



MUNICIPALITÉ D'OTTER-LAKE MUNICIPALITY

Procès-verbal / Minutes

Tuesday March 14, 2023

At the regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Otter Lake, held on the above date at 7:00PM, at 15 Palmer Avenue (Municipal Office), and which were present the Mayor TERRY LAFLEUR, Councilors ROBIN ZACHARIAS, JENNIFER QUAILE, SERGE SABOURIN, DARREN KNOX, PENNY DUBEAU all forming quorum under the chairmanship of the Mayor.

ABSENT: Councilor DANIEL LAMARCHE (motivated)

The Director General ANDREA LAFLEUR is also present.

The Mayor welcomes those present, after establishing a quorum opens the session

Declaration of any conflict of interest with the agenda.

26-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR ROBIN ZACHARIAS
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

Adoption of the agenda with the additions to « **Varia** »

1. Mayor M Terry Lafleur:
2. Seat #1 M Darren Knox:
3. Seat #2: Mme Jennifer Quaile :
4. Seat #3: M Daniel Lamarche: ABSENT
5. Seat #4 Mme Penny Dubeau:
6. Seat #5: M Serge Sabourin : YES
7. Seat #6 M Robin Zacharias: YES

Director General Andrea Lafleur :

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27-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
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PENNY DUBEAU

THAT the Minutes of the regular council meeting February 14th, 2023 be accepted as written.

Carried

28-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

SERGE SABOURIN

THAT the Minutes of the extra ordinary council meeting February 21st, 2023 be accepted as written.

Carried

29-03-2023

RESOLUTION FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTTER LAKE

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022 – REVISED FIRE SAFETY COVER PLAN

WHEREAS the revised fire safety cover plan came into effect on May 1st 2017;

WHEREAS year 5 of the revised fire safety cover plan ended on April 30th 2022;

WHEREAS article 35 of the Fire safety act states that an activity report for the previous year must be prepared, adopted by resolution and sent to the minister each year.

It is moved by ROBIN ZACHARIAS and resolved to adopt the annual report of the revised fire safety cover plan for 2022 and to transmit this report to the minister.

Carried

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30-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
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SERGE SABOURIN

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake gives a donation of \$300.00 to the Pontiac Scholarship Fund which helps the youth from the Pontiac continue their education.

Carried

31-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

DARREN KNOX

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake agrees to purchase 13 pairs of gloves and 7 pairs of boots for the fire department as per the 2023 Budget. The cost is \$5645.00 plus tax, supplier Boivin & Gauvin Inc.

Carried

32-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

PENNY DUBEAU

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake agrees to cover the costs of training some members of the Fire Department on the Jaws of Life up to a maximum of \$6500.00 on the following conditions:

- Protocols will be established to ensure required number of fire fighters are trained and committed to responding to calls requiring the Jaws of Life (prior to commencement of training)
- The Pontiac North Fire Association commits to the purchase of the Jaws of Life and any additional equipment required to utilize this equipment.

Carried

33-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR

ROBIN ZACHARIAS

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AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake appoints to the Urban Planning Committee for a term of no more than two (2) years from the date;

Mr. Jon Stewart

By virtue of the Loi sur l'Amenagement et l'Urbanisme, chapter V, art. 147.

Carried

34-03-2023

Resolution of support – Municipality of Allumettes Island - Power Outages

- WHEREAS there is an Electrical power transmission grid owned by Hydro Quebec (HQ) where residents of Upper Pontiac (Sheenboro, Chichester, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes, Waltham) and some residents of Mansfield-Pontefract are clients;
- WHEREAS this said grid is not integrated into Hydro Quebec's Power Transmission Network;
- WHEREAS this said grid has no meaningful redundancy in the event of equipment failure leading to unnecessary and lengthy power outages;
- WHEREAS this said grid relies solely on Ontario for surplus electricity during peak demand;
- WHEREAS in the event of a power outage, without timely and an accurate information from Hydro Quebec, residents cannot fully prepare for the situation;
- WHEREAS a power outage on February 4-5th, 2023 left many residents of Upper Pontiac without power for a period of more than 36 hours in dangerously cold temperatures (-39 degrees Celsius);
- WHEREAS during the outage on February 4-5th, 2023, communications from Hydro Quebec to residents through the HQ App, Website or otherwise was false and misleading;
- WHEREAS during this outage HQ failed to have timely and accurate communications with Municipal and local emergency services especially concerning the length of the outages, plans for restoration and the prioritization of areas/sectors to be restored;
- WHEREAS this length of the power outage had direct cause in the failure of telephone and internet services, leaving the residents without means of communication for emergency services in potential life-threatening circumstance;

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WHEREAS the Municipality and its residents suffered undue expenses, loss and damages, during this outage;

WHEREAS this outage is only the latest in a series of lengthy outages over the past several decades;

WHEREAS with the provincial & federal incentives and programs for further electrification of heating systems, vehicles, etc.; the demand for power and the load on the grid will only increase exponentially;

THEREFORE, the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes will make a formal request to Hydro Quebec for the following:

- A Formal Plan, with timelines, to improve their infrastructure to fully integrate the Upper Pontiac into HQ Power Transmission Network ensuring redundancy for hydro services in our area;
- Improvements to communication with the Clients (residents) as well as with the Municipality, before, during and after an event;
- Compensation for the residents and Municipalities who may have suffered unnecessary expenses, loss or damages due to the outages;
- A public meeting hosted by the Municipalities, where HQ can respond to the three items requested above;

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

JENNIFER QUAILE

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake supports the formal request of the Municipality of Allumettes Island and that this resolution be forwarded and sent to ALL Municipalities within the MRC Pontiac, Warden Jane Toller and MNA André Fortin for their support; as well as to the Minister responsible for the Outaouais, Mathieu Lacombe; the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy Pierre Fitzgibbon and a that formal complaint be made to the Régie de L'Énergie concerning the above.

