

Minutes of the regular council sitting of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington held at the Lost River community center located at 2811, route 327 on February 13th, 2023, at 8:36 p.m.

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

Acting mayor Richard Francoeur is absent.

The director general France Bellefleur is present.

Agenda

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1. Opening of the sitting

Councillor Daniel St-Onge welcomes everyone. The quorum being established, he declares the regular sitting open at 8:36 p.m. and adds that the recording of the sitting is in progress.

2023-02-R017

1.1 Nomination of a council president for the sitting of February 13th, 2023

WHEREAS the acting mayor, Mr. Richard Francoeur, is absent for the present sitting;

WHEREAS it thus becomes necessary to appoint a meeting chairman for this sitting;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried to appoint Mr. Daniel St-Onge as chairman of the council meeting for the council sitting of February 13th, 2023;

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-02-R018

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 chairman

Chairman Daniel St-Onge informs those present about certain files and the activities in which he participated during the month of January 2023.

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 January 2023.

5. Question period

Mr. Daniel St-Onge answers the questions addressed to him by the citizens present at the sitting.

6. Approval of minutes

2023-02-R019

6.1 Regular sitting of January 16th, 2023

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

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried to adopt the minutes of the regular sitting of the municipal council held on January 16th, 2023.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-02-R020

6.2 Extraordinary sitting of January 24th 2023

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

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Robert Dewar

And carried to adopt the minutes of the extraordinary sitting of the municipal council held on January 24th, 2023.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Filing – Correction of resolution #2022-12-R236

In accordance with article 202.1 of the *Municipal Code of Quebec*, the director general and clerk-treasurer presents to council the correction to resolution #2022-12-R236 Mandate to assist in the planning of the door-to-door collection of residual materials including organic materials to the firm Solinov inc, by modifying the minutes of December 12th, 2022 as follows:

By replacing the 4th paragraph of the resolution which read as follows:

WHEREAS the municipality also wishes to set up the collection of organic materials throughout its territory, in accordance with the action plan of the residual materials management Plan (PGMR) 2023-2023 of the MRC d'Argenteuil , i.e. the objectives of the 2019-2024 action Plan for the residual materials management policy and its Strategy for the recovery of organic matter, and the eligibility criteria for the Program on the redistribution to municipalities of royalties for the elimination of residual materials;

By the following:

WHEREAS the municipality also wishes to set up the collection of organic materials throughout its territory, in accordance with the action plan of the residual materials management Plan (PGMR) 2023-2030 of the MRC d'Argenteuil , i.e. the objectives of the 2019-2024 action Plan for the residual materials management Policy and its Strategy for the recovery of organic matter, and the eligibility criteria for the Program on the redistribution to municipalities of royalties for the elimination of residual materials;

7. Notice of motion and by-law

2023-02-R021

7.1 Adoption - By-law number 298-2023 decreeing the imposition of taxes and compensation for the year 2023

CONSIDERING the Municipality of the Township of Harrington has adopted its budget for the year 2023;

CONSIDERING it is necessary to determine the property tax rates and compensation for municipal services during the 2023 fiscal year;

CONSIDERING the financial policy aims to maximize financial, material and human resources in order to control the increase in the tax rate while maintaining a social and financial balance;

CONSIDERING a notice of motion was duly given during the extraordinary council sitting held on January 24th, 2023;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Julie James

And carried that council adopt by-law #298-2023 decreeing the imposition of taxes and compensation for the year 2023.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAW NUMBER 298-2023 DECREEING THE IMPOSING OF TAXES AND COMPENSATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Harrington has adopted its budget for the year 2023;

WHEREAS it is necessary to determine the property tax rates and compensation for municipal services during the 2023 fiscal year;

WHEREAS the financial policy aims to maximize financial, material and human resources in order to control the increase in the tax rate while maintaining a social and financial balance;

WHEREAS a notice of motion was duly given at the extraordinary council sitting held on January 24, 2023;

FOR THESE REASONS,

THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRINGTON ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 1 - PREAMBLE

The preamble is an integral part of these rules.

ARTICLE 2 - FISCAL YEAR

The rate and tariffs listed below apply for the 2023 fiscal year.

ARTICLE 3- GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

A general property tax is hereby imposed and will be levied on all taxable immovables in the municipality according to their value as it appears on the assessment roll at a rate of \$0.4308 per \$100.00 of property evaluation, for the year 2023.

