Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held May 13th, 2024 at 7:00pm, held at the Municipal Office.

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

The Director General, Alicia Jones, is present.

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

Mayor Gagnon welcomes everyone and declares the meeting open.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

050-24/05 Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

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

None.

**4. Adoption of the minutes**

051-24/05 Moved by Louis Schryer that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8th, 2024 be adopted.

Adopted

**5.**  **Visitors**

 *- Mr. Roger Breton:*

  *- member of the MRC Pontiac’s Flood Prevention Task Force*

*- provides Council with an update from the latest meetings held by this task force Committee*

*- a formal request is expected to be made to the ORRB for a formal ‘Water Management Plan’*

*- will return to present to Council after the next meetings.*

**6.**  **Mayor's MRC report**

 The Mayor presents the report from the MRC Pontiac.

**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 and Environment Committee, gives a verbal report.

052-24/05 *Surface Treatment Tender 2024-ALLU/CHI-003*

The following bids were received for the public tender for the surface treatment contract, in conjunction with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, 2024-ALLU/CHI-003:

 *Contractor: Price (tax incl.):*

 Entreprises Bourget $ 424,814.17

 Groupe Colas (Sintra) $ 486,716.77

Greenwood Paving $ 644,437.46

Moved by Councillor Neil Maloney to approve and accept the tender submitted by Entreprises Bourget, of which Chichester will be responsible for $174,992.41, conditional on approval of the TECQ programming; and to authorize the Director General to execute the contract.

Adopted

 ***Planning and development***

Councillor Maloney, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, gives a verbal report.

The Municipal Inspector's report is received and read.

***Administration & Finance***

Councillor Schryer, Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, gave a verbal report.

053-24/05 *Municipality of Litchfield – EFW Resolution*

Moved by Dustin Denault to support the resolution adopted by the Municipality of Litchfield (Res # 2024-05-85) opposing the EFQ project requesting MRC Pontiac efforts on Zero Waste policies.

Adopted

054-24/05 *Summer students*

Moved by Louis Schryer to approve the posting of the summer student positions as approved and funded through the Canada Summer Jobs Grant program, as well as the interviews and selection by the Director General, as discussed.

Adopted

055-24/05 *Equilibration of the Assessment Roll*

It is moved by Chrissy Ann Payne and resolved THAT:

* The Municipality of Chichester proceeds with the equilibration of the assessment roll for the next triennial roll 2025, 2026 and 2027; as this process was recommended by the evaluator who observed significant discrepancies between the value levels and that of the selling prices within the municipality and that the work carried out within the framework of the equilibration will allow a recovery of the values on the roll and will promote the maintenance of tax fairness.

Adopted

056-24/05 *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 12th, 2024, in order to meet the requirements of Article 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec;

It is therefore proposed by Councillor Corey Bissonnette 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

057-24/05 *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. 056-24-05;

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 Louis Schryer 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 12th, 2024, 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 and Marketing Committee, gives a report.

058-24/05 *Grant application – FRR Volet 2*

Moved by Louis Schryer to approve the request for financing for ongoing development of the waterfront park and museum areas, through the MRC Pontiac FRR stream 2 program, and to authorize the Director General to sign and send this application.

Adopted

059-24/05 *Chapeau RA donation request*

Moved by Neil Maloney to approve the donation request in an amount of $500, to the Chapeau RA for their summer Day Camp program, as discussed.

Adopted

060-24/05 *Yoga request for park*

Moved by Dustin Denault to approve the usage of the new park and gazebo area for a proposed outdoor yoga program, as discussed.

Adopted

061-24/05 *MADA Policy MRC Pontiac*

Moved by Neil Maloney that the Municipality of Chichester participates in the preparation of a regional Seniors Friendly Municipality (MADA) Policy and Action Plan, as proposed by the MRC Pontiac.

Adopted

**8. Questions from the Public**

None.

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

062-24/05 Moved by Corey Bissonnette that bills be paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

**10.**  **Correspondence**

 None.

**11.**  **Varia**

 None.

 **12. In-camera session**

 Not required.

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

063-24/05 Moved by Neil Maloney that the next regular council meeting be held on Monday, June 10th, 2024.

Adopted

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

064-24/05 Moved by Corey Bissonnette that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Adopted

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I, Donald Gagnon, Mayor, certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to my signing of all the resolutions it contains, in accordance with article 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.

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