Carried

35-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

ROBIN ZACHARIAS

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake makes a donation of \$20,000.00 to the Otter Lake/Thorne Firemen's Association for 2023 as per the 2023 Budget.

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IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
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SERGE SABOURIN

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake gives the Otter Lake RA Committee a contribution of \$2500.00 towards 2023 events as per the 2023 Budget.

Carried

37-03-2023

Setting up a turbidimeter and a temperature probe and sending the signals to the local PLC

WHEREAS chapter Q-2, r. 40 Regulation respecting the quality of drinking water of the Environment Quality Act section 22 Turbidity controls concluded an agreement , the purpose of which is to install a device for continuous measurement of the turbidity and temperature of the water set up at the outlet of this installation.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Otter Lake received a proposal for the supply and installation of a turbidimeter from Consult'eau.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

DARREN KNOX

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake authorises the purchase and installation of a turbidimeter at the Pumphouse as per the recommendation of our water Technician Jessica Nillson. The cost is \$2980.00 plus tax, supplier Consult'Eau. Cost will be included in our 2019-2023 TECQ program.

Carried

38-03-2023

Major road improvements – MTQ announcement

WHEREAS the MTQ made an announcement in 2017 promising the asphaltting of Highway 301 between Highway 366 and Stephens road;

WHEREAS the Municipality has received several complaints from citizens about the condition of this section of Highway 301;

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WHEREAS the MTQ has delayed the work for many years now;

WHEREAS the MTQ reassured us in 2022 that the work will be completed in 2023;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is moved by ROBIN ZACHARIAS and resolved that the Municipality would like to have a confirmation from the MTQ confirming the work will be completed in 2023 and will not be pushed again as in previous years. A copy of our resolution will be forwarded to the MP for Pontiac André Fortin, the Minister of Transport François Bonnardel and the MP responsible for Outaouais Mathieu Lacombe

Carried

39-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR DARREN KNOX
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake authorises Andrea Lafleur to attend the ADMQ annual congress in Quebec June 14 to 16th, 2023. The registration cost is \$566.00 plus tax. The Municipality will also cover the costs of accommodations, travel and meals according to the Employee policy.

Carried

Notice of motion

Notice of motion is given by OBIN ZACHARIAS, councillor, that it will be adopted, at a subsequent meeting, by-law number 02-03-2023 decreeing a loan for the execution of work to replace various culverts and paving on Belmont and Picanoc roads as per the engineer that worked on the PAVL estimates.

Varia

Mayor M Terry Lafleur:

Seat #1 M Darren Knox:

Seat #2 Mme Jennifer Quaile:

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Seat #3: M Daniel Lamarche:

Seat #4 Mme Penny Dubeau:

Seat #5 M Serge Sabourin: Yates road – snowplow turn a round

Seat #6 M Robin Zacharias: Fridge at the RA

Information for Council Members

- Building Inspector report
 - Mayor's report
 - Firechief's report
 - Road Foreman's Report
 - Leslie Park report
 - Waste Management Committee
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Correspondence

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| 1. Jon Stewart | Urbanism Committee |
| 2. Stephen Desabrais | Beaudoin road |
| 3. Lisa Gervais | Service Canada |
| 4. Carrie Ann Watson | Urbanism Committee |
| 5. Sophie Bechamp | St-Mary's School Carnival |
| 6. Elie Ngoa | Pontiac Wood Producers Board |
| 7. Sabrina Ayres | Major Events |
| 8. Anita Lafleur | RA Hall |
| 9. Nathalie Jobin | Grant |
| 10. Colleen Jones | Press conference |
| 11. Dana Bertrand | Cottage Living |
| 12. Guillaume Boudreau | Oasis Project |
| 13. Alicia Jones | Power outages |
| 14. Michel Vallieres | Seniors Fair |
| 15. Lubomyr Charbursky | Road names |

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16. Marie-Claude Plourde	CRSBPO workshop
17. Danelle Bourque	Loisir Sports
18. Rachel Flande	Urbanism Committee
19. Mairesse Gatineau	Large gathering
20. Alex Savoie-Perron	Heritage
21. Jane Toller	EFW resolution
22. Colin Lachance	SAGE Project

40-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR ROBIN ZACHARIAS
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THAT the Municipality of Otter Lake gives Andrea Lafleur the authorization to put an ad in the Pontiac Journals 2023 Cottage Living Magazine. The cost of the ad for ¼ page ad is \$430.

Carried

41-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR ROBIN ZACHARIAS
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That the accounts be paid

Carried

CERTIFICATES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ACCOUNTS:

I, Andrea Lafleur, Director General, hereby certify that there are funds available for the purposes for which expenditures to total \$74,411.94 have been proposed.

Signed in Otter Lake, Quebec
This 14th day of March 2023.

Andrea Lafleur, Director General

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Accounts payables :	74,411.94 \$
Prepaid Invoices:	35,172.74 \$
Elected and Employees Salary:	55,378.65 \$
Total:	164,963.33 \$

QUESTION PERIOD

42-03-2023

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILOR
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

DARREN KNOX

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:52PM .

Carried

TERRY LAFLEUR, Mayor

ANDREA LAFLEUR, Director General