ARTICLE 4 - SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC

In order to pay the costs associated with the Sûreté du Québec, a tax is hereby imposed and will be levied on all taxable immovables of the municipality according to their value as it appears on the assessment roll, at a rate of 0 \$.0858 per \$100.00 of valuation, for the year 2023.

ARTICLE 5 - SHARE OF THE MRC D'ARGENTEUIL

In order to pay the share of the MRC d'Argenteuil, a tax is hereby imposed and will be levied on all the taxable buildings of the municipality according to their value as it appears on the assessment roll, at a rate of \$0.0910 per \$100.00 of valuation, for the year 2023.

ARTICLE 6 - FIRE PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SECURITY DEPARTMENT

In order to pay the costs associated with the fire protection and public security service, a tax is hereby imposed and will be levied on all taxable immovables of the municipality according to their value as it appears on the assessment roll. of assessment, at a rate of \$0.0601 per \$100.00 of valuation, for the year 2023.

ARTICLE 7- DEBT SERVICE

In order to pay the costs associated with servicing the debt, a special tax is hereby imposed and will be levied on all taxable immovables of the municipality according to their value as it appears on the assessment roll, at a rate of \$0.0471 per \$100.00 of valuation, for the year 2023.

ARTICLE 8 - RATES APPLICABLE TO LOAN BY-LAW 278-1-2017 – LAC DES ESCLAVES SECTOR

The rates applicable to loan by-law 278-1-2017, as established by by-law, are as follows:

To provide for 22.5% of the expenses associated with servicing the debt relating to the acquisition of the land base of Lac des Esclaves Road and the upgrading of said road, a special tax is hereby imposed and will be levied on all taxable properties located along Lac des Esclaves Road, according to their value as it appears on the assessment roll, at a rate of \$0.0825 per \$100.00 of valuation, for the year 2023.

To provide for 52.5% of the expenses associated with servicing the debt relating to the acquisition of the base of Lac des Esclaves Road and the upgrading of said road, compensation is hereby imposed and will be deducted from each of the owners of one or more taxable buildings located along Lac des Esclaves Road at the rate of \$241.30 for the year 2023.

ARTICLE 9- COMPENSATION FOR THE WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

To pay for residual materials management services, namely:

- Removal and transport of waste and various scrap
- Removal, transport and treatment of recyclable materials
- Removal of organic matter,

It is, by this by-law, imposed and will be required, for the year 2023, sufficient compensation from all owners of taxable buildings of the Municipality, this compensation being distributed among them according to the following pricing method:

- Residence – for each dwelling: \$195

- Commerce and industry unit - Other premises: \$195

Owners of taxable buildings whose building value is \$10,000 or less are exempt from this compensation if no residual materials management service is used by these taxable buildings.

ARTICLE 10 – NUMBER AND DATES OF PAYMENTS

All municipal taxes may be paid, at the choice of the debtor, in a single payment or in four (4) installments, when in an account, the total of these taxes is equal to or greater than \$300.00. The four (4) payments are established according to the following distribution:

- 1st installment: 25%
- 2nd installment: 25%
- 3rd installment: 25%
- 4th installment: 25%

The last date on which the first payment of municipal taxes can be made is the thirtieth (30th) day following the mailing of the tax bill and any payment subsequent to the first must be made respectively on the sixtieth (60th) day on which the previous payment can be made.

If the first installment or only installment is not paid on or before the scheduled due date, this first installment or only installment becomes due (only) and bears interest from that date at the rate provided for in Article 12.

If the second installment is not paid on or before the scheduled due date, this second installment becomes due (only) and bears interest from that date at the rate provided for in Article 12.

If the third installment is not paid on or before the due date, this third installment becomes due (only) and bears interest from that date at the rate provided for in Article 12.

If the fourth installment is not paid on or before the due date, this fourth installment becomes due (only) and bears interest from that date at the rate provided for in Article 12.

When a payment is due on a weekend or statutory holiday, payment can be made on the next business day without penalty.

All taxes and compensations established and taxable by this by-law become due and payable at the office of the municipality or at any Caisse Populaire Desjardins or banking institutes accepting payment.

ARTICLE 11- OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The prescriptions of section 10 also apply to all municipal taxes or compensation collected by the municipality, as well as to municipal tax supplements resulting from a change in the assessment roll.

ARTICLE 12 – INTEREST RATES ON ARREARS

From the time the taxes become payable, any unpaid balance bears interest at the annual rate of 15%.

This rate also applies, from January 1st, 2023, to all receivables and accounts receivable unpaid before the entry into force of this by-law.

