

Minutes of the regular council sitting of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington held at the Harrington Valley Community Center located at 420, Harrington road on August 8th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present and forming a quorum under the chairmanship of the Acting Mayor Richard Francoeur, councillors Chantal Scapino, Julie James, Daniel St-Onge, Gerry Clark and Robert Dewar.

The Mayor Pierre Richard is absent.

The director general France Bellefleur is present.

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1. Opening of the sitting

Acting Mayor Richard Francoeur welcomes everyone. The quorum being established, the acting mayor declares the regular sitting open at 7:00 p.m. and adds that the recording of the sitting is in progress.

2022-08-R143

2. Adoption of the agenda

It is moved by councillor Robert Dewar

And carried that the agenda be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Points of information of the Acting Mayor

Acting Mayor Richard Francoeur, informs those present about certain files and the activities in which he participated during the month of July 2022.

4. Points of information of the councillors

Councillors inform those present about certain files and the activities in which they participated during the month of July 2022.

5. Question period

The acting mayor answers the questions addressed to him by the citizens present at the sitting.

6. Approval of minutes

2022-08-R144

6.1 Regular sitting of July 11th, 2022

TAKING NOTICE that a copy of the minutes was given to each member of the municipal council;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Daniel St-Onge

And carried to adopt the minutes of the regular sitting of the municipal council held on July 11th, 2022.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Financial and administrative management

7.1 Filing of the financial report for the month of July 2022

The financial report for the month of July 2022 is filed.

7.2 Filing of the report of authorized expenses by the department directors

The reports of expenses authorized by the general management and by the directors of services for the month of July 2022 are filed with the council.

2022-08-R145

7.3 Acceptance of accounts payable and accounts paid for the month of July 2022

It is moved by acting mayor Richard Francoeur and carried to approve the accounts and salaries paid for the month of July 2022 and the accounts payable, as presented below, and to authorize their payment.

Paid accounts (checks issued July 2022)

| | | | |
|--------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 220379 | 13/07/2022 | Services de Cartes Desjardins | \$ 977.28 |
| 220380 | 13/07/2022 | Hydro-Québec | \$ 1,359.83 |
| 220381 | 13/07/2022 | Mathieu Dessureault | \$ 75.00 |

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| 220382 | 13/07/2022 | Desjardins Sécurité Financière | \$ 8,474.79 |
| 220383 | 13/07/2022 | Bell Mobilté | \$ 540.92 |
| 220384 | 14/07/2022 | Hydro-Québec | \$ 454.85 |
| 220385 | 14/07/2022 | Harrington Valley Community Center | \$7,000.00 |
| 220386 | 29/07/2022 | Association de Propriétaires Lac-Agnes | \$ 408.17 |
| 220387 | 29/07/2022 | Canada Post | \$ 4,982.94 |
| 220388 | 29/07/2022 | Hydro-Québec | \$ 1,641.15 |
| 220389 | 29/07/2022 | Retraite Québec | \$ 358.16 |
| 220390 | 29/07/2022 | Bell Canada | \$ 297.25 |
| 220391 | 29/07/2022 | Brookelyne Gelinass | \$ 48.73 |
| 220392 | 29/07/2022 | FTQ | \$ 484.64 |
| 220393 | 29/07/2022 | Desjardins Sécurité Financière | \$ 13,972.16 |
| 220394 | 29/07/2022 | CUPE Local 4852 | \$ 778.45 |
| 220395 | 29/07/2022 | Waste Management | \$ 13,584.08 |

Salaries paid (checks issued July 2022)

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries for employees | \$ 45,346.67 |
| Salaries for elected members | \$ 5,645.84 |
| Salaries for firemen | \$ 2,770.55 |
| Receveur Général du Canada | \$ 9,322.61 |
| Ministère du Revenu du Québec | \$ 24,787.87 |
| CSST | \$ 1,784.97 |

Accounts to be paid (checks to be issued in August 2022)

