

**CANADA
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MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Low, held Monday, September 12, 2016 at 19.00 at the Heritage Hall, 4A d'Amour Rd, Low (Québec) J0X 2C0 chaired by the Mayor, Mr. Morris O'Connor.

Also present: Councillors Michele Logue-Wakeling, Amanda St. Jean Joanne Mayer, and Lynn Visentin and Councillor Christopher Brownrigg.

Being also present: the Director-General Franceska Gnarowski

Being absent: Councillor Charles Kealey

1) OPEN

Noting the quorum, the meeting was officially declared open by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Morris O'Connor.

2) QUESTION PERIOD

3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

4) MINUTES – AUGUST 1

144-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of August 1, 2016 be adopted as proposed.

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

4A) MINUTES JUNE 6 SPECIAL

145-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of June 6, 2016 be adopted with amendments as proposed by Councillor Joanne Mayer.

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer
CARRIED

5) AGENDA

146-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be and that it remain open.

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

6) BILLS TO PAY

147-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT # 09-2016 list of disbursements for the period from 31 July 2016 to September 11, 2016 a total amount of 351,831.49;

THAT the net wages paid for the period from 1 August 2016 to 31 August 2016 totalling an amount of \$61,180.67 are accepted;

THAT the Director General / Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to make budget allocations necessary for this purpose.

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

CARRIED

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Director General / Secretary-Treasurer, hereby certify that funds are available for expenses named in resolution # 147-09-2016, as provided by the Council of the Municipality of Low.

Franceska Gnarowski

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

7) MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor gave a verbal report of his activities for the month of August.

7.1 ADMINISTRATION

(7.1.1) NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion is hereby given by Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling that an amendment to bylaw 04-2014 regarding the Code of Ethics and Deontology for Elected Officials is being considered in order to comply with changes to political financing laws brought about by bill 83, which was passed in the National Assembly June 2016.

(7.1.2) REQUEST FOR A SUPER CLSC/CLINIC

WHEREAS a meeting was held June 1, 2016 that included Mr. Benoit Gauthier, Assistant to the Director General of CISSSO, the mayors of Low, Kazabazua, Denholm and Lac Ste-Marie, representatives of Action Santé Outaouais as well as from Des Collines Health Foundation, users of the CLSC and public servants;

WHEREAS the effects of the restructuring of the CLSC is having a negative impact on the quality of the services being offered;

WHEREAS the municipality of Low is ideally located to serve neighbouring communities;

WHEREAS there are no other health related services available in close proximity to the actual user population;

WHEREAS reduced services at the current CLSC are forcing clients to travel up to 40 kilometers for basic health related services;

#148-09-2016

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that council consider this motion at a subsequent meeting.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

OPPOSED BY Councillors Lynn Visentin and Amanda St.Jean

CARRIED

7.2 ROADS

(7.2.1) REPORT

A brief report was given by Councillor Amanda St.Jean in the absence of Councillor Charles Kealey, President of the Roads Committee.

(7.2.2) SNOW PLOW CONTRACT

WHEREAS the contract for ploughing for sector "2" at the western limit of the municipality is expired since June 2016;

WHEREAS the municipality must post its call for proposals on the SEAO site from September 13- September 27, 2016, in order to contract new ploughing services;

WHEREAS the new contract will be for 3 years starting in winter 2016 with an option to renew for 2 years in 2019 until 2021;

WHEREAS the area to be covered by the new contractor is the same as in previous years with a few adjustments to reflect the new chemin de la Rive;

#149-09-2016

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the posting of the new call for proposals on the SEAO site during the dates mentioned.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Amanda St.Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

CARRIED

(7.2.3) GRANT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS a request to Member of the National Assembly for Gatineau, Stéphanie Vallée, for a grant from the "Aide à l'amélioration du réseau routier municipal" program has been accepted;

WHEREAS the request was for work to be done on Kallala Road;

WHEREAS the amount of the grant is \$32,435;

WHEREAS council is pleased to receive this support;

#150-09-2016

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council recognizes the grant and accepts that the work must be completed by February 10, 2017 and that all associated and required paperwork must be submitted before this date in order to receive the grant.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg

CARRIED

(7.3) PUBLIC SAFETY

(7.3.1) REPORT

The report was given by the President of the Committee of Public Safety, Amanda St. Jean Councillor.