ARTICLE 13- ADMINISTRATION FEES

Administration fees of \$50.00 are required from any drawer of a check or a payment order remitted to the municipality whose payment is refused by the drawee.

ARTICLE 14 - ENTRY INTO FORCE

This by-law comes into force according to the law.

8. Financial and administrative management

8.1 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 January 2023 are filed with the council.

2023-02-R022

8.2 Acceptance of accounts payable and accounts paid for the month of January 2023

It is moved by councillor Julie James and carried to approve the accounts and salaries paid for the month of January 2023 and the accounts payable, as presented below, and to authorize their payment.

Paid accounts (checks issued January 2023)

| | | |
|--------|--|---------------|
| 230001 | Jeffrey Heatlie, Tracy MacTavish | 1 193.06 \$ |
| 230002 | Pierre Miller, Lorie Barnes | 1 392.22 \$ |
| 230003 | Services de Cartes Desjardins | 1 386.59 \$ |
| 230004 | Hydro-Québec | 4 714.20 \$ |
| 230005 | Bell Canada | 297.22 \$ |
| 230006 | Mathieu Dessureault | 75.00 \$ |
| 230007 | PG Solutions Inc | 17 985.55 \$ |
| 230008 | Desjardins Sécurité Financière | 6 322.41 \$ |
| 230009 | Chèque annulé | 0.00 \$ |
| 230010 | Bell Mobilité | 109.38 \$ |
| 230011 | Neil Swail | 164.95 \$ |
| 230012 | David Riddell Excavation | 164 055.58 \$ |
| 230013 | Chèque annulé | 0.00 \$ |
| 230014 | Municipalité de Boileau | 9 920.56 \$ |
| 230015 | Gilbert P. Miller et Fils Ltée | 15 422.29 \$ |
| 230016 | Transport Larivière et Fils | 4 4391.85 \$ |
| 230017 | Entreprise JTK | 2 690.42 \$ |
| 230018 | Municipalité de Grenville-sur-la-Rouge | 11 602.21 \$ |
| 230019 | Excavation Lambert Kelly | 1 448.69 \$ |
| 230020 | Cammac | 2 015.72 \$ |
| 230021 | Patinoire Communautaire Lost River | 1000.00 \$ |

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| 230022 | Heather-Anne MacMillan | 45.36 \$ |
| 230023 | Bernard Bissonnette | 11 224.55 \$ |
| 230024 | France Bellefleur | 75.00 \$ |
| 23025 | France Bellefleur | 198.07 \$ |
| 230026 | Financière Banque Nationale | 934.78 \$ |
| 230027 | FTQ | 1 107.70 \$ |
| 230028 | Desjardins Sécurité Financière | 7 552.90 \$ |
| 230029 | L'Association du Lac Bleu | 550.00 \$ |
| 230030 | Union des Municipalités du Québec | 431.16 \$ |
| 230031 | CUPE Local 4852 | 346.65 \$ |
| 230032 | Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités | 1 644.97 \$ |

Salaries paid (checks issued January 2023)

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Salaires pour les employés | 33 114.34 \$ |
| Salaires pour les élus | 6 276.21 \$ |
| Salaires pour les pompiers | 3 030.47 \$ |
| Receveur Général du Canada | 7 324.82 \$ |
| Ministère du Revenu du Québec | 19 075.54 \$ |
| CSST | 1 037.76 \$ |

Accounts to be paid (checks to be issued in February 2023)