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Waste Management | \$ 6,188.89 |
| Traffic Innovation | \$ 579.47 |
| Municipalité de Boileau | \$ 720.00 |
| Urbacom | \$ 3,035.34 |
| S.C. Motosport | \$ 82.95 |
| MRC d'Argenteuil | \$ 47,347.41 |
| 6943195 Canada Inc. | \$ 503.59 |
| Fonds Information Foncière | \$ 90.00 |
| Marquage Lignax | \$ 2,069.55 |
| Centre du Camion-Succ. St-Faustin | \$ 144.82 |
| Sanidépôt | \$ 332.91 |
| Service d'Entretien Ménager-M.C. | \$ 1,379.70 |
| Juteau Ruel Inc. | \$ 2,842.54 |
| Centre de Rénovation Pine Hill | \$ 79.54 |
| Le Services d'Entretien St-Jovite | \$ 482.23 |
| Formules Municipales | \$ 115.06 |
| Kilmar Dépanneur | \$ 236.33 |
| FQM Assurances | \$ 43,969.51 |
| Fosses Septiques Miron | \$ 183.96 |
| Matériaux McLaughlin Inc. | \$ 33.51 |
| Aréo-Feu | \$ 718.02 |
| Auto Parts | \$ 207.78 |
| H2Lab | \$ 1,251.51 |
| Gary Cantin | \$ 214.83 |
| Location Madden Rental | \$ 307.03 |
| Maxiburo | \$ 388.47 |
| Groupe CLR SRAD Inc. | \$ 347.51 |
| J.B. Dixon Inc. | \$ 241.39 |
| Multi Routes | \$ 13,893.58 |
| Service de Recyclage Sterling | \$ 6,907.66 |
| Energies Sonic RN S.E.C. | \$ 5,212.82 |

I, the undersigned, director general and clerk-treasurer, certify that the Municipality of the Township of Harrington has the necessary available funds for the expenses listed above.

France Bellefleur, CPA, CA
Director general and clerk-
treasurer

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-08-R146

7.4 Budgetary transfers

WHEREAS it is necessary to make some changes to the current budget, in order to promote better monitoring of expenses and reallocate certain budgets;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried:

That council authorizes the following budgetary transfers:

From credit (-):

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|---------------|------------------------------|--------|
| 02-130-00-528 | Servicing and maintenance | 4,440 |
| 02-130-02-670 | Expenses related to Covid-19 | 6,515 |
| 02-320-00-143 | Employees temp salaries | 745 |
| 02-451-00-141 | Salaries - residual matters | 2,280 |
| 02-610-00-142 | Salaries temp land planning | 5,360 |
| 02-702-50-447 | Cultural activities | 5,000 |
| 22-105-00-723 | Acquisition of land | 20,000 |

To (débit) (+) :

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|---------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 02-130-00-341 | Communication, bulletin | 270 |
| 02-130-00-527 | Maintenance - generator | 430 |
| 02-130-00-670 | Office supplies | 3,500 |
| 02-150-02-957 | Cadastral renovation | 6,465 |
| 02-190-00-422 | General Insurance | 290 |
| 02-320-00-422 | Insurance – public works | 450 |
| 02-320-08-525 | Maintenance vehicle Ford 2011 | 295 |
| 02-451-00-212 | Pension plan | 2,000 |
| 02-451-00-422 | Insurance | 40 |
| 02-451-12-525 | Maintenance inter - garbage | 240 |
| 02-610-00-212 | Pension plan | 5,000 |
| 02-610-00-670 | Office supply | 110 |
| 02-701-00-494 | Grant for organizations | 5,250 |
| 22-451-00-725 | Electrical line – Ecocentre | 20,000 |

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-08-R147

7.5 Renewal of municipal insurance contracts from August 31st, 2022 to August 31st, 2023 – FQM Assurances - La Mutuelle des municipalités du Québec

WHEREAS the municipality must renew its municipal insurance contracts;

WHEREAS the renewal proposed by FQM Assurances - La Mutuelle des municipalités du Québec is advantageous for the municipality;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Daniel S-Onge

And carried to renew the municipal insurance contracts of FQM Assurances – La Mutuelle des municipalités du Québec from August 31st, 2022 to August 31st, 2023 in the amount of \$43,969.51 taxes included.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-08-R148

7.6 Resolution on the bilingual status of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington

WHEREAS the Charter of the French language (“Charter”) was adopted by the National Assembly of Quebec in 1977;

WHEREAS at the time of the adoption of the Charter, the bilingual status of more than 80 Quebec municipalities was recognized under the provisions of section 29.1;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Harrington has been recognized as having bilingual status since April 22nd, 1978 and wishes to maintain this status;

WHEREAS the initial provisions of the Charter allowed municipalities where a majority of residents spoke a language other than French to be officially recognized as having bilingual status under section 29.1;

