

Minutes of the Special Sitting of the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington held at 2940, Route 327 this Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 9:07 a.m.

Present and forming quorum under the chairmanship of Mayor Gabrielle Parr, Councillors Chantal Scapino, Julie James, Richard Francoeur, Robert Dewar, Gerry Clark et Daniel St-Onge.

Director General and Clerk-Treasurer Steve Deschênes is present.

Agenda

- 1. Opening of the special sitting and acknowledgement of the convening procedures**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Payment authorization to Inter Chantiers for emergency work on chemin de la Rivière-Rouge following torrential rains on August 9, 2024**
- 4. Payment authorization to Inter Chantiers for additional work**
- 5. Report on expenditures under the financial assistance program for municipal buildings (PRABAM) final rendering of accounts**
- 6. Financial aid program for municipal buildings (PRABAM) final rendering of accounts**
- 7. Request for minor variance No. 2024-0148 - Lot 6 414 078, Route 327.**
- 8. Harrington protected area project submitted to the Quebec government's call for projects for protected areas on public land**
- 9. Période de questions**
- 10.. Levée de la séance**

1. Ouverture de la séance

The special sitting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Gabrielle Parr declared the meeting in order, given that a quorum was present and that notice of the special meeting had been given to all members of Council, in accordance with the provisions of articles 152 and 156 of the *Quebec Municipal Code*.

2024-10-R321

2. Adoption of agenda

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Gerry Clark

AND CARRIED THAT the agenda be adopted as proposed.

ADOPTÉE UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-R322

3. Payment authorization to Inter Chantiers for emergency work

CONSIDERING THAT on August 9, 2024, torrential rains completely flooded Chemin de la Rivière Rouge in the Municipality of the Township of Harrington.

CONSIDERING THAT the Municipality of the Township of Harrington had to declare emergency measures to respond as quickly as possible to the situation.

CONSIDERING THAT Inter Chantier was already on site to repair this road.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Robert Dewar

AND CARRIED to authorize the payment to Inter Chantiers in the amount of \$232, 519.47 taxes included.

AND THAT the amount will be taken from the non-affected surplus.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-R323

4. Payment authorization to Inter Chantiers for additional work

CONSIDERING THAT there were three (3) collapses along Chemin de la Rivière Rouge after the storm of June 23, 2024.

CONSIDERING THAT Inter Chantier was already carrying out repairs on Chemin Rivière Rouge, so the Municipality of the Township of Harrington requested that they repair the three (3) collapses.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Robert Dewar

AND CARRIED to authorize the payment of \$78, 651.51, taxes included to Inter Chantiers.

AND THAT the amounts will be taken from account 22 30705 728.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-R324

5. Report on expenditures under the financial assistance program for municipal buildings (PRABAM) final rendering of accounts

CONSIDERING THAT the Municipality has taken cognizance of the instructions concerning the final rendering of accounts within the framework of the Financial Aid program for Municipal buildings (PRABAM).

CONSIDERING the letter of confirmation from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAMH), dated June 21, 2021, confirming the Municipality's eligibility for a grant totaling \$75,000 under the Financial Aid Program for Municipal buildings (PRABAM).

CONSIDERING THAT the work in question has been completed and that the municipality must render an account.

CONSIDERING THAT an independent auditor's report is required to validate the financial statements.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Chantal Scapino

AND CARRIED

TO adopt the expense report totalling \$75,000.08 within the framework of the Financial Aid Program for Municipal buildings (PRABAM).

TO mandate the firm Gariépy Bussière CPA Inc. to prepare a report validating the rendering of accounts.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-R325

6. Financial Aid Program for Municipal buildings (PRABAM) final rendering of accounts

CONSIDERING THAT the Municipality has taken cognizance of the instructions concerning the final rendering of accounts within the framework of the Financial Aid Program for Municipal buildings (PRABAM).

CONSIDERING the letter of confirmation from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAMH), dated June 21, 2021, confirming the Municipality's eligibility for a grant totaling \$75,000 under the Financial Aid Program for Municipal buildings (PRABAM).

CONSIDERING THAT the Municipality confirms that the work in question has been completed in accordance with the specifications of the subsidy program.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Daniel St-Onge

AND CARRIED

TO ENDORSE and CONFIRM the completion of the work covered by the final rendering of accounts under the Financial Aid Program for Municipal buildings (PRABAM).

TO TRANSMIT this resolution and all required documents to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAMH).

