Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held February 6th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Office.

The meeting is open to the public and present are his Worship Mayor Corey Spence and Councillors Mariette Sallafranque, Patrick Fleming, Ivan Schryer and Brian Adam.

Councillors Nancy Mcguire and Robert Chafe are absent.

Alicia Jones, Director General, is in attendance.

* + 1. **Opening of meeting**

Mayor Spence welcomes everyone and declares the meeting to be open at 7:00 pm.

1. **Roll call**

Councillors Nancy Mcguire and Robert Chafe are absent.

1. **Recording of the sitting**

The current meeting is being audio recorded for administrative purposes.

**4. Adoption of agenda**

015-24/02 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Fleming, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

016-24/02 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Schryer, to approve the minutes from the last regular Council meeting of January 16th, 2024 as presented.

Adopted

**6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**7. Statement of the Mayor**

The Mayor makes his Statement.

**8. Questions from the public**

None.

 **9. Correspondence**

* *Email request for a crosswalk, across the Pembroke Road, near the Ecole-Notre-Dame-du-Sacre-Coeur School*

017-24/02 *Request for improved safety along the Pembroke Road at Ecole NDSC*

WHEREAS the primary school École Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Coeur (NDSC) is located directly on the Pembroke road, a ministry road – near the entry point from an 80km/h zone into the village centre;

WHEREAS there is insufficient signage indicating a reduced speed limit nor the entering of this school zone;

WHEREAS several students walk to and from school along this busy section of road;

WHEREAS there is a playground located directly across the Pembroke road from this school, which the students and teachers often use and need to cross this busy street with several students;

WHEREAS ensuring the safety of children is a priority for our community;

WHEREAS the parents and teachers are requesting a crosswalk, given that this would significantly enhance the safety of the students and other pedestrians, and the municipality supports this request;

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, that the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes makes an official request to the MTQ to analyze this location, to improve speed signage and consider the installation of a crosswalk and/or a flashing light along the Pembroke Road near École NDSC.

Adopted

018-24/02 *Renewal of the gas tax program and the Quebec contribution (2024 to 2028) - negotiations between the governments of Québec and Canada*

WHEREAS the governments of Québec and Canada are currently conducting negotiations for the renewal of the Quebec Gas Tax and TECQ Contribution program for the period 2024 - 2028;

WHEREAS this program is essential to the realization of major projects in Quebec communities;

WHEREAS despite the substantial sums allocated to this program, they remain insufficient to meet the needs, and must be substantially increased due to the rising costs of carrying out projects;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has called on the federal government to double its investment in this program and to provide for indexation of 3.5% per year;

WHEREAS the FQM and its members have been asking for several years that the gasoline tax and the Quebec contribution (TECQ) program be used to finance and implement and realize projects planned and decided by Quebec municipalities and that projects for municipal buildings (garages, town halls, fire stations, etc.) and work on retention structures (dams, dikes, etc.) are eligible for this program;

WHEREAS project accountability and reporting requirements are burdensome for municipalities;

WHEREAS negotiations should have been concluded by early fall 2023 to ensure implementation on January 1, 2024, and to enable municipalities to plan investments in their budgets;

WHEREAS the sums allocated to this program must be exempt from any new obligations or conditions to ensure its success;

THEREFORE, it is proposed by Councillor Adam, seconded by Councillor Schryer and resolved that the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes request the following from the governments of Québec and Canada:

* To enter into a new federal-provincial agreement as soon as possible for the renewal of the Gasoline Tax and Quebec Contribution (TECQ) program for the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028;
* To double the sums available to Quebec municipalities, and to provide for an annual 3.5% annual indexation of the envelope for the duration of the agreement;
* To add no additional reporting requirements, obligations or conditions to municipalities in the application of the program;
* To allow for the financing of municipal building projects and retention structures in eligible work.

AND to forward a copy of this resolution to the Quebec Minister of Finance, Mr. Éric Girard, the Quebec Minister of Municipal Affairs, Andrée Laforest, the Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance of Canada, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, to Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Hon. Sean Fraser, to the Members of Parliament Sophie Chatel, MP and Andre Fortin, MNA, the Fédération québécoise des municipalités and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Adopted

**10. Committee Reports**

 **Land-use, Urbanism & By-Laws**

Councillor Mcguire, Chair of Land-use, Urbanism and By-Laws committee, being absent, the Director General gives a verbal report.