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 230033 | Waste Management | 2 635.43 \$ |
| 230034 | A.D.T.P.B.L | 275.00 \$ |
| 230035 | Propane Levac | 194.61 \$ |
| 230036 | Urbacom | 2 832.98 \$ |
| 230037 | Prévost, Fortin, d'Aoust | 3 693.02 \$ |
| 230038 | MRC d'Argenteuil | 503.83 \$ |
| 230039 | ADMQ | 1 914.52 \$ |
| 230040 | Fonds Information Foncière | 50.00 \$ |
| 230041 | Entreprise JTK | 724.34 \$ |
| 230042 | Service d'Entretien Ménager-M.C. | 1 379.70 \$ |
| 230043 | Le Code Ducharme | 124.95 \$ |
| 230044 | Pierre Bertrand | 183.96 \$ |
| 230045 | Brunelle Extermination | 488.64 \$ |
| 230046 | Juteau Ruel Inc. | 145.07 \$ |
| 230047 | Société de l'Assurance Automobile | 10 271.44 \$ |
| 230048 | Centre de Rénovation Pine Hill | 60.93 \$ |
| 230049 | Formiciel | 863.14 \$ |
| 230050 | Imprimerie Léonard | 247.20 \$ |
| 230051 | Kilmar Dépanneur Inc. | 153.80 \$ |
| 230052 | Canadian Tire | 382.59 \$ |
| 230053 | Fosses Septiques Miron | 195.46 \$ |
| 230054 | Chèque annulé | 0.00 \$ |
| 230055 | Québec Municipal | 212.70 \$ |
| 230056 | Laurentides Re/Sources | 373.96 \$ |
| 230057 | Auto Parts | 23.85 \$ |
| 230058 | H2Lab | 362.17 \$ |
| 230059 | Maxiburo | 792.02 \$ |
| 230060 | J.B. Dixon | 292.95 \$ |
| 230061 | Service de Recyclage Sterling | 310.43 \$ |
| 230062 | D&D Création | 327.65 \$ |
| 230063 | LBEL Inc. | 585.28 \$ |
| 230064 | Energies Sonic RN S.E.C | 4 638.81 \$ |
| 230065 | Prévost, Fortin, d'Aoust | 951.99 \$ |
| 230066 | MRC d'Argenteuil | 16 294.06 \$ |
| 230067 | Mathieu Dessureault | 75.00 \$ |

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| 230068 | Vert-Demain, Urbanisme | 2 236.52 \$ |
| 230069 | PG Solutions | 737.28 \$ |

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

2023-02-R023

8.3 Remuneration of election personnel for the March 2023 by-election

WHEREAS the council is of the opinion that it is necessary to review the remuneration of all election personnel in order to propose competitive remuneration and allowing, among other things, to attract personnel for the 2023 by-elections and to facilitate their recruitment;

WHEREAS under the *Act respecting elections and referendums*, the municipal council may fix by resolution a remuneration higher than that determined by the *By-law respecting the rate of remuneration payable during elections and municipal referendums* for election personnel;

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to offer remuneration aimed at promoting the quality services of electoral personnel, considering the experience and skills required in the electoral field;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried to adopt the remuneration of election personnel, as duly presented to council during the caucus of February 6th, 2023

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-02-R024

8.4 Concordance and short-term resolution relating to a note loan in the amount of \$886,500 which will be carried out on February 21st, 2023

WHEREAS, in accordance with the following borrowing by-laws and for the amounts indicated opposite each of them, the Municipality of the Township of Harrington wishes to borrow by notes for a total amount of \$886,500 which will be realized on February 21st, 2023, distributed as following :

| Loan By-laws # | For an amount of \$ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| RE-272-1-2017 | 423 700 \$ |

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|---------------|------------|
| RE-272-1-2017 | 141 200 \$ |
| RE-278-1-2017 | 321 600 \$ |

WHEREAS it is necessary to modify the loan by-laws accordingly;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 1st paragraph of section 2 of the Act respecting municipal debts and loans (CQLR, chapter D 7), for the purposes of this loan and for loan by-law number RE 278 1 2017, the Municipality of the Township of Harrington wishes to carry out the loan for a shorter term than that originally fixed in these by-laws;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Robert Dewar
and carried

THAT the loan by-laws indicated in the 1st paragraph of the preamble be financed by notes, in accordance with the following:

1. the notes will be dated February 21st, 2023;
2. Interests will be payable semi-annually, February 21st and August 21st of each year;
3. the notes will be signed by the acting mayor or by the councillor designated by resolution of the council and the clerk-treasurer or the assistant clerk-treasurer;
4. the notes, as to principal, will be reimbursed as follows:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 2024. | 117 400 \$ | |
| 2025. | 123 000 \$ | |
| 2026. | 129 200 \$ | |
| 2027. | 135 600 \$ | |
| 2028. | 142 300 \$ | (to pay in 2028) |
| 2028. | 239 000 \$ | (to renew) |

THAT, with regard to the annual capital amortizations scheduled for 2029 and following years, the term provided for in loan by-law number RE 278 1 2017 be shorter than that originally set, i.e. for a term of five (5) years (from February 21st, 2023), instead of the term prescribed for the said amortizations, each subsequent issue having to be for the balance or part of the balance due on the loan.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Tenders for the issuance of notes

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|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Opening Date : | February 13th, 2023 | Number of tenders : | 3 |
| Opening hour: | 10 a.m. | Average maturity : | 3 years and 7 months |
| Opening place | Ministère des Finances du Québec | | |
| Amount : | 886 500 \$ | Issuance Date : | February 21st, 2023 |

