Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held October 5th, 2020 at 7:00pm, in-person at the Municipal Office.

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

Director General, Alicia Jones, is present.

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

Mayor Gagnon welcomes everyone and declares the meeting to be open.

**2.Adoption of agenda**

112-20/10 Moved by Louis Schryer to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

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

None.

**4.Adoption of minutes**

113-20/10 Moved by Neil Maloney that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14th, 2020 be adopted.

Adopted

**5.** **Visitors**

- Ms. Sylvie Gagnon: representing Nathan’s Excavation

Addressing concerns raised by certain citizens and Council members regarding the work completed by the brusher and requesting that Council allow the job be completed as promised.

114-20/10 *Brushing*

Moved by Jacques Fleury that the Municipality approve the continuation of the brushing work by Nathans Excavation for the total amount of hours, as previously discussed.

Adopted

115-20/10 *Letter of recommendation*

Moved by Jacques Fleury that this Municipality send a letter of recommendation to Nathans Excavation for the brushing work completed in 2020, and to authorize the Director General to sign and send said letter.

Adopted

**6.** **Mayor’s MRC report**

The Mayor gives a verbal report.

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

***Public Security***

Councillor Fleury, Chair of the Public Security committee, gives a verbal report.

116-20/10 *Fire Committee Recommendations*

Moved by Jacques Fleury to adopt the recommendations of the Pontiac Ouest Fire Committee regarding the 2021 Fire Budget, the increases to the Firefighters wages and the cancellation of the Christmas Party for 2020.

Adopted

***Roads & Environment***

Mayor Gagnon, Chair of the Roads & Environment committee, gives a verbal report.

117-20/10 *Exchange of granular materials*

Moved by Corey Bissonnette to approve the exchange of the screened sand and half of the stone dust to Anthony Dunn for the cost of the material required for the 2020 stone crushing project.

Adopted

***Planning & Development***

Councillor Maloney, Chair of the Planning & Development committee, gives a verbal report.

The Municipal Inspectors report is given.

***Administration & Finance***

Councillor Schryer, Chair of the Administration & Finance committee, gives a verbal report.

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

Councillor Payne, Chair of the Leisure, Recreation, Tourism & Marketing committee, gives a verbal report.

**8. Questions from the public**

None.

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

118-20/10 Moved by Louis Schryer that the bills be paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

**10.** **Reading of correspondence**

*- Letter received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs announcing COVID relief funds to be distributed to Municipalities – Chichester will receive $19,444*

**11.** **Varia**

119-20/10 *Report to Ministry of Transport – 2019 Compensation*

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transport du Québec has paid $174,365 in compensation for the maintenance of local roads for the 2019 calendar year;

WHEREAS compensation distributed to the Municipality aid in routine and preventive maintenance of local roads 1 and 2 as well as the bridges located on these roads which are now the responsibility of the Municipality;

It is proposed by Jacques Fleury and unanimously resolved and adopted that the Municipality of Chichester attests to the accuracy of the expenses incurred and that the use of compensation was on local roads 1 and 2, in accordance with the objectives set out by the Maintenance Assistance Program of the Ministry of Transport.

Adopted

**12. In camera session**

120-20/10 Moved by Neil Maloney that the meeting proceeds in camera, at 7:20pm.

Adopted

121-20/10 Moved by Corey Bissonnette to return to the meeting in progress, at 8:05pm.

Adopted

122-20/10 *Municipal Inspector – hiring process*

Moved by Jacques Fleury that the Municipality of Chichester express to the Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes their disappointment with the process regarding the hiring of the Municipal Inspector; feeling that it was unprofessional, lacking ethical standards, and poorly represented the interests of the ratepayers of both Municipalities; and to request that any future discussions regarding the hiring or firing of a shared staff member include representation from the Chichester Council prior to any resolutions being made.

Adopted unanimously

123-20/10 *Letter to reconsider*

Moved by Louis Schryer that the Municipality of Chichester formally request to Mr. Tim Ferrigan to reconsider his decision of declining the offer for the position of Municipal Inspector, to send him a letter to that effect and to request that the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes also adopt this same resolution.

 Adopted unanimously

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

124-20/10 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 2nd, 2020.

Adopted

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

125-20/10 Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10pm.

Adopted

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I, Donald Gagnon, Mayor, certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to the signature by me of all the resolutions it contains, according to section 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.

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