Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held on Tuesday, July 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, Brian Adam, Nancy McGuire, Mariette Sallafranque, 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**

All present.

1. **Recording of the sitting**

The current meeting is being audio recorded for administrative purposes.

**4. Adoption of agenda**

103-24/07 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to adopt the agenda as amended.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

104-24/07 Moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Chafe, to approve the minutes from the last regular Council meeting of June 4th, 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**

*- Marie Lair Sallafranque:*

*- questions regarding the proposed speed bump installation;*

*- voices opposition to this proposal;*

*- Louis Lair:*

*- questions the turning area at the intersection of Rochon and St-Jacques;*

*- concerns regarding parking on Rochon road;*

*- requests more signage for no parking;*

*- Genevieve O’Brien:*

*- concerns regarding the proposed speed bumps;*

*- states that farming vehicles cannot travel on speed bumps;*

*- makes a formal invitation to Council regarding the Grand Opening of the Marche de Chapeau Market, on August 1st*

*- thanks the Municipality for their ongoing support for this building and for the event.*

*- Kevin Vickers:*

*- concerns regarding the ongoing and recent power outages;*

*- states concerns with the Mayors remarks on social media;*

*- questions the outcomes of the meetings that are planned and that have been previously held between Hydro Quebec and the municipalities and whether they have a plan for the future;*

The Mayor responds that the meetings with Hydro Quebec are to receive information following the major outages and to ensure that they can deliver on their previous promises.

Councillor Schryer voices concerns regarding the lack of an appropriate action plan from HQ. Councillor McGuire voices the need to complain to the Regie d’Energie.

*- Louis Lair (cont.):*

*- questions the complaints process for Hydro Quebec and the Regie;*

*- concerns regarding public safety and security during an outage;*

*- Gene O’Brien (cont.):*

*- concerns for farmers and producers during an outage;*

*- Angela Sallafranque-Fleming:*

*- concerns regarding proposed speed bumps;*

*- questions why all residents did not receive a letter regarding the speed bumps;*

*- Noella Chaput-McGuire:*

*- notifies Council that they are still unable to access the property, at 47 chemin Sikorski, for lawn maintenance, roof repairs, painting and septic pumping;*

*- concerns with safety and emergency services access;*

Councillor Adam responds that this matter has required considerable attention of Council and that the ongoing civil matter between neighbors is untenable and unethical, and is hoping for a prompt resolution in civil court.

**9. Correspondence**

* *Letter of approval for funding from the PAFIRSPA program for the St-Joseph ballpark project*
* *Written responses received regarding speed bump proposal*

Both items were deferred to the next committee meetings for further discussion.

**10. Committee Reports**

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

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

105-24/07 *Illegal construction - Lot # 4786521*

Moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, to proceed with issuing a formal notice with a possible infraction, as well as to take any other legal action required against property owners of lot # 4786521, for illegal renovation without a permit and located within the floodzone.

Adopted

106-24/07 *Illegal construction - Lot # 4786284*

Moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Adam, to proceed with issuing a formal notice with a possible infraction, as well as to take any other legal action required against property owners of lot # 4786284, for illegal renovation without a permit and located within the floodzone.

Adopted

**Public Works**

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

107-24/07 *Yellow Lines*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Chafe, to proceed to tender, by invitation, for the painting of the yellow lines, as discussed.

Adopted

108-24/07 *Power Outages*

WHEREAS there is an Electrical power transmission grid owned by Hydro Quebec (HQ) where residents of Upper Pontiac (Sheenboro, Chichester, L’Isle- aux-Allumettes, Waltham) and some residents of Mansfield-Pontefract are clients;

WHEREAS several lengthy power outages occurred during the week of June 17th that left many residents of Upper Pontiac without power, some for a period of more than 30 hours in very high temperatures;

WHEREAS during this outage, the Upper Pontiac was being powered exclusively by the Hydro Quebec’s Network, at Poste Cadieux;

WHEREAS this are normally relies on Waltham generating station and on the Ontario grid for its electricity;

WHEREAS during the outage, again the communications from Hydro Quebec to residents through the HQ App, website or otherwise was misleading;

WHEREAS with little or no cell phone service in several areas, these lengthy power outages leave the residents without means of communication for emergency services with potential life-threatening situations;

WHEREAS the Municipality and its residents suffered undue expenses, loss and damages, during this outage;

WHEREAS this outage is the only the latest in a series of lengthy outages over the past several decades;

WHEREAS with the provincial & federal incentives and programs for further electrification of heating systems, vehicles, etc.; the demand for power and the load on the grid will only increase exponentially;

WHEREAS a meeting is scheduled with Hydro Quebec representatives this coming July 10th to discuss the recent outages and the ongoing concerns of the municipalities affected;

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, that the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes make a formal request to Hydro Quebec for the following:

* A Formal Plan, with timelines, to improve their infrastructure to fully integrate the Upper Pontiac into HQ Power Transmission Network ensuring redundancy for hydro services in our area, to avoid these ongoing lengthy outages;
* Improvements to communication with the Clients (residents) as well as with the Municipality, before, during and after an event;
* Compensation for the residents and Municipalities who may have suffered unnecessary expenses, loss or damages due to the outages;

AND, that this resolution be forwarded and sent to ALL Municipalities within the MRC Pontiac, Warden Jane Toller and MNA André Fortin for their support; as well as to the Minister responsible for the Outaouais, Mathieu Lacombe; the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, Pierre Fitzgibbon; the Minister of Public Security, Francois Bonnardel; and a that this complaint be also sent to the Regie de L’Energie concerning the above.

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.

109-24/07 *Grant application – FRR 2*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Adam, to approve the request for financing for the development of a multi-sports pad at the Centennial Park, through the MRC Pontiac FFR stream 2, with a municipal contribution of 20% and to authorize the Director General to sign and send this application.

Adopted

**Public Security**

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

**Administration**

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

**11. Review of monthly payables**

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

**12. Questions from the public**

None.

**13. Varia**

110-24/07 *Release - lot # 4 604 548*

Moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque and resolved that this Municipality approve a total release of the registration of a resolutory clause and request the Land Registry Officer to strike off the registration of a right of resolution resulting from the Deed of Sale published in the office of the Pontiac Land Registry District under number 131 585 against the immovable 126, rue Centennial, bearing lot # 4 604 548, with an effective date of June 19, 2024, and to authorize the Director General to sign all required documents.

Adopted

**14. In camera session**

111-24/07 Moved by Councillor Adam, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to proceed with the discussions, in-camera, at 8:45pm.

Adopted

112-24/07 Moved by Councillor Adam, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to return to the meeting in progress, at 8:50pm.

Adopted

**15. Date of next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024 at 7:00p.m. at the Municipal office.

**16. Closing of meeting**

113-24/07 Moved by Councillor Fleming and seconded by Councillor Adam that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.

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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