impact on local business;

WHEREAS the festival will donate to a local organisation;

WHEREAS there will be a reduction of the volume of the music at night;

WHEREAS a report by a specialist identifying the best layout for sound equipment to minimize disturbance will be done;

WHEREAS the sound equipment will be set up in accordance with the results of the specialist's report;

WHEREAS the installation of hay bale walls to absorb sound frequencies and vibrations. A barrier will be installed behind the speakers where the bass is the loudest. Other barriers will be erected according to the study;

WHEREAS a new technology called « Cardioid sub-woofer system », which interrupts the loudest bass frequencies, will be employed;

WHEREAS the SQ will be informed of the Festival and will be responsible for answering all complaints relative to the festival without interference from the municipality;

WHEREAS the Festival organizers will put in place a team dedicated to the management of complaints;

#213-12-2016

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approves a letter of support for the Eclipse Festival to be held August 12-15, 2016 at Camp Awacamenj Mino in the Municipality of Low.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

OPPOSED BY Councillors Joanne Mayer and Christopher Brownrigg

ADOPTED

4) ADJOURNMENT

#214-12-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:41PM.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

ADOPTED

Morris O'Connor
Mayor

Franceska Gnarowski
Director General/Secretary-Treasurer