

Minutes of the Special Sitting of the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington held at 2940, Route 327 this Friday, June 6th, 2025 at 10:01 a.m.

Present and forming quorum under the chairmanship of Mayor Gabrielle Parr, Councillors Chantal Scapino, Julie James, Richard Francoeur and Robert Dewar.

Councillors Gerry Clark and Daniel St-Onge are absent.

Director General and Clerk-Treasurer Steve Deschênes is present.

Agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting and confirmation of the conditions of convocation**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Withdrawn**
- 4. Authorization and signing of Amendment 2 to the collaboration agreement (201757) for the separation of the Lost River dam (No. X0004953) between the Municipality and the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility**
- 5. Adoption of BY-LAW NUMBER 374-2025 authorizing a total expenditure of \$7,334,711 and a loan of \$1,833,678 for work on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge**
- 6. Adoption of BY-LAW NUMBER 375-2025 authorizing a total expenditure of \$12,355,298 and a loan of \$4,324,354 for work on Chemin Harrington**
- 7. Question period**
- 8. Closure of the special sitting**

1. Opening of the sitting

The special sitting was called to order at 10:01 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*.

2025-06-R114

2. Adoption of agenda

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Robert Dewar

AND CARRIED THAT the agenda be adopted as proposed.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-06-R115

3. Withdrawn – no resolution

2025-06-R116

4. Authorization and signing of Amendment 2 to the collaboration agreement (201757) for the separation of the Lost River dam (No. X0004953) between the Municipality and the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility

WHEREAS resolution 2018-05-R109 authorized the signing of an agreement between the Ministry and the Municipality.

WHEREAS an agreement with the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility was concluded in April 2019 for the separation of the Lost River dam and a first amendment corrected the dam number.

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to enter into a second amendment to the cooperation agreement and its first amendment with the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility regarding the increase in amounts and the adjustment of responsibilities for each party.

WHEREAS the road is under the management of the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Chantal Scapino

AND CARRIED TO authorize the Municipality to discuss with the Ministry in order to define the responsibilities of each party.

AND THAT the Mayor and the Director General be authorized to approve and sign Addendum 2 to be entered into between the Ministry and the Municipality.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-06-R117

5. Adoption of BY-LAW NUMBER 374-2025 authorizing a total expenditure of \$7,334,711 and a loan of \$1,833,678 for work on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge

CONSIDERING that the Municipality has received a grant from the Local Road Maintenance Assistance Program (PAVL) – Recovery Section for work on the territory in the amount of \$5,501,033.

CONSIDERING THAT the municipality wishes to carry out repair work on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge.

CONSIDERING THAT it is necessary to borrow funds to finance the unsubsidized work.

CONSIDERING THAT a notice of motion for this by-law was given at the Council meeting held on May 20, 2025, by Councillor Richard Francoeur.

CONSIDERING THAT a copy of this by-law has been given to the members of the Municipal Council in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code of Québec (RLRQ, c. C-27.1).

CONSIDERING THAT a copy of the by-law is available for public consultation at the beginning of the meeting.

CONSIDERING THAT the members of the Council declare that they have read the by-law and waive its reading.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Richard Francoeur

AND CARRIED by the present By-law numbered 374-2025 and entitled By-law Authorizing an expenditure of \$7,334,711 and a loan of \$1,833,678 for work on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge.

AND THE COUNCIL hereby decrees as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The preamble is an integral part of this By-law.

ARTICLE 2

The Council is authorized to sign the financial assistance agreement on May 3, 2024, by Resolution 2024-04-R203.

ARTICLE 3

The Council is authorized to spend the sum of \$7,334,711 for the purposes of this By-law.

ARTICLE 4

To pay for the expenses provided for in this By-law, the Council is authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,833,678 over a period of 10 years.

ARTICLE 5

To provide for the expenses incurred in respect of interest and capital repayment of the annual instalments of the loan, there is hereby imposed and shall be levied, annually, during the term of the loan, on all taxable real property located in the territory of the Municipality, a special tax at a rate sufficient to cover the value thereof as shown on the assessment roll in effect each year.

