

Minutes of the regular council sitting of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington held at the Valley of Harrington Community Center located at 2811, route 327, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The assistant director general and assistant clerk-treasurer Mathieu Dessureault is present.

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### **1. Opening of the sitting**

Mayor Gabrielle Parr welcomes everyone. The quorum being established, she declares the regular sitting open at 7:00 p.m. and adds that the recording of the sitting is in progress.

### **2. Points of information of the mayor**

Mayor Gabrielle Parr informs those present about certain files and the activities in which she participated during the month of August 2023.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 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 August 2023.

#### 5. Question period

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

#### 6. Approval of minutes

2023-09-R194

##### 6.1 Ordinary sitting of August 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

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

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried to adopt the minutes of the ordinary sitting of the municipal council held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by making the following corrections:

In resolution **#2023-08-R180 entitled: Renewal of the contract of Mrs. Lucie Côté, director of finance**, the last paragraph reads as follows:

It is carried to extend the employment of Mrs. Lucie Côté as finance director, one day or two per week or as needed, for a period of twenty-four (24) months, effective August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by adding under the conditions currently in force, a salary increase according to the consumer price index established, for the month of December 2022, by Statistics Canada, for the province of Quebec, i.e. 6.8%.

But it should read:

It is carried to extend the employment of Mrs. Lucie Côté as finance director, one day or two per week or as needed, for a period of twenty-four (24) months, effective August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by adding under the conditions currently in force, a salary increase according to the consumer price index established, for the month of December 2022, by Statistics Canada, for the province of Quebec, i.e. 6.28%.

To resolution **#2023-08-R187 entitled: Local road assistance program – Authorization to sign an agreement with the Ministère des Transports regarding the granting of financial assistance under the road assistance program local – Maintenance of local roads component (PAVL) 2023**

Add to it:

**WHEREAS** the council has taken note of the terms of application of the Maintenance component within the framework of the PAVL program but also of the financial agreement and undertakes to sign it to respect them

And that the council confirms its commitment to have the eligible work carried out according to the application terms and conditions in force, recognizing that in the event of non-compliance with them, the financial assistance will be terminated.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. Financial and administrative management**

**7.1 Filing of the report of authorized expenses by the direction general and the directors of departments**

The reports of expenses authorized by the direction general and by the directors of services for the month of August 2023 are filed.

2023-09-R195

**7.2 Acceptance of accounts payable and accounts paid for the month of August 2023**

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

**Paid accounts (checks issued August 2023)**

Services de Cartes Desjardins	74.00 \$
Hydro Québec	3 881.60 \$
Aaron Spicer	89.76 \$
Mathieu Dessureault	75.00 \$
Forest Lake Association Inc.	486.23 \$
Desjardins Sécurité Financière	6 936.03 \$
Desjardins Sécurité Financière	116 698.34 \$
Association Lac Green	482.90 \$
Retraite Québec	380.67 \$
Bell Canada	208.81 \$
Financière Banque Nationale	852.76 \$
FTQ	809.24 \$
Bell Mobilité	113.80 \$
Association Rés. du Lac Fawn	550.00 \$
L'Association du Lac Spectacles	344.93 \$
CUPE Local 4852	541.48 \$
LBEL Inc.	779.53 \$
Bell Canada	103.32 \$
Mathieu Dessureault	48.14 \$
Heather-Anne MacMillan	45.36 \$
Mathieu Dessureault	323.79 \$
Bell Canada	6 462.83 \$
Canada Post Corporation	451.85 \$

**Salaries paid (checks issued August 2023)**

Salaries for employees	65 341.91 \$
Salaries for the elected officials	7 693.40 \$
Salaries for the firemen	1 472.55 \$
Receiver General of Canada	14 969.35 \$
Ministère du Revenu du Québec	34 056.11 \$
CSST	1 329.98 \$

