Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held May 8th, 2023 at 7:00pm, held at the Municipal Office.

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

Councillor Corey Bissonnette is absent.

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**

058-23/05 Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

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

None.

**4.Adoption of minutes**

059-23/05 Moved by Neil Maloney that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11th, 2023 be adopted.

Adopted

**5.** **Visitors**

- *Charles & Penny Vaillancourt*:

- questions regarding municipal taxes and process for annual MRC landsale;

- questions regarding compensation from the Municipality for lack of work;

- requesting that contract work is more evenly divided between contractors;

- concerns with nepotism, conflict of interest and uneven distribution of work;

The Mayor responds that there is no conflict of interest with the Council members nor with the staff since there is no personal financial gain.

- *Charles & Penny Vaillancourt (cont.)*:

- questions regarding loads of fill received during the floods;

- questions regarding dam management practices;

- questions regarding protection of private property from flooding.

The Municipal Inspector will follow-up regarding some of the above questions.

**6.** **Mayor’s MRC report**

The Mayor gives his report.

**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 & Environment committee, gives a verbal report.

060-23/05 *Members Grant – Church Line*

Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to make an application for funding through the annual members grant for road work for work required on the chemin de l’Église, as discussed.

Adopted

***Planning & Development***

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

The Municipal Inspector’s report is received and read.

061-23/05 *CPTAQ alienation request*

Moved by Louis Schryer that this municipality support the alienation request of lot 6 073 112 and lot 6 561 270 in favour of Mrs. Bonnie Morris Kime, as presented.

Adopted

062-23/05 *Used culvert to sell*

Moved by Louis Schryer to sell, by way of public bidding process, the used culvert that was removed from the Nichabau road, following the 2022 paving project; for a reserve bid of $7,000 as discussed.

Adopted

***Administration & Finance***

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

063-23/05 *Summer student*

Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to proceed with the job posting for the museum summer student and to authorize the Director General and the Museum Committee to complete the interviews, as discussed.

Adopted

064-23/05 *Casual – Transfer site*

Moved by Neil Maloney to ratify the hiring of Lorne Ranger, as a casual employee to work at the transfer site when needed.

Adopted

065-23/05 *List of properties to be sold at Land Sale*

The Director General/Clerk-Treasurer submits to Council, for review and consideration, a statement of property taxes due to the Municipality, as of September 14th, 2023, in order to meet the requirements of Article 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec;

It is therefore proposed by Councillor Dustin Denault and resolved :

* + That the said statement be and is hereby approved by Council and that the Director General/Clerk-Treasurer take the necessary steps to have the MRC Pontiac sell all the properties in the municipality whose taxes have not been paid.

Adopted

066-23/05 *Land sale - mandate representative*

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester may bid on and acquire immovables put up for sale for unpaid municipal taxes, and this, in accordance with Section 1038 of the Municipal Code;

WHEREAS certain immovables will be put up for sale for non-payment of taxes, and this, in accordance with Resolution No. 065-23-05;

WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to authorize the Director General to bid on and acquire certain immovables put up for sale for non-payment of taxes;

It is proposed by Councillor Jacques Fleury and resolved that :

* + In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, Council authorizes the Director General to bid for and in the name of the Municipality for certain immovables that are the subject of the tax sale to be held on September 14, 2023, and this, up to the amounts of taxes, capital, interest and costs.

Adopted

***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**

067-23/05 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the bills be paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

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

*- Request from Chapeau RA for donation*

068-23/05 *Donation – Chapeau RA Summer Camp*

Moved by Neil Maloney to approve the annual donation of $500 for the Chapeau RA Summer Camp.

Adopted

**11.** **Varia**

None.

**12. In camera session**

Not required.

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

069-23/05 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 12th, 2023.

Adopted

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

070-23/05 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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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