ARTICLE 6

If the amount of an appropriation authorized by this By-law is greater than the amount actually spent in connection with that appropriation, the Council is authorized to use the surplus to pay any other expense authorized by this By-law for which the appropriation proves insufficient.

ARTICLE 7

The Council shall apply any contribution or subsidy that may be paid to it for the payment of part or all of the expenditure authorized by this By-law to the reduction of the loan authorized by this By-law.

The Council shall also allocate any subsidy payable over several years to the payment of part or all of the debt service. The repayment term of the loan corresponding to the amount of the subsidy shall be automatically adjusted to the period set for the payment of the subsidy.

ARTICLE 8

In the event of any discrepancy between the French and English texts, the French text shall prevail.

ARTICLE 9

This By-law shall come into force in accordance with the law.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Adoption of BY-LAW NUMBER 375-2025 authorizing a total expenditure of \$12,355,298 and a loan of \$4,324,354 for work on Chemin Harrington

CONSIDERING THAT the municipality has received a subsidy from the Local Roads Assistance Program (PAVL) – Restructuring Section for work on the territory in the total amount of \$8,030,944.

CONSIDERING THAT the municipality wishes to carry out road repairs on chemin Harrington.

CONSIDERING THAT a loan is required to finance the unsubsidized work.

CONSIDERING THAT a notice of motion of the present by-law was given at the council meeting held May 20, 2025 by Councillor Gerry Clark.

CONSIDERING THAT a copy of this by-law has been given to the members of the Municipal Council in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code of Québec (RLRQ, c. C-27.1).

CONSIDERING THAT a copy of the by-law is available for public consultation at the beginning of the meeting.

CONSIDERING THAT the members of the Council declare that they have read the by-law and waive its reading.

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Julie James

AND CARRIED by the present by-law bearing number 375-2025 and entitled By-law enacting an expense of \$12,355,298 and a borrowing of \$4,324,354 for work on Chemin Harrington.

AND THAT THE COUNCIL decrees as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The preamble forms an integral part of the present by-law.

ARTICLE 2

Council authorized the signature of the financial assistance agreement on September 16, 2024 by resolution 2024-09-R306.

ARTICLE 3

Council is authorized to spend an amount of \$12,355,298 for the purposes of the present by-law.

ARTICLE 4

In order to pay the expenses stipulated in the present by-law, Council is authorized to borrow an amount of \$4,324,354 over a 10-year period.

ARTICLE 5

To provide for the expenses incurred with regards to the interest and the reimbursement in capital of the annual loan repayments, it is by the present by-law imposed and will be levied, annually, during the term of the loan, on all taxable properties located on the Municipality's territory, a special tax at a sufficient rate as per their value as shown on the valuation roll in effect each year.

ARTICLE 6

Should the amount of an appropriation authorized by the present by-law be greater than the amount actually spent in relation to this appropriation, Council is authorized to use this surplus to pay for any other expense decreed by the present by-law and for which the appropriation would prove insufficient.

ARTICLE 7

Council allocates to the reduction of the loan decreed by the present by-law, any contribution or grant that may be paid to it for the payment of all or part of the expense decreed by the present by-law.

The Council also allocates, to the payment of all or part of the debt servicing, any subsidy payable over several years. The loan repayment term corresponding to the amount of the grant will be automatically adjusted to the period set for payment of the grant.

ARTICLE 8

In the event of any discrepancy between the French and English texts, the French text shall prevail.

ARTICLE 9

The present by-law comes into force in accordance with the law.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Question period

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

8. Closure of the special sitting

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Robert Dewar

AND CARRIED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

I, Gabrielle Parr, Mayor, certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to the signing by me of all the resolutions contained therein within the meaning of section 142 (2) of the Municipal Code of Québec.

Gabrielle Parr
Mayor

Steve Deschênes
Director General and
Clerk-Treasurer