

Province of Québec  
Municipality of Sheenboro

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of Sheenboro held May 1st,  
2023 at 6:30 P.M.

In-person are present Mayor Doris Ranger, Councilors Richard Bradshaw,  
John Brennan, Dick Edwards, Lorna Brennan Agnesi and Shamus Morris.

Victoria Vickers, Administrative Assistant, is in attendance.

Simon Tessier, Interim Director General, is absent.

**1. Opening of Meeting**

The Mayor notes that there is quorum and calls the meeting to order at

061-2023      Moved by Councillor Bradshaw that Victoria Vickers may fill in for the  
IDG for tonight's meeting.  
Adopted

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

062-2023      Moved by Councillor Shea to adopt the agenda as presented  
Adopted

**3. Recording of Meeting**

This meeting is being audio recorded for administrative purposes.

**4. Conflict of Interest**

None.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

063-2023      Moved by Councillor Lorna Brennan Agnesi to adopt the April 2023  
Minutes.  
Adopted

**6. Questions from the Public**

None.

**7. Municipal Inspectors Report**

The Municipal Inspector will submit his monthly reports to Council.

064-2023      Moved by Councillor Bradshaw that the road crew may fill the upper ditch  
with approximately 5" of gravel beside the culvert near lot #6 216 796.  
Adopted

## 8. Administration

### A. Payment of the Bills

065-2023

Moved by Councillor Edwards to pay the monthly bills as listed.

Adopted

### B. Municipal By-Law: Property Standards

The Property Standards By-law is still under review by Council.

### C. Inter-Municipal Co-operation

The next meeting of this Committee is May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the offices of L'Isle-Aux-Allumettes – Chichester. Attending from Sheenboro Council will be Mayor Ranger, Councilor Morris and the I.D.G.

### D. RESOLUTION concerning the list of buildings to be sold during Land Sale

066-2023

The Secretary-Treasurer submits to Council, for review and consideration, a statement of property taxes due to the Municipality, as of the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, in order to satisfy the requirements of Article 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province from Quebec;

It is proposed and resolved by Councilor Bradshaw

THAT:

Said statement be and is approved by the Council and that the Director General takes the required procedures for the purpose of having the MRC Pontiac sell all the properties of the municipality including the property taxes affecting them have not been paid.

Adopted

### E. Mandate a Representative for Land Sale

067-2023

To authorize the Director General or a representative to bid for the acquisition of certain immovables put up for sale for non-payment of taxes

WHEREAS the Municipality of Sheenboro may bid and acquire properties put up for sale for unpaid municipal taxes, in accordance with article 1038 of the Municipal Code;

WHEREAS certain properties will be put up for sale for non-payment of taxes, according to the resolution bearing the number \_\_\_\_\_;

WHEREAS this Council deems it appropriate to authorize the secretary-treasurer, director general or a representative to bid and

acquire some of the properties put up for sale for non-payment of taxes;

It is proposed by Councilor Edwards and resolved

THAT :

In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, this Council authorizes the secretary-treasurer, director general or Interim Director General to bid for and in the name of the municipality for certain properties subject to the sale for non-payment of taxes to be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 and this, up to the amount of taxes, capital, interest and costs.

Adopted

*F. Basement Renovation / PRABAM*

068-2023

It is resolved by Councillor Lorna Brennan Agnesi to have the Municipal employees build walls and install a door to the proposed storage room once the windows are replaced. Any remaining funds will go to the work prioritized in the previous resolution.

Adopted

*G. Large Item Drop-Off Dates*

069-2023

Moved by Councillor Shea to modify the previous motion concerning the large Item drop off dates for this year in May to Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-6:00 pm.

Adopted

*H. Summer Student Grant*

070-2023

Moved by Councillor Edwards that since the Municipality has been approved for the Summer Student Grant, the I.D.G. be permitted to advertise the position in the Pontiac Journal, on the Municipal Website and anywhere else the I.D.G. deems necessary.