WHEREAS in January 2013, the Municipality of the Township of Harrington adopted resolution 2013-01-R013 on the bilingual status of the Municipality according to article 29.1, in order to reiterate its desire to maintain its bilingual status;

WHEREAS today, 84 municipalities and 6 boroughs continue to benefit from bilingual status, including the Municipality of the Township of Harrington;

WHEREAS Bill 96, entitled “An Act respecting the official and common language of Quebec, French” was presented to the National Assembly in May 2021 and adopted in May 2022;

WHEREAS Law No. 96 amends the Charter by inserting section 29.2 which empowers the Office québécois de la langue française to withdraw bilingual status from a municipality whose non-French-speaking population is less than 50%, and this, in cases where the Office has sent a notice to the municipality indicating that its status will be revoked if a resolution requesting the maintenance of bilingual status has not been received within 120 days;

WHEREAS according to the 2016 census, Anglophones represent just over 52% of the population of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington;

WHEREAS the census does not take into account non-permanent residents with secondary residences in rural and resort communities;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried:

TO DECLARE that the Municipality of the Township of Harrington wishes to maintain the bilingual status granted to it on April 22nd, 1978 and wishes to keep it until it decides otherwise;

TO CONFIRM, with as much conviction as during the adoption of resolution 2013-01-R013 in January 2013, that the Municipality of the Township of Harrington wishes to maintain its bilingual status, regardless of any fluctuation in its population reported by the data of census;

TO REITERATE that the residents and council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington consider the recognition of the bilingual status of our municipality as essential to the character of the municipality and as testimony to the historical presence of the two communities, English and French, in the Township of Harrington;

TO DECLARE that Council considers the wording of Section 29.2 to be perfidious, depriving municipalities of the right to request the withdrawal of bilingual status when they deem it necessary and forcing them to repeatedly ask the government to maintain this privilege;

TO SEND a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Quebec, the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM) and the Union Municipalities of Quebec (UMQ).

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Public Safety

2022-08-R149

8.1 Electrical work – Lost River fire station – Mr. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc.

WHEREAS certain electrical work, including the replacement of the distribution panel and the switch, must be carried out at the Lost River Fire Station;

WHEREAS the service offer received from Mr. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc. to carry out this work;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried to accept the offer of service from Mr. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc. to carry out the electrical work at the Lost River fire station for an amount of \$1 264.73 taxes included.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Public Work

2022-08-R150

9.1 Revitalization work – Pont Rivington – Excavation Kelly inc.

WHEREAS revitalization work along Chemin de la Rivière-Maskinongé must be carried out to complete the repair and reconstruction work on Chemin de la Rivière-Maskinongé;

WHEREAS the offer of service received from Excavation Kelly inc.;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried to accept the service offer from Excavation Kelly inc. for the revitalization work along Rivière-Maskinongé road in the amount of \$5,448.67 taxes included.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Environmental health

2022-08-R151

10.1 Construction of the power line – Chemin de l'Écocentre – Énergie DL

WHEREAS a private power line must be built to serve the Ecocentre;

WHEREAS the service offer received from Énergie DL;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Julie James

And carried to accept the service offer from Énergie DL for the construction of a private power line on Ecocentre Road in the amount of \$ 24,403.33 taxes included.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-08-R152

10.2 Line connection work – Chemin de l'Écocentre - M. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc.

WHEREAS a private power line must be built to serve the Ecocentre and that connection work is required;

WHEREAS the offer of service received from Mr. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc.;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Robert Dewar

And carried to accept the offer of service from Mr. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc. for work to connect a private power line on Chemin de l'Écocentre in the amount of \$ 5,518.80 taxes included.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-08-R153

11. Management, Urban planning and development

11.1 Hiring – Director of the Urban Planning and Environment Department – Timour Achikbaev

WHEREAS the position of Director of the Urban Planning and Environment Department is currently vacant;

WHEREAS the training and relevant work experience of Mr. Timour Achikbaev in the field of urban planning;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Daniel St-Onge

And carried that the council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington proceeds with the hiring of Mr. Timour Achikbaev as director of the urban planning and environment department, effective August 15th,

2022, subject to a period of six (6) months' probation, under the conditions specified in his employment contract, dated July 19th, 2022.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-08-R154

11.2 Support to the Coalition Santé Laurentides for the application of the new health plan and for the massive investment necessary for the development of hospital centers in the Laurentians region