**Accounts to be paid (checks to be issued in September 2023)**

Waste Management	8 437.45 \$
Les Avocats Le Corre & Associés	427.71 \$
Urbacom	2 832.98 \$
Secu-Pro	2 923.24 \$
GDLC Excavation Inc.	15 168.09 \$
Prévost, Fortin, d'Aoust	11 639.00 \$
Fonds Information Foncière	80.00 \$
9376-7507 Québec Inc.	5 049.08 \$
Villemaire Pneus et Mécanique	825.07 \$
Centre du Camion Succ. St-Faustin	225.58 \$
Service d'Entretien Ménager M.C.	1 379.70 \$
Juteau Ruel Inc.	196.25 \$
Angèle Chauvette	85.00 \$
Hélène Denomme	85.00 \$
Médialo Inc.	355.27 \$
Petite Caisse	317.60 \$
Imprimerie Léonard Inc.	231.38 \$
Les Services d'Entretien St-Jovite	2 276.68 \$
Fosses Septiques Miron	724.34 \$
Matériaux McLaughlin Inc.	937.73 \$
Mun. de Grenville -sur-la-Rouge	344.24 \$
Aréo-Feu	2 123.41 \$
Laurentides Re/Sources Inc.	1 325.78 \$
Excavation Lambert Kelly	7 668.84 \$
Auto Parts	196.20 \$
H2LAB Inc.	766.60 \$
Pro-Tech	556.25 \$
DRL Beaudoin Équipement	1 464.78 \$
Turpin Vitres d'Autos	45.99 \$
Services de Pneus M.K. 2005 Inc.	74.16 \$
Jaguar Media	201.21 \$
Service de Recyclage Sterling	4 955.41 \$
Énergies Sonic RN S.E.C.	5 728.24 \$

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

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Mathieu Dessureault  
Assistant director general and  
assistant clerk- treasurer

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.3 Filing of the August 2023 financial report**

Assistant director general Mathieu Dessureault, files the financial report for the month of August 2023.

2023-09-R196

**7.4 Desjardins – Change of main administrator as well as the addition of Ms. Lucie Côté as 4th signatory**

**WHEREAS** the need to change the main administrator;

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried

- To remove Ms. France Bellefleur as principal director and as signatory of bank bills with respect to Desjardins AccèD Affaires;
- To add Mr. Mathieu Dessureault, assistant director general and assistant clerk-treasurer as principal administrator;
- To add Ms. Lucie Côté, director of finance, as the fourth signatory of the municipality's bank bills.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-09-R197

**7.5 Renewal of the gas tax program and Quebec's contribution (2024 to 2028) – negotiations between the governments of Quebec and Canada**

**WHEREAS** the governments of Quebec and Canada are currently conducting negotiations for the renewal of the gas tax program and the Quebec contribution (TECQ) for the period 2024 – 2028;

**WHEREAS** the board of directors of the Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités (FQM) asked the governments of Québec and Canada on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to conclude a rapid agreement to ensure the renewal of this important program;

**WHEREAS** this program is essential to the realization of important projects in the communities of Quebec;

**WHEREAS** despite the large sums granted to this program, they remain insufficient to meet the needs and must be increased due to the increase in the cost of carrying out the projects;

**WHEREAS** the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has asked the federal government to double its investments in this program and to provide for an indexation of 3.5% per year;

**WHEREAS** the FQM and its members have been asking for several years that the gas tax and contribution program of Quebec (TECQ) allows the financing and the realization of projects planned and

decided by the municipalities of Quebec, in the sense that municipal building projects (garages, town halls, fire stations, etc.) and work on retention structures (dams, dikes, etc.) are eligible for this program;

**WHEREAS** it is important to adapt the programs to the challenges posed by climate change and to allow the municipalities to finance the development and adaptation work to the consequences of these changes, such as the construction of fire belts to protect forest communities;

**WHEREAS** accountability when carrying out projects is heavy for the municipalities;

**WHEREAS** the negotiations must imperatively end at the beginning of the fall of 2023 to ensure its implementation on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and to allow the municipalities to plan the investments in their budget;

