Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held April 2nd, 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 Robert Chafe, Mariette Sallafranque, Nancy McGuire, Patrick Fleming and Ivan Schryer.

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**

Councillor Brian Adam is absent.

1. **Recording of the sitting**

The current meeting is being audio recorded for administrative purposes.

**4. Adoption of agenda**

051-24/04 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Schryer, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

052-24/04 Moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, to approve the minutes from the last regular Council meeting of March 5th, 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**

*- Ms. Linda Davis:*

*- questions regarding the resolution relating to the Energy-from-Waste (EFW) project adopted by this Council in March 2023;*

*- asks members of Council if they understood the context and implications of adopting this resolution;*

*- requesting that Council reconsider their position and rescind the motion from March 2023.*

All members of the Council respond and indicate that they will be further discussing this issue; however, are awaiting further information, including the Initial Business Case report completed by Deloitte, prior to rendering any decision.

*- Mr. RC Charron:*

*- questioning the EFW resolution and urging Council to make the best decision for their citizens;*

*- Mr. Louis Lair:*

*- questions for Council regarding the EFW project;*

*- urging Council to concentrate efforts on composting, recycling, etc.*

*- asking to consider investments locally for these types of solutions;*

*- Ms. Linda Davis (cont.):*

*- shares information regarding the City of Ottawa;*

*- alleges disinformation coming from the Warden and the MRC Pontiac, urges Council to do their own research;*

The Mayor thanks those in attendance and resumes the meeting.

**9. Correspondence**

* *Request from Chapeau Lions club for sponsorship*

053-24/04 *Donation – Lions Club*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to approve the donation of $250 to the Chapeau and District Lions Club in support of the annual fishing derby to be held on July 13th, 2024.

Adopted

**10. Committee Reports**

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

Councillor Mcguire, Chair of Land-use, Urbanism and By-Laws committee, gives a verbal report.

054-24/04 *Legal action – Lot # 4 786 868*

Moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, to proceed with legal action against the property owner of lot # 4 786 868 for cleanup of the property, as discussed.

Adopted

*Notice of Motion – Trailer ByLaw*

A Notice of Motion is given by Councillor McGuire and Draft amendments are prepared for the Trailer ByLaw.

**Public Works**

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

055-24/04 *Snowplow Tender 2024-ALLU-002 West*

The following bids were received for the public tender for the snowplow contract 2024-ALLU-002 Ouest, for the west sector of the Municipality for the next three seasons:

*Contractor: Price (tax incl.):*

M. Kidd & Sons $ 649,446.64

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to approve and accept the tender submitted by M. Kidd & Sons for the seasons 2025-26-27-28 Snowplow West contract and to authorize the Director General to sign any required documentation.

Adopted

056-24/04 *Snowplow Tender 2024-ALLU-002 East*

The following bids were received for the public tender for the snowplow contract 2024-ALLU-002 Est, for the East sector of the Municipality for the next three seasons:

*Contractor: Price (tax incl.):*

Mullen Farms $ 569,267.11

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to approve and accept the tender submitted by Mullen Farms for the seasons 2025-26-27-28 Snowplow East contract and to authorize the Director General to sign any required documentation.

Adopted

057-24/04 *Gravel purchase Tender 2024-ALLU-001*

The following bids were received for the public tender for the purchase of granular materials 2024-ALLU-001:

*Contractor: Price (tax incl.):*

Anthony Dunn $ 337,566.60

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Fleming, to not accept any bids at this time, due to the budgetary considerations.

Adopted

058-24/04 *Crushing Tender*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Chafe, to proceed with the request for tender, by invitation, for the crushing of granular materials in the municipal pit, as discussed.

Adopted

**Community, Culture & Recreation**

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

**Revitalization**

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

**Public Security**

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

059-24/04 *Sale of rescue sleigh*

Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Salllafranque, to approve the sale of the rescue sleigh to the MRC Pontiac, for their use in the off-road program.

Adopted

060-24/04 *New recruits Fire Department*

Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to approve the new recruits to the fire department, as discussed.

Adopted

061-24/04 *Radio-Canada Tower – request extension*

WHEREAS the Municipalities of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, Chichester, Sheenboro currently rent space on the Radio-Canada tower located on the Three Hills Road in Chichester for their radio communications antenna and repeater;

WHEREAS this radio communications system is utilized by the three municipalities for their Fire Department, their Public Works departments as well as the primary communications system during Public Emergencies;

WHEREAS Radio-Canada has notified the Municipalities of their intention to demolish the current tower on or before September 2024, with no plans to reconstruct as initially planned;

WHEREAS without this tower and the current radio-communication system, the Municipalities will be without their primary means of communication throughout their territories;

WHEREAS given the lack of reliable cell phone service, the municipalities do not have a secondary form of communication available throughout their territory;

WHEREAS other options for current towers (ie: Ontario, MRC Pontiac, etc.) do not provide significant coverage to cover the territories;

WHEREAS the Municipalities would consider options to repair, refurbish, reconstruct the existing tower, or build a new tower, at the present location;

WHEREAS the Municipalities require time and resources to explore the possible options;

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, that the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes will make a formal request to Radio-Canada for the following:

* An extension of the deadline for demolition of the existing tower, in order to fully explore the options available to them;
* Any technical information (ie: engineering, specifications, etc.) of the existing tower and its condition, for the Municipality to consider during their options analyses;
* Any affordable alternative options that they be able to offer to the Municipality, in the case of a temporary solution;

AND, that this resolution be forwarded and sent to the MRC Pontiac, Warden Jane Toller and MNA André Fortin, the Minister of Public Security Outaouais Office, MP Sophie Chatel, for their support.

Adopted

**Administration**

Councillor Adam, Chair of the Administration committee, being absent; the Mayor gives a verbal report.

*Notice of Motion – Contract Management ByLaw*

A Notice of Motion is given by Councillor Sallafranque and a Draft ByLaw is presented related to municipality’s Contract Management.

062-24/04 *Website – Calumet media*

Moved by Mayor Spence, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, to proceed with the improvements to the municipal website, in conjunction with the Municipalities of Chichester and Sheenboro, based on the offer of services provided and presented by Calumet Media.

Adopted

**11. Review of monthly payables**

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

**12. Questions from the public**

None.

**13. In camera session**

063-24/04 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Chafe, to proceed with the discussions, in-camera, at 7:50pm.

Adopted

064-24/04 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Fleming, to return to the meeting in progress, at 8:05pm.

Adopted

065-24/04 *Request from owner Lot # 4 604 725*

Moved by Mayor Spence, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to review the request from property owner of lot # 4 604 725, in the Fall of 2024.

Adopted

**14. Varia**

066-24/04 *Local road grant request*

Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Chafe, to approve the request for funding through the local road grant with the MNA office for the 2024 road projects.

Adopted

067-24/04 *Engineering for Phase 2 water/sewer project*

Moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Chafe, to approve the tender received from CIMA+, for a total amount of $98,000, as described in the offer of services.

Adopted

**15. Date of next meeting**

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

**16. Closing of meeting**

068-24/04 Moved by Councillor Chafe and seconded by Councillor Schryer that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10pm.

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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