(7.3.2) SALE OF TANKER

WHEREAS resolution #121-07-2016 clearly stated council's intention to sell the 1979 tanker;

WHEREAS a call for bids was posted from August 17 until August 31, 2016 on all municipal bill boards;

WHEREAS two bids were received: one for \$1000 and another for \$1300;

#151-09-2016

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tanker be sold to Mark McLaughlin, author of the highest bid, that is \$1300;

THAT Roch Courville and/or Franceska Gnarowski, be authorised to sign any and all documents related to the sale of the tanker for and in the name of the municipality.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St.Jean

CARRIED

(7.4) ENVIRONMENT

(7.4.1) REPORT

No report is given by Councillor Christopher Brownrigg, Chairman of the Environment Committee.

(7.4.2) GARBAGE TRUCK PURCHASE

WHEREAS the Municipality of Denholm posted a call for proposals on the SEAO site for a joint purchase of a garbage truck with the municipality of Low to be used for waste and recycling pick up in both municipalities;

WHEREAS only one submission was received from Camion Freightliner Mont-Laurier Inc in the amount of \$245,371.91 plus tax;

WHEREAS the submission conforms with the details of the call for proposals;

WHEREAS members of both municipal councils agree on a financing option in order to lessen the burden on taxpayers;

WHEREAS a call for proposals for a financing service for the amount of \$257,609.83 (amount of truck plus 50% Quebec sales tax) was won by SPAR Leasing;

WHEREAS the cost of financing for the garbage truck on a monthly basis amounts to \$4,408.52 plus taxes over a 60 month period (3.10% interest);

#152-09-2016

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorises the acquisition of the proposed truck (Freightliner model 114SD 25 yards for the price of 245,371.91 plus applicable taxes from Camion Freightliner Mont-Laurier Inc;

THAT council accepts financing proposal from SPAR leasing in the amount of \$4,408.52 plus taxes with the municipality assuming 50% of the monthly cost while the other half is assumed by Denholm ;

THAT council authorises the participation of Councillors Christopher Brownrigg and Lynn Visentin as well as the Inspector, Roch Courville and/or the DG, Franceska Gnarowski. On the Inter-Municipal Sanitation Committee;

PROPOSED BY Councillor Christopher Brownrigg
SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
CARRIED

(7.5) PLANNING

(7.5.1) REPORT

A report is given by Councillor Joanne Mayer, President of the Committee of urbanization

(7.6) LEISURE & CULTURE

(7.6.1) REPORT

A report is given by Councillor Lynn Visentin, President of the Recreation Committee.

(7.6.2) GRANT

WHEREAS the Low Cultural Association is once again organizing activities for Culture Days taking place on October 2nd in Heritage Hall and called High Notes in Low;

WHEREAS they will be featuring local and regional producers and musicians free of charge to the public;

WHEREAS the MRCVG are not providing any financial support in 2016 as they have done in previous years;

WHEREAS council believes that the event is an effective way to showcase local producers and talent;

#153-09-2016

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorises a grant of \$1000 to support the Low Cultural Association and its activities among which is the event known as High Notes in Low.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin
SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
CARRIED

(7.7) VARIA

(7.7.1) ARENA EMPLOI QUEBEC

#154-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorises the application for a position to Emploi Quebec for the arena as sponsor of the application and that the Municipality be reimbursed by the arena the difference between what Emploi Quebec pays and the total hourly rate being paid,

THAT the Director General be allowed to sign all related documentation for and in the name of the municipality and as per Emploi Quebec's requirements for online processing of payments:

PROPOSED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

CARRIED

(7.7.2) AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #102-06-2016

#155-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT resolution #102-06-2016 concerning the purchase of HR services from Séguin Daoust Consulting be modified to show that Council was made aware that there was the possibility of a grant from Emploi Quebec totalling 50% of the total amount of the proposed services.

MOVED BY: Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lynn Visentin

CARRIED

(7.7.3) AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #104-06-2016

#156-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT resolution #104-06-2016 concerning the correction of wages and number of hours worked for the maintenance worker be modified to show that the number of hours per week worked are 40 hours from the moment the resolution is carried, that is June 6th 2016.

MOVED BY: Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

CARRIED

(7.7.4) AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #116-07-2016

#157-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT resolution #116-07-2016 concerning the proposed law to restrict dangerous dogs. Let it be noted that Councillor Joanne Mayer is against the resolution because she supports the regulation of dangerous dogs but not the destruction of dangerous dogs, which had been put forward as a possibility during the discussion between council members and the DG.

MOVED BY: Councillor Joanne Mayer

SECONDED BY: Councillor Lynn Visentin

CARRIED

(8) ADJOURNMENT

158-09-2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting ends at 9PM

MOVED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Lynn Visentin

CARRIED

Morris O'Connor
Mayor

Franceska Gnarowski
Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

"I, Morris O'Connor, Mayor, certify that the signature of this minutes is equivalent to my signature on all resolutions contained within the meaning of Article 142 (2) of the Municipal Code "