 **Public Works**

Councillor Schryer, Chair of the Public Works committee, gives a verbal report.

019-24/02 *Agri-Recup - Collection site*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, to approve the agreement with the MRC Pontiac and Agri-récup for this municipality to manage the collection of agricultural plastics at the municipal transfer site with financing provided by the MRC Pontiac, and to authorize the Director General to sign all necessary documentation.

Adopted

020-24/02 *Big Dump day*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Fleming, to approve the hosting of one complimentary big-dump day on Saturday, May 11th, 2024, as discussed.

Adopted

021-24/02 *Long-Term Loan - Mandate Ministry of Finance to receive and open bids*

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 1065 of the Municipal Code, no Municipality may enter into a long-term loan under its borrowing by-law, other than by written bid;

WHEREAS bids are filed through the Ministry of Finance's Municipal Finance Auction and Publication Service;

WHEREAS section 1066 of the Municipal Code, which provides that the council of a municipality may, by resolution, mandate the Minister of Finance to receive and open the bids provided for in section 1065, for and on behalf of that municipality.

It is therefore proposed by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, and unanimously resolved,

THAT, in accordance with Section 1066 of the Municipal Code, Council mandates the Minister of Finance to receive and open the bids provided for in Section 1065 of the Municipal Code, for and on behalf of the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes.

Adopted

022-24/02 *Snowplow tenders 2024-25-26-27*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Fleming, to proceed to public tenders for the snowplowing for the next three winter seasons, for two separate contracts, East and West, as discussed.

Adopted

023-24/02 *Gravel Tender*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Fleming, to proceed to tender for the purchase of granular materials, crushed, loaded and weighed for the 2024 road work projects, as discussed.

Adopted

 **Community, Culture & Recreation**

Councillor Chafe, Chair of the Community, Culture & Recreation committee, being absent; Councillor Sallafranque gives a verbal report.

024-24/02 *Yoga – St-Joseph Hall rental*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Schryer, to approve a reduce rental fee for the St-Joseph’s Hall for possible spring yoga classes, at a rate of $100/month.

Adopted

**Revitalization**

Councillor Sallafranque, Chair of the Revitalization committee, gives a verbal report.

025-24/02 *Agreement for the distribution of charging stations*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Adam, to approve the partnership agreement between the Municipality and Hydro Québec, for the deployment of charging stations for electric vehicles under the Electric Circuit banner, and to authorize the Director general to sign said agreement.

Adopted

026-24/02 *Financial contribution agreement - charging station project*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by councillor Fleming, to approve the financial contribution agreement between the Municipality and Hydro Québec for the installation of 4 charging stations at the St-Joseph Centre, and authorize the Director general to sign said agreement.

Adopted

 **Public Security**

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

A new community relations representative for Hydro Quebec has been named for the Pontiac region. The DG agrees to invite her to meet Council.

 **Administration**

Councillor Adam, Chair of the Administration committee, gives a verbal report.

027-24/02 *ByLaw #2024-001 regarding Taxation 2024*

### WHEREAS the Municipality is subject to the conditions of section 252 of the Act respecting municipal taxation;

### WHEREAS a presentation of the Draft By-Law was presented and a notice of motion was previously given by Councillor Adam at a regular meeting of Council held on January 16th, 2023;

CONSEQUENTLY, the members of the Council of having all voted in favor of the adoption of this Taxation By-Law;

It was moved by Councillor Adam, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, and unanimously resolved that this BY-LAW # 2024-001 entitled "By-law respecting the imposition of the rates of property tax and service taxes for the fiscal year 2024 and the conditions of tax collection" be adopted, and enacted.

Adopted

**11. Review of monthly payables**

The list of accounts payables for the month of January is reviewed.

**12. Questions from the public**

 None.

 **13. Varia**

None.

 **14. In camera session**

Not required.

**15. Date of next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at 7:00p.m. at the Municipal office.

**16. Closing of meeting**

028-24/02 Moved by Councillor Fleming and seconded by Councillor Sallafranque that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45pm.

Adopted

 Director General / Clerk-treasurer Mayor

I, *Corey Spence, 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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