WHEREAS the Premier of Quebec, in various statements, one of which dates back to July 2020 and the other July 2021, maintains that the population of the Laurentians must be able to count on adequate health care coverage and a consolidation of the HRSJ;

WHEREAS in the perspective of the next ten years in the Quebec Investment Plan 2022-2032 (PQI 22-23), only three of the six hospitals in the region are planned to be modernized, and this, at a third of the sums necessary for their entire completion (Mont-Laurier, Saint-Eustache and Saint-Jérôme) and that nothing is planned for the three other hospitals in the region (Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Lachute and Rivière-Rouge);

WHEREAS the shortfall for the complete completion of the three hospital projects in progress (Mont-Laurier, Saint-Eustache and Saint-Jérôme) amounts to \$1.4 billion, in addition to the sums already provided for in PQI 22-32 for the latter (\$735m);

WHEREAS to advance the three other files of the hospital centers (Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Lachute and Rivière-Rouge), the Government of Quebec must follow up on the clinical plan of the Laurentian hospital and initiate the phase of the plans functional and technical for the three establishments;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec must immediately implement, for the Laurentians region, its new Health Plan promoting, among other things, increased investments in infrastructure as well as the establishment of attractive and modern environments, accessibility to care, more fluid emergencies, an increase in the ratio of hospital beds and a major catch-up in surgeries, which are essential elements that will provide a lasting solution to the problems that citizens and staff in the Laurentians region face on a daily basis;

WHEREAS the Coalition Santé Laurentides is made up of various partners in the region (elected officials, medical and hospital representatives, post-secondary institutions, seniors' associations, business and community organizations) wishing to collaborate with the Government of Quebec in order to find these sustainable and innovative solutions that pass the correction of historical budgeting as well as the complete completion of the modernization and expansion of the six hospital centers in the region thanks to a massive investment in hospital infrastructure;

WHEREAS 2022 is an election year and the importance of the health file for the Laurentians region does not benefit from national coverage allowing it to promote the importance of its health and social services,

while the Laurentians form the 4th region in demographic importance in Quebec;

WHEREAS the CPÉRL has reiterated its support for the Coalition Santé Laurentides for the year 2022, through the presence of the prefects (Antoine-Labelle, Laurentides and Deux-Montagnes) and the contribution of \$30,000 to support actions aimed at catch-up finance spending on health and social services in the region and the acceleration of projects to modernize its hospitals;

WHEREAS the City of Saint-Jérôme and the Council of Physicians, Pharmacists and Dentists of the CISSS des Laurentides are financial partners for the year 2022 (contribution of \$20,000 and \$30,000 respectively);

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried:

THAT the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington supports the Coalition Santé Laurentides and its demands by adding its voice to those of the Council of the MRC d'Argenteuil, the Council of Prefects and Elected Officials of the Laurentians Region (CPÉRL) and laurentiens partners in order to:

- That the Laurentians region be prioritized now in the implementation of the Government of Quebec's Health Plan with the necessary budget to fund all health and social services needs in the Laurentians;
- That the Government of Quebec correct the historical health budgeting which continues to penalize the Laurentians region;
- That a complete completion of the six hospital centers of the Laurentians region allowing their modernization and expansion be carried out by the end of the decade, thanks to a massive investment by the Government of Quebec in the Laurentian hospital infrastructures.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Loisirs and culture

2022-08-R155

12.1 Electrical work – Lost River Community Center - M. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc.

WHEREAS certain electrical work, including the replacement of electrical panels and the switch in the electrical room, must be carried out at the Lost River Community Center;

WHEREAS the service offer received from Mr. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc. to carry out this work;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Daniel St-Onge

And carried to accept the service offer from Mr. Maurice entrepreneur électricien inc. to carry out the electrical work at the Lost River Community Center for an amount of \$ 5,288.85 taxes included.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Question period

The acting mayor answers the questions addressed to him by the citizens present at the sitting.

2022-08-R156

14. Closing of the sitting

It is moved by councillor Daniel St-Onge and carried that the sitting be closed at 8.14 p.m.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

I, Richard Francoeur, acting mayor, certifies that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to the signing by me of all the resolutions it contains within the meaning of article 142 (2) of the *Municipal Code of Quebec*.

Richard Francoeur
Acting Mayor

France Bellefleur, CPA, CA
Director General and
Clerk-Treasurer