Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held December 2nd, 2024 at 7:00pm, held at the Municipal Office.

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

The Director General, Alicia Jones, is present.

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

Mayor Gagnon welcomes everyone and declares the meeting open.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

135-24/12 Moved by Louis Schryer to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

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

None.

**4. Adoption of the minutes**

136-24/12 Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4th, 2024 be adopted.

Adopted

**5.**  **Visitors**

 None.

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

 The Mayor gives a verbal report on the monthly meetings held at the MRC Pontiac.

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

***Public Security***

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

***Roads & Environment***

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

 ***Planning and development***

Councillor Maloney, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, 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.

137-24/12 *ByLaw 2024-002 regarding the Internal Governance of Council meetings*

WHEREAS Article 491 of the Québec Municipal Code allows the council to adopt Bylaws to govern council debate and maintain order and decorum during council meetings;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester wishes to ensure order and decorum at council meetings;

WHEREAS it is relevant for the Council to adopt a Bylaw for this purpose;

WHEREAS a notice of motion was given, and a draft Bylaw was presented, at the meeting on November 4th, 2024

IT IS THEREFORE proposed by Louis Schryer and resolved that the Bylaw regarding the Internal Governance of Council meetings be adopted and enacted.

Adopted

138-24/12 *Council meeting schedule 2025*

WHEREAS section 148 of the Municipal Code provides that the Council must establish, before the beginning of each calendar year, the schedule of its regular sittings for the next year, by setting the date and time of each one;

It is therefore moved by Corey Bissonnette and resolved:

THAT the following schedule of regular Council meetings for 2025 be adopted. These sittings will be held on the following dates and begin at 7:00pm at the Municipal Office:

* January 13th - July 7th
* February 3rd - August 25th
* March 10th - September 8th
* April 14th - October 6th
* May 12th  - November 17th
* June 9th  - December 1st

THAT public notice of the contents of this schedule will be published at the Municipal Office as well as online on its website.

Adopted

139-24/12 *Pontiac Journal Advertising Budget 2025*

Moved by Neil Maloney to approve the Pontiac Journal advertising budget for 2025, as discussed.

Adopted

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

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

140-24/12 *Playstructure purchase*

Moved by Jacques Fleury to purchase playstructure items, as presented from Jambette, for the new waterfront park project, for an amount of approximately $25,000.

Adopted

**8. Questions from the Public**

None.

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

141-24/12 Moved by Corey Bissonnette that monthly bills be approved and paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

**10.**  **Correspondence**

*- Request for support from the Chutes Coulonge for their Lumberjack event*

142-24/12 Moved by Neil Maloney to approve a contribution of support for an amount of $200 for the Chutes Coulonge lumberjack event.

Adopted

**11.**  **Varia**

 None.

 **12. In-camera session**

143-24/12 Moved by Neil Maloney to proceed with the discussion through an in-camera session, at 7:25pm.

Adopted

144-24/12 Moved by Neil Maloney to return to the meeting in progress, at 7:35pm.

Adopted

145-24/12 *Summer student positions*

Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to approve the application for funding for two (2) summer student positions through the Canada Student Grant program, and to authorize the Director General to send all required documentation for this request.

Adopted

146-24/12 *Staff salary increase 2025*

Moved by Neil Maloney to approve a cost-of-living increase of 2% for staff wages, as discussed.

Adopted

147-24/12 *Council salary increase 2025*

Moved by Chirssy Ann Payne that the Municipal Council wages will have 2% increase for the year 2025, as discussed.

The Mayor votes in favour.

Adopted unanimously

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

148-24/12 Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne that the next regular council meeting be held on Monday, January 13th, 2025 and that a Special meeting for the 2025 Budget be held on Monday, December 9th, 2024.

Adopted

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

149-24/12 Moved by Corey Bissonnette that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 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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