Adopted

*I. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO GUARANTEE THE INSURABILITY OF BUILDINGS HERITAGE AT REASONABLE COST*

071-2023

WHEREAS heritage is collective wealth, and that its preservation is a responsibility that must be concerted and assumed collectively by all stakeholders, the government, municipal authorities and citizens, including corporate citizens;

CONSIDERING the considerable efforts undertaken recently by the Government of Quebec and the municipalities on the plan legal and financial in order to promote better preservation and restoration of Quebec's built heritage;

WHEREAS the support program for the municipal heritage sector real estate undeniably contributes to promoting the social acceptability of new constraints regulations greatly beneficial to safeguarding this heritage;

WHEREAS the major impact of a refusal of insurability for owners of old properties or the disproportionate cost the insurance policy;

WHEREAS the actions of the insurers compromise those related to the new orientations of the government and the municipalities for the implementation of identification tools and management of this heritage;

It is proposed by Councilor John Brennan

THAT the Municipality ask the Government of Quebec to intervene with the Government of Canada and the competent authorities to find solutions to guarantee, at a reasonable cost, insurability of all heritage buildings, regardless of the age of the building or of a component, the identification of the building in an inventory, its status, its location in zoning or its submission to regulations aimed at preserve features;

THAT the Municipality of Sheenboro ask all MRCs and Quebec municipalities as well as stakeholders in the protection of the Quebec heritage to add their voices by adopting this resolution;

THAT Municipality of Sheenboro send this resolution to the Government of Quebec, to the Ministry of Culture and Communications, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and to the federal deputy and provincial of the territory.

Adopted

*J. Support Resolution – Otter Lake – Reimbursement of credits issued to Forest Producers*

072-2023

WHEREAS in March 2020, the National Assembly of Québec adopted amendments to the act respecting respecting municipal taxation to add a new category of forest immovable allowing the municipality to modulate the tax rate within a range of 66% and 100% of the basic rate, in order to encourage the development of private forests.

WHEREAS this new category of buildings includes wooded property whose management is governed by a forest management plan written by a forestry engineer.

WHEREAS this ensures, among other things, that silvicultural interventions are carried out in accordance with forest science, the regulation in force and sound forest management practices.

WHEREAS by reducing the municipal tax burden on forest producers, municipalities promote professional supervision and the sound management of private woodlots, encourage silviculture on their territory, and support the forest management and wood processing industry.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Sheenboro would like to support this initiative but does not feel these tax credits should be taken out of the general funds of the municipality.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Otter Lake believes these credits should be treated like the MAPAQ credits, credits are issued by the Municipality on agricultural properties when they meet specific criteria and the municipality is then refunded by the MAPAQ for said credits.

It is moved by Councillor Morris

THAT the Municipality of Sheenboro requests the MFFP to consider reimbursing Québec municipalities for credits that they are issuing to forest producers that are taking the proper steps to develop their private forests, similar to the MAPAQ. A copy of this resolution will be sent to Mme Maité Blanchette Vézina (Ministre des ressources naturelles et des Forêts), MP for Pontiac André Fortin and all local Municipalities.

Adopted

*K. Former Director General*

073-2023 Moved by Councilor Edwards that the former Director General, Ashlee Poirier, may work up to a maximum of 4 hours a week in the office, at the IDG's request.

Adopted

**9. Public Works**

*A. Intergenerational Park Contract*

074-2023 It is resolved by Councillor Morris that the bid from S&R LAWN MAINTENANCE be accepted.

- 1) Jonathan Lariviere at 1000.00 & a month for a total of 6000.00 \$ (May – October)
- 2) Jeremiah Nephan at 11, 289.76 \$ plus tax for a total of 12, 980.11 \$ (May – October)
- 3) S&R LAWN MAINTENANCE 3900.00 \$

Adopted

*B. Members Grant*

075-2023 It is moved by Councillor Shea to grant the I.D.G. permission to submit for work under the Members Grant application as only a limited number of roads in the Municipality are eligible for work under the terms of this grant and sections of Perrault (6 217 543, 6 217 291, 6 217 559) and Church are in need of gravelling.

Adopted

**10. Public Security**

**11. Correspondence**

*A. Mark Seguin*

A ratepayer’s letter to the Secretary General (I.D.G.). Read aloud to Council. Mr. Seguin objected to Council lowering the Mill rate while instituting service fees.

**12. In- Camera Session**

Not Required

**13. Out of Camera**

**14. Date of the next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup> s, 2023 at 6:30 pm

**15. Closing of meeting**

076-2023

Moved by Councillor Shea that the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Adopted

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Director General

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Mayor / Secretary Treasurer

I, *Doris Ranger, mayor*, attest that the signature of this minutes is equivalent to the signature by me of all the motions it contains within the meaning of Article 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.