**WHEREAS** the sums granted to this program must be exempt from any new obligation or condition to ensure its success;

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

and carried that the Municipality of the Township of Harrington ask the governments of Quebec and Canada

- To conclude, in early fall, a new federal-provincial agreement for the renewal of the gas tax program and the Quebec contribution (TECQ) for the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028;
- To increase the amounts available to municipalities in Quebec and provide for an annual increase in the envelope for the duration of the agreement in order to cover the increase in costs;
- Not to add any reporting, obligation or additional condition to the municipalities in the application of the program;
- To allow the financing of municipal building projects, retention works and wharfs owned by municipalities in eligible works;
- Make projects for prevention, development and work to adapt to the consequences of climate change eligible.

To send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Finance of Quebec, Mr. Éric Girard, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs of Quebec, Mrs. Andrée Laforest, to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Canada, the Honorable Chrystia Freeland, the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Honorable Sean Fraser, the Minister of Transport and Lieutenant of Quebec, the Honorable Pablo Rodriguez, to Ms Agnès Grondin, députée d'Argenteuil, to Mr Stéphane Lauzon, député d'Argenteuil-La Petite Nation, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-09-R198

**7.6 Repeal of resolution 2023-08-R188 – Authorization to pay the costs relating to the work to relocate the telecommunication poles on Lac des Esclaves Road**

**WHEREAS** resolution 2023-08-R188 should have been worded as follows:

**TO** authorize the payment of the sum of \$6,462.83 (all taxes included) to Bell Canada for the work of moving the poles on chemin du Lac des Esclaves

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried

**THAT** resolution 2023-08-R188 be hereby repealed

**AND THAT** council authorizes the payment of the sum of \$6,462.83 (all taxes included) to Bell Canada for the work of moving the poles on Lac des Esclaves road.

**ADOPTED IN MAJORITY**

**Councillor Gerry Clark abstains from voting**

**2023-09-R199**

**7.7 Request for support – Prohibition of floating homes or their use – Request to the Provincial and Federal governments**

**WHEREAS** the new type of floating craft, that is, structures used mainly as living quarters commonly referred to as "floating houses" or "floating accommodations", seems to be increasing;

**WHEREAS** this type of craft allows you to occupy a longer-term navigable plan by using it as a floating accommodation without paying taxes or fees for the use of space used;

**WHEREAS** the possibility of installing a floating accommodation creates concerns regarding safety during navigation, respect for the neighborhood, that is, of waterfront properties, and respect for the environment;

**WHEREAS** such use may have potentially negative environmental effects including disturbing local fish and wildlife as well as disturbing the natural environment and increasing the risk of pollution from garbage, disposal of gray water and spills;

**WHEREAS** the majority of municipalities do not have the necessary facilities to accommodate this type of boat, in particular facilities for the treatment of wastewater;

It is moved by councillor Richard Francoeur

And carried

**THAT** the Municipality of Harrington supports the request of the Municipality of Macaza concerning the prohibition of access to bodies



of water to structures used mainly as dwellings commonly called "floating houses" or "floating dwellings" or to provide a regulatory framework in particular to prohibit the use of floating accommodations on bodies of water in Quebec;

**THAT** this resolution be sent to the Honorable Marie-Hélène Gaudreau, MP for Laurentides-Labelle, the Honorable Chantale Jeannotte, MP for Labelle, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests, to the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks and to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

## **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2023-09-R200**

### **7.8 Billing of the 2023 additional contribution from Tricentris**

**WHEREAS** the modification of the Rules of Internal Management of Tricentris adopted by the majority of the votes cast by the members present at the extraordinary meeting of August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

**WHEREAS** the annual membership contributions and revenues from Tricentris operations will not cover the company's operating costs for the years 2023-2024;

**WHEREAS** an additional contribution is required from members to cover the operating costs of Tricentris for the years 2023-2024;

**WHEREAS** article 5.4 Additional contribution of the By-law authorizing the board of directors to determine the amount and terms of payment of this additional contribution;