TO AUTHORIZE the Director General and Clerk-Treasurer to sign all documents required to give full effect to the present resolution.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-R326

7. Request for minor variance No. 2024-0148 - Lot 6 414 078, Route 327

CONSIDERING THAT this request is for a lot with a surface area of 12,927 m², whereas the table in section 3.3.7 of By-law 193-2012 stipulates a minimum surface area of 20,000 m².

CONSIDERING THAT a subdivision permit has already been granted by the municipality in February 2021 (permit no.: 2021-10002).

CONSIDERING THAT all required documents pursuant to By-law 197-2012 respecting minor exemptions have been submitted.

CONSIDERING THAT this request is in conformity with the urban plan.

CONSIDERING THAT the application of this by-law will cause serious prejudice to the plaintiff.

CONSIDERING THAT this request does not interfere with the neighbouring property owners' enjoyment of their property rights.

CONSIDERING THAT this request will not increase public health and safety risks.

CONSIDERING THAT this request will not adversely affect the quality of the environment or the general well-being.

CONSIDERING THAT, in accordance with section 145.6 of the Land Use Planning and Development Act (RLRQ, c. A-19.1), a public notice was published to this effect on September 20, 2024.

CONSIDERING the recommendation of the CCU to refuse this request for minor variance.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Robert Dewar

AND CARRIED THAT the Council authorizes the request for minor variance no. 2024-0148 - Lot 6 414 078, to allow a lot with a surface area of 12,927 m², whereas the table in section 3.3.7 of By-law 193-2012 stipulates a minimum surface area of 20,000 m².

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-R327

8 Harrington protected area project submitted to the Quebec government's call for projects for protected areas on public land

CONSIDERING THAT Quebec has joined the new Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, whose flagship target is to conserve 30% of the planet's land and oceans (target 3) by 2030.

CONSIDERING THAT the Quebec government launched a call for protected area projects in southern public lands on June 5, open to all, and aimed at gathering proposals for protected areas from a variety of stakeholders.

CONSIDERING THAT, to achieve this new target, municipalities and the MRC are called upon to play a key strategic role due to their expertise in land use planning.

CONSIDERING THAT Quebec currently protects nearly 17% of its continental territory, and that ecosystems south of the 49th parallel are under-represented.

CONSIDERING THAT the Quebec government is currently issuing a call for protected area projects on public land, to achieve this target.

CONSIDERING THAT, under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (RLRQ, c. C-61.01), a protected area is a clearly defined geographic space recognized, dedicated and managed, by any effective means, legal or otherwise, to ensure the long-term conservation of nature and the ecosystem services and cultural values associated with it.

CONSIDERING THAT the government will carry out a series of analysis and consultation phases that will allow us to adequately characterize the territories and gather all the information required to take an informed position on the territories to be protected as a priority in the region.

CONSIDERING THAT the prioritization of territories to be protected will consider the vision of regional stakeholders.

CONSIDERING THAT the Eco-corridors organization of the Laurentians has identified the public lands of the Township of Harrington as a priority core for the conservation of the Plaisance-Tremblant corridor.

CONSIDERING THAT the MRC of Argenteuil has identified in its National Environment Conservation Strategy of Argenteuil an ecological core and corridor in the public lands of the Township of Harrington.

CONSIDERING THAT the Municipality of the Township of Harrington wishes to play an active role in the protection of natural and semi-natural environments on its territory by proposing the Harrington protected area project.

CONSIDERING THAT the next step, in fall 2024, consists of a pre-analysis of the projects by the ministries concerned.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Daniel St-Onge

AND CARRIED THAT the municipal council of the Township of Harrington authorizes the General Manager to submit the Harrington protected area project to the Quebec government's call for projects for protected areas on public lands.

AND THAT the General Manager send the project to the MRC Council to support the request for analysis of the protected area project.

AND THAT a copy be forwarded to the MRC to the attention of Stéphanie Morin.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Question period

The Mayor answers questions from the citizens present at the meeting.

10. Adjournment of the meeting

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Gerry Clark

AND CARRIED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Je, Gabrielle Parr, mairesse, atteste que la signature du présent procès-verbal équivaut à la signature par moi de toutes les résolutions qu'il contient au sens de l'article 142 (2) du *Code municipal du Québec*.

Gabrielle Parr
Mairesse

Steve Deschênes
Directeur général et
greffier-trésorier

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