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Harrington has requested, in this regard, through the electronic system "Service for the adjudication and publication of the results of debt securities issued for the purposes of municipal financing", tenders for the sale of a note issue, dated February 21, 2023, in the amount of \$886,500;

WHEREAS following the public call for tenders for the sale of the issue referred to above, the Ministère des Finances received three compliant tenders, all in accordance with section 555 of the Law on towns and cities (CQLR, chapter C 19) or article 1066 of the *Municipal Code of Québec* (CQLR, chapter C 27.1) and the resolution adopted under this article;

1 - CAISSE DESJARDINS D'ARGENTEUIL

| | | |
|------------|-----------|------|
| 117 400 \$ | 4,71000 % | 2024 |
| 123 000 \$ | 4,71000 % | 2025 |
| 129 200 \$ | 4,71000 % | 2026 |
| 135 600 \$ | 4,71000 % | 2027 |
| 381 300 \$ | 4,71000 % | 2028 |

Price : 100,00000

Real cost : 4,71000 %

2 - FINANCIÈRE BANQUE NATIONALE INC.

| | | |
|------------|----------|------|
| 117 400 \$ | 5,15000% | 2024 |
| 123 000 \$ | 4,95000% | 2025 |
| 129 200 \$ | 4,60000% | 2026 |
| 135 600 \$ | 4,40000% | 2027 |
| 381 300 \$ | 4,30000% | 2028 |

Price : 98,90300

Real cost: 4,77947 %

3 – BANQUE ROYALE DU CANADA

| | | |
|------------|----------|------|
| 117 400 \$ | 4,89000% | 2024 |
| 123 000 \$ | 4,89000% | 2025 |
| 129 200 \$ | 4,89000% | 2026 |
| 135 600 \$ | 4,89000% | 2027 |
| 381 300 \$ | 4,89000% | 2028 |

Price : 100,00000

Real cost: 4,89000 %

WHEREAS the result of the actual cost calculation indicates that the tender presented by the Caisse Desjardins d'Argenteuil is the most advantageous;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried :

THAT the preamble of this resolution be an integral part thereof as if reproduced here at length;

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Harrington accepts the offer made to it by the Caisse Desjardins d'Argenteuil for its note loan dated February 21st, 2023 in the amount of \$886,500 made under loan by-laws numbers RE 272-1 2017 and RE 278-1- 2017. These Notes are issued at a price of 100,00000 for each \$100.00 face value of Notes, maturing in series for five (5) years;

THAT the notes, principal and interest, be payable by check to the order of the registered holder or by pre-authorized bank debits to the latter.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-02-R026

8.6 Authorization - Signatory - Issuance of bonds following public tenders for the financing of an amount of \$886,500 relating to by-laws RE-272-1-2017 and RE-278-1-2017 – Caisse Desjardins d 'Argenteuil

WHEREAS the acting mayor will be absent on February 21st, 2023, the date of the bond issue following public tenders for the financing of an amount of \$886,500 relating to by-laws RE-272-1-2017 and RE-278-1-2017 with the Caisse Desjardins d'Argenteuil;

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint a signatory;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Julie James

And carried to appoint councillor Gerry Clark and the director general France Bellefleur as authorized signatories for the issuance of bonds following public tenders for the financing of an amount of \$886,500 in

relation to the by-laws RE-272-1-2017 and RE-278-1-2017 with the Caisse Desjardins d'Argenteuil.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Filing of the financial report for the month of January 2023

Director general France Bellefleur, files the financial report for the month of January 2023.

9. Urbanism and environment

2023-02-R027

9.1 Mandate – Organisme de bassins versants des rivières Rouge, Petite Nation et Saumon

WHEREAS the municipality wishes the support and expertise of the Organisme de bassins versants des rivières Rouge, Petite Nation et Saumon (OBV RPNS) in order to proceed with the hiring of an agent specialized in the environment in order to carry out the visual inspection of septic systems as well as the summary characterization of riparian strips in certain sectors during the summer of 2023;

WHEREAS the council attaches importance to raising the awareness of local residents in terms of good environmental practices;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Robert Dewar

And carried to grant a mandate to the organization OBV-RPNS to proceed with the hiring of an agent specialized in the environment in order to carry out the visual inspection of the septic installations as well as the summary characterization of the riparian strips in certain sectors. during the summer of 2023 for a total amount not exceeding \$17,000 plus applicable taxes.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-02-R028

