Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held October 7th, 2024 at 7:00pm, held at the Municipal Office.

At which were present, in person, his Honour Mayor Donald Gagnon, Councillors Chrissy Ann Payne, Corey Bissonnette, Dustin Denault, Louis Schryer and Jacques Fleury.

The Director General, Alicia Jones, is present.

Councillor Neil Maloney is absent.

**1.**  **Opening of the meeting**

Mayor Gagnon welcomes everyone and declares the meeting open.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

103-24/10 Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

**3. Conflict of Interest (if applicable)**

None.

**4. Adoption of the minutes**

104-24/10 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9th, 2024 be adopted.

Adopted

**5.**  **Visitors**

 None.

**6.**  **Mayor's MRC report**

 The Mayor declares having no report this month.

**7.**  **Committee reports**

***Public Security***

Councillor Fleury, Chair of the public security committee, gives a verbal report.

105-24/10 *Tower – radiocommunications*

Moved by Dustin Denault to proceed with the plans for construction of a new tower for radiocommunications, to serve the three municipalities, and to allocate the required funding from the Fire department reserve fund, as discussed.

Adopted

106-24/10 *Fire department reserve fund*

Moved by Corey Bissonnette to approve the increase to the annual contribution to the fire department reserve fund, as discussed.

Adopted

107-24/10 *Fire department Budget 2025*

Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to approve the 2025 Budget for the Fire Department; Chichester’s contribution has been increased to $72,045 for the year, as presented.

Adopted

108-24/10 *Bell Canada – backup power*

Moved by Louis Schryer to make a formal request to have permanent backup power installed at the Bell Canada station, in Chapeau, to maintain internet and phone communications during an extended power outage.

Adopted

***Roads & Environment***

Mayor Gagnon, Chair of the Roads and Environment Committee, gives a verbal report.

109-24/10 *Final Report - Local Road Assistance – Members grant*

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester has reviewed the terms and conditions of the Specific Improvement Projects (SIP) component of the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP-PAVL) and is committed to comply with them;

WHEREAS the road network for which an application for financial assistance has been granted is under municipal jurisdiction and is eligible for the PAVL;

WHEREAS the work was carried out in the calendar year in which the Minister authorized it;

WHEREAS the work carried out or the inherent costs are eligible for the PAVL;

WHEREAS the accountability form V-0321 has been duly completed;

WHEREAS the transmission of the accountability of the projects was made at the end of the realization of the work or at the latest on December 31, 2024 of the calendar year in which the Minister authorized them;

WHEREAS payment is conditional upon the Minister's acceptance of the Project's accounting;

WHEREAS if the report is deemed to be in compliance, the Minister will make a payment to the municipalities based on the list of work he has approved, but not exceeding the maximum amount of assistance as set out in the letter of announcement;

WHEREAS other sources of funding for the work have been declared;

FOR THESE REASONS, on the motion of Councillor Neil Maloney, it is unanimously resolved and carried that the Muicipal Council of Chichester approves the expenses in the amount **of $43,725** relating to the improvement work carried out and the inherent eligible costs mentioned in form V-0321, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministère des Transports du Québec, and recognizes that in the event of non-compliance with these requirements, the financial assistance will be terminated.

Adopted unanimously

 ***Planning and development***

Councillor Maloney, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, being absent; the Director general gives a verbal report.

The Municipal Inspector's report is received and read.

***Administration & Finance***

Councillor Schryer, Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, gives a verbal report.

110-24/10 *Harassment Policy*

Moved by Corey Bissonnette to adopt the Municipal Harassment Policy, applicable to staff and elected officials, as presented.

Adopted

111-24/10 *Press Release – mill rate*

Moved by Louis Schryer to ratify the publication of the press release confirming that the municipality will reduce its mill rate in 2025, in response to the new triennial assessment roll and the increase in property evaluations.

Adopted

***Leisure , Recreation , Tourism & Marketing***

Councillor Payne, Chair of the Leisure, Recreation, Tourism and Marketing Committee, gives a report.

112-24/10 *Tourism Outaouais – Event fund*

Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to make a request for funding for the planned 2025 municipal event through Tourism Outaouais, as discussed.

Adopted

113-24/10 *Collective MADA and Family Policies*

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester wishes to collectively adopt a MADA (Age-Friendly Municipality) policy and action plan and a Family Policy and Action Plan (PFM);

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester commits to improving the quality of life for seniors and promoting their inclusion in social and community life;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester commits to supporting families and making the well-being of families and their concerns a priority for the municipality;

WHEREAS, as part of this collective approach, the municipality agrees to contribute financially an amount of $1,000 for the implementation of the approach and policy;

It is proposed by Louis Schryer and resolved that the municipality confirms its interest and commitment to partnering with other municipalities to undertake and complete the collective MADA and PFM approach and to contribute financially.

Adopted

114-24/10 *Municipal Representative - Collective MADA and Family Policies*

WHEREAS the MRC of Pontiac wishes to update the Regional MADA (Age-Friendly Municipality) and Family Policies;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester is committed to improving the quality of life for seniors, promoting their inclusion in the social life of the community, and supporting families by making their well-being and concerns integral to municipal priorities;

WHEREAS the designated representative will represent the municipality on senior and family-related matters within the regional steering committee;

It is proposed by Louis Schryer, and resolved that Councillor Neil Maloney is designated and mandated as the municipal representative for the MADA and Family policies regional approach within the steering committee.

Adopted

115-24/10 *Re-adoption of the Fire Safety Implementation Plan (PMO)*

WHEREAS the municipal council of the municipality of Chichester previously adopted the proposed Implementation Plan of the MRC Pontiac Fire Safety Cover Plan;

WHEREAS significant changes have been made to the plan since its first draft, including updates to the responsibilities of individual municipalities and various other actions;

WHEREAS the regional council of the MRC de Pontiac has adopted a resolution to suspend the filing of the Fire Safety Cover Plan to allow for its re-adoption by local municipalities;

WHEREAS the revised Implementation Plan (PMO) has been presented to the council for their review and consideration;

It is proposed by Chrissy Ann Payne, seconded by Jacques Fleury, and resolved that the council hereby adopts the revised Implementation Plan (PMO) as presented, and agrees to implement it as part of its fire safety measures.

Adopted

**8. Questions from the Public**

None.

**9.**  **Presentation of accounts**

116-24/10 Moved by Corey Bissonnette that monthly bills be approved and paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

**10.**  **Correspondence**

None.

**11.**  **Varia**

* *Hurdman Lake – Lots available for draw with the Ministry natural resources*
* *Update on the Harrington Hall*
* *Update on the Upper Pontiac Sports Complex*

 **12. In-camera session**

117-24/10 Moved by Jacques Fleury to proceed with the discussion through an in-camera session, at 7:25pm.

Adopted

118-24/10 Moved by Dustin Denault to return to the meeting in progress, at 8:05pm.

Adopted

119-24/10 *Sharing Services*

Moved by Louis Schryer that the Council of the Municipality of Chichester formally expresses interest in exploring and discussing the potential for further sharing of public works services with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, and to authorize the Director General and the Mayor to enter preliminary discussions as required.

Adopted

 **13.**  **Date of next meeting**

120-24/10 Moved by Louis Schryer that the next regular council meeting be held on Monday, November 4th, 2024.

Adopted

 **14.**  **Closing of the meeting**

121-24/10 Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Adopted

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I, Donald Gagnon, Mayor, certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to my signing of all the resolutions it contains, in accordance with article 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.

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