It is moved by councillor Daniel St-Onge

And carried

- that the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington authorizes the payment of the invoice for the additional contribution in the amount of \$23,027.48

- to authorize the transfer of budget appropriations from the general ledger account

## **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8. Public work**

**2023-09-R201**

#### **8.1 Repeal of resolution 2023-07-R160 Authorization - JD-410 Backhoe Repair**

**WHEREAS** resolution 2023-07-R160 should have been worded as follows:

*It is carried that council authorizes the repair of the JD-410 backhoe to Brandt rather than to Toromont as indicated by error in resolution 2023-07-R160;*

**WHEREAS** following the beginning of repair work on the backhoe by Brandt, additional and unsuspected repairs in terms of parts and labor bring the invoice to \$30,643.85 rather than the \$25,000 initially planned;

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried

**THAT** resolution 2023-07-R160 be hereby revoked

**AND**

**THAT** council authorizes the repair of the backhoe at Brandt for the sum of 30,643.85 plus applicable taxes.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2023-09-R202**

**8.2 Authorization to join the Quebec government acquisition center (CAG) for the purpose of group purchases for vehicle purchases**

**WHEREAS** the CAG is responsible for providing public bodies with the goods and services they need in the exercise of their functions, with the objective of optimizing government acquisitions in compliance with the applicable contractual rules;

**WHEREAS** the vehicle purchase needs of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington;

**WHEREAS** the Quebec Government Acquisitions Center (CAG) has made consolidated calls for tenders for these types of needs;

**WHEREAS** it is interesting for the Municipality of the Township of Harrington to be part of this group both in terms of efficiency and cost savings;

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

**AND** carried that council adheres to the Acquisitions Center (CAG) of Quebec for the purpose of group purchases for vehicle purchases Ford F-350 and Ford F-150.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-09-R203

**8.3 Request for financial assistance under the Local road assistance program (PAVL) 2021-2025 for the repair of sections of Rivière-Rouge Road**

**WHEREAS** the local road assistance Program (PAVL) aims to assist municipalities in planning, improving and maintaining the infrastructures of the local and municipal road networks for which they are responsible;

**WHEREAS** the members of council have read the terms of application of the PAVL 2021-2025;

**WHEREAS** the municipality must respect the laws and regulations in force, and obtain the required authorizations before the execution of the project;

**WHEREAS** the municipality chooses to establish the source of calculation of the financial assistance according to the following option:

The detailed estimate of the cost of the work;

**WHEREAS** the municipality authorizes the filing of the application for financial assistance for the repair of sections of Rivière-Rouge Road, confirms its financial contribution to the project and authorizes one of its representatives to sign this application;

**FOR THESE REASONS,**

It is moved by councillor Daniel St-Onge

**THAT** the council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington authorizes the presentation of a request for financial assistance for the repair of sections of Rivière-Rouge Road, confirms its commitment to respect the terms of application in force, recognizing that in the event of non-respect of these, the financial assistance will be terminated, and certifies that Mathieu Dessureault, assistant director general is duly authorized or authorized to sign any document or agreement to this effect with the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-09-R204

**8.4 Awarding of granular reloading contract and infrastructure work on certain sections of the municipal road network**

**WHEREAS** the municipality wishes to carry out granular reloading and infrastructure work on Madden, Mill Pond, MacLeod, White Acres and Mont Oeler roads;

**WHEREAS** the municipality proceeded with a call for tenders on SEAO and the results are as follows:

Excapro Inc.	\$1,588,340.68
9475-6905 Quebec Inc.	\$668,091.76
9267-7368 Quebec Inc.	\$1,004,678.77
David Riddell	\$892,798.12

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Julie James

And carried

**THAT** council accepts the lowest compliant bid, that of the company 9475-6905 Québec Inc. in the amount of \$668,091.76 taxes included for the granular reloading and infrastructure work on Madden, Mill Pond, MacLeod, White Acres and Mont Oeler roads, all in accordance with the public tender documents 2023-008.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. Public security**