9.2 SPAIP application number 2022-0112- 52 Mohawk road

WHEREAS a request under by-law number 258-2016-PIIA-01 was presented for the property located at 52 Mohawk Road – roll number 1779-42-7074;

WHEREAS the request is for the repair of the existing foundations and aims to make two openings in the existing foundations to install a door and a window;

WHEREAS the owners' request is subject to the criteria of by-law number 258-2016 on site planning and architectural integration on sloping land, on the sides and summits of mountains;

WHEREAS the request respects the orientations, objectives and evaluation criteria of by-law number 258-2016 on site planning and architectural integration plans applying to sloping land, mountain sides and summits;

WHEREAS the request for PIIA number 2022-0112 was the subject of a positive recommendation to the council by the members of the CCU;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark to accept the SPAIP request number 2022-0112 as filed.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-02-R029

9.3 Declaration for the harmonious integration of mining activities

WHEREAS the diversity of the territorial realities of Quebec requires an approach adapted to the economic, social, environmental and cultural contexts of the different environments with regard to the integration of new mining activities;

WHEREAS the municipalities are best able to ensure the proper coexistence of the different uses of the territory in consideration of the realities specific to each territory;

WHEREAS the special regime applicable to the supervision of mining activities limits the scope of traditional land use planning tools available to the municipal sector;

WHEREAS the government of Quebec has adopted a government orientation for land use planning (OGAT) defining the applicable criteria for the identification by the MRC's of territories incompatible with mining activity (TIAM) in which any mining activity is prohibited;

WHEREAS several municipalities have expressed issues concerning their ability to mobilize this OGAT to ensure a truly harmonious coexistence of mining activities with other uses of the territory;

WHEREAS these concerns relate in particular to the limits of the OGAT in relation to the ability of municipalities to ensure the protection of sources of drinking water for their population;

WHEREAS these concerns also concern the limits of the OGAT with regard to the ability of municipalities to ensure the harmonious coexistence of mining activities with vacationing and recreational tourism;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Julie James

That the council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington ask the government of Quebec to:

1. Update the municipal framework for mining activities to take into account the evolution of the Québec mining context, in particular by withdrawing section 246 of the *Act respecting land use planning and development* and by modernizing the OGAT relating to mining activities.
2. Amend immediately the OGAT relating to mining activities to allow municipalities to specifically recognize the economic, social and cultural value of vacationing by ensuring the harmonious coexistence of mining activities with this activity.
3. Ensure the sustainability of groundwater or surface water abstraction for human consumption by considering the need for groundwater recharge, in the context of water stress caused by climate change.
4. Amend the law to allow municipalities to differentiate the extraction of surface mineral resources, such as quarries, gravel pits and sand pits, from other mining activities in the identification of TIAM.
5. Formally recognize that social acceptability by local communities and by the municipalities concerned constitutes a fundamental element for any mining project.
6. Set up a technical committee, made up of land use planning specialists from all levels of government and mining sector specialists, whose mandate will be to propose improvements to the regulatory framework for mining activities through land use planning. territory.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Loisirs and culture

2023-02-R030

10.1 Financial Aid - Lost River Community Center

WHEREAS a request for financial assistance was forwarded to the Municipality by the officials of the Lost River Community Centre;

WHEREAS the council wishes to offer its support and a financial contribution to the Lost River Community Center in order to assist it in its mission and its community activities with the citizens and for the realization of the following activities:

- Canada Day \$1,000 (\$500 for 2022 and \$500 for 2023)
- The 2022 and 2023 snowman competition \$150

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried to proceed with the remittance of financial assistance of \$1,150 for the Lost River Community Center as support for the fulfillment of its mandate and its community activities.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-02-R031

10.2 Financial Aid - Harrington Valley Community Center

WHEREAS a request for financial assistance was sent to the municipality by the officials of the Harrington Valley Community Center;

WHEREAS the council wishes to offer its support and a financial contribution to the Harrington Valley Community Center in order to assist it in its mission and its community activities with the citizens but also, in order to help the organization in the maintenance of the community center building;

CONSEQUENTLY,

It is moved by councillor Julie James

And carried to proceed with the remittance of financial assistance of \$3,600 for the Harrington Valley Community Center

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Question period

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

2023-02-R032

12. Closing of the sitting

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark and carried that the sitting be closed at 9:02 p.m.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

I, Daniel St-Onge, chairman, 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*.

Daniel St-Onge
Chairman

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