

**CANADA
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MUNICIPALITÉ DE LOW**

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Low, held Monday, January 9, 2017 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 Charles Kealey.

Being also present: the Director-General Franceska Gnarowski

Being absent: Councillor Christopher Bronwrigg

1) OPEN

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

2) QUESTION PERIOD

3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

4) MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2017

1-01-2017

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2016 be adopted with amendments.

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
CARRIED

4A) MINUTES DECEMBER 15 SPECIAL

2-01-2017

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of December 15, 2016 be adopted with amendments as proposed by Councillor Joanne Mayer.

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

5) AGENDA

3-01-2017

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

MOVED BY Councillor Amanda St.Jean
SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
CARRIED

6) BILLS TO PAY

4-01-2017

BE IT RESOLVED THAT # 01-2017 list of disbursements for the period from 1 December to January 9, 2017 a total amount of 148,779.01;

THAT the net wages paid for the period from 1 December 2016 to 31 December 2016 totalling an amount of \$30,369.37 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 # 04-01-2017, as provided by the Council of the Municipality of Low.

Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

7) MAYOR'S REPORT

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

7.1 ADMINISTRATION

(7.1.1) No report was presented by Councillor Michelle Logue-Wakeling

(7.1.2) NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion is hereby given by Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling that bylaw LOW-01-2017 concerning tariffs for water, garbage and septic waste shall be adopted at a subsequent meeting of council.

(7.1.3) NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion is hereby given by Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling that bylaw #05-2014 concerning chemin de la Rive shall be modified at a subsequent meeting of council to include the amount of the special tax being levied on each property owner on chemin de la Rive with a residence as of 2017 and to permit the payment of the full amount in one instalment..

(7.1.4) FQM MEMBERSHIP

5-01-2017

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Municipality of Low agrees to renew its membership to the FQM for the annual sum of \$1,285.22.

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

(7.1.5) STUDENT EMPLOYMENT FEDERAL GRANT

WHEREAS Canada Summer Jobs program is once again providing grants to organisations that require the support;

WHEREAS the municipality has need of a summer student for the library in the summer;

6-01-2017

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council agrees to apply to the program again for the library's summer student;

THAT the DG and or the Mayor be authorised to sign any and all paperwork related to the application.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St.Jean
CARRIED

(7.1.6) UNPAID TAXES

WHEREAS taxes remain unpaid over the past 30 months on the following properties: 5161589, 5162001, 5162089, 5162922, 5163922, 5162745 and 8 Station Rd;

WHEREAS the municipality considers it opportune to send these files to the legal advisor in order that he may obtain a judgement to collect the taxes;

#7-01-2017

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that council authorises that the above-mentioned files be sent to the legal advisor, Nerio de Candido.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
SECONDED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
CARRIED

7.2 ROADS

(7.2.1) REPORT

A brief report was given by Councillor Charles Kealey, President of the Roads Committee.

(7.2.2) PAYMENT

WHEREAS the work on chemin de la Rive has been completed by Jeskar;

WHEREAS the billing has been verified and approved by the project manager for the municipality, Eric Saumure, Eng, MRCVG;

WHEREAS the invoice is in the amount of \$263,282.72;

#8-01-2017

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the payment of the bill from Jeskar in the amount of \$263,282.72

PROPOSED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
CARRIED

(7.3) PUBLIC SAFETY

(7.3.1) REPORT

No report was given by the President of the Committee of Public Safety, Amanda St. Jean Councillor.

(7.3.2) RESIGNATION

WHEREAS fire fighter Seamus Montague provided a letter of resignation at the last regular meeting of council December 5, 2016;

WHEREAS Mr. Montague also turned in all equipment belonging to the municipality at the same time;

#9-01-2017

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council accept Mr. Montague's resignation effective immediately.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
CARRIED

(7.3.3) RESIGNATION

WHEREAS fire fighter Billy Fitzpatrick provided a letter of resignation December 23, 2016;

WHEREAS Mr. Fitzpatrick has no equipment belonging to the municipality to turn in;

#10-01-2017

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council accept Mr. Fitzpatrick's resignation effective immediately.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
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. (absent)

(7.5) PLANNING

(7.5.1) REPORT

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

(7.5.2) SUPPORT - SANDPIT

WHEREAS a request for the authorisation to operate a sandpit on renovated lots 5162003, 5163612, and 5163613 is being sent to the Ministère du développement durable, l'environnement et Lutte contre les changements climatiques;

WHEREAS the municipality must indicate its approval of such a project if it complies with the current zoning;

WHEREAS the current zoning of those lots allows for the operation of the sandpit;

#11-01-2017

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council supports the application being made by the owner of the renovated lots 5162003, 5163612, and 5163613 to operate a sandpit.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

SECONDED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer

ABSTENTION Councillor Charles Kealey (conflict of interest)

CARRIED

(7.6) LEISURE & CULTURE

(7.6.1) REPORT

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

(7.6.2) PARK PLAN

WHEREAS a plan for the changes to the children's park is required;

WHEREAS local landscape architect, Jerol Wheeler has agreed to provide such a plan;

WHEREAS the monies for the plans and changes have been set aside in the gas tax program;

#12-01-2017

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorises an expenditure of up to \$2000 for plans for the park.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Charles Kealey

SECONDED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean

CARRIED

(7.7) VARIA

(7.7.1) GATINEAU VALLEY SKATING CLUB

WHEREAS a request for financial support was received from the Gatineau Valley Skating Club;

WHEREAS council considers that the club is an important asset for the children of the region;

WHEREAS the proposal by Councillor Joanne Mayer for a donation of \$500 and the one by Mayor Morris O'Connor for a donation of \$1000;

#13-01-2017

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that council authorises a donation of \$1000 to the Gatineau Valley Skating Club.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Amanda St-Jean

SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling

OPPOSED BY Councillor Joanne Mayer
CARRIED

(8) ADJOURNMENT

14-01-2017

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting ends at 8:30PM

MOVED BY Councillor Charles Kealey
SECONDED BY Councillor Michèle Logue-Wakeling
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 "