**9.1 Summary of fire interventions**

Madam mayor summarizes the fire interventions

**10. Urbanism and environmental hygiene**

**10.1 Summary of permits issued**

Madam mayor summarizes the permits issued

**2023-09-R205**

**10.2 Request for PIIA number 2023-0091 lot: 6 069 468, - 26, Allen Road, roll number 1986-78-6429.**

**WHEREAS** a request within the framework of by-law number 258-2016-PIIA-01 was presented in order to enlarge an existing residence on lot # 6 069 468;

**WHEREAS** the request is subject to the criteria of by-law number 258-2016-PIIA-01 on site planning and architectural integration;

**WHEREAS** that following the study and analysis by the urban Planning advisory committee, the expansion project number 2023-0091 meets the objectives and criteria of PIIA by-law number 258 2016 on site planning and architectural integration plans (PIIA 01)

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried

**THAT** following the study and analysis, the recommendation of the CCU to accept the expansion project since it meets the objectives and criteria of PIIA by-law no. 258 2016 on site planning and architectural integration plans (PIIA 01).

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2023-09-R206**

**10.3 Request for PIIA number 2023-0125 Lot 6068 873 - 75  
Micmacs Road, roll number 1778 77 4565**

**WHEREAS** a request within the framework of by-law number 258-2016-PIIA-01 was presented in order to enlarge an existing residence on lot # 6 068 873;

**WHEREAS** the request is subject to the criteria of by-law number 258-2016-PIIA-01 on site planning and architectural integration;

**WHEREAS** the construction project respects the orientations, objectives and evaluation criteria provided for in by-law number 258-2016;

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Chantal Scapino

And carried

**THAT** following the study and analysis, the recommendation of the CCU to accept the expansion project since it meets the objectives and criteria of PIIA by-law number 258 2016 on site planning and architectural integration plans (PIIA 01).

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. Loisirs and culture**

**2023-09-R207**

**11.1 Program Renewal for Non-Resident Library Membership Fees**

**Reimbursement of part of the subscription fees to residents and/or taxpayers of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington for membership in the Lachute and Arundel libraries.**

**WHEREAS** there is no library on the territory of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington;

**WHEREAS** the importance of reading, access to information and culture for each individual;

**WHEREAS** the proximity and use of the library of the City of Lachute and the library of the Municipality of Arundel by the citizens of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington;

**WHEREAS** the membership fees of these two libraries;

**CONSEQUENTLY,**

It is moved by councillor Gerry Clark

And carried:

**THAT** council authorizes the reimbursement to residents and/or taxpayers of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington of 85% of the amount of membership fees for the library of the City of Lachute, and the library of the Municipality of Arundel.

**THAT** the payment of this reimbursement to the residents and/or taxpayers of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington be authorized upon presentation of the invoice.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2023-09-R208**

**11.2 Support for the Harrington Golden Age Club's request under the New Horizons for Seniors Program**

**WHEREAS** the Harrington Golden Age Club wishes to apply for financial assistance under the New Horizons for Seniors program;

**WHEREAS** the importance and crucial role that the Harrington Golden Age Club plays with the senior population of Harrington;

**WHEREAS** the Harrington Golden Age Club wishes to submit a project to repair and renovate the community center to better serve seniors but also all users of the Center;

For these reasons

It is moved by councillor Robert Dewar

And carried

**THAT** the municipal council support the Harrington Golden Age Club organization in its approach for financial assistance under the New Horizons for Seniors program.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. Question period**

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

**2023-09-R209**

**13. Closing of the sitting**

It is moved by councillor Robert Dewar and carried that the sitting be closed at 8:20 p.m.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

I, Gabrielle Parr, 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*.

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**Gabrielle Parr**  
**Mayor**

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**Mathieu Dessureault**  
**Assistant director general and**  
**Assistant clerk-treasurer**