Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held February 3rd, 2025 at 7:00pm, held at the Municipal Office.

At which were present, in person, in his worship Mayor Donald Gagnon, Councillors Neil Maloney, Corey Bissonnette, Louis Schryer and Jacques Fleury.

The Director General, Alicia Jones, is present.

Councillors ChrissyAnn Payne and Dustin Denault are absent.

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

Mayor Gagnon welcomes everyone and declares the meeting open.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

014-25/02 Moved by Louis Schryer to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

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

None.

**4. Adoption of the minutes**

015-25/02 Moved by Neil Maloney that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13th, 2025 be adopted.

Adopted

**5.**  **Visitors**

 None.

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

 The Mayor has no report.

**7.**  **Committee reports**

***Security public***

Councilor 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.

016-25/02 *Recycling bins program*

Moved by Corey Bissonnette to proceed with procuring the bins required for door-to-door recycling pickup and to continue to engage with the MRC Pontiac and the neighboring municipalities to plan for a cost-effective to service the entire municipality.

Adopted

 ***Planning and development***

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

***Admin & Finance***

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

017-25/02 *ByLaw # 2025-001**– Taxation ByLaw*

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 Louis Schryer at a regular meeting of Council held on January 13th, 2025;

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

It was moved by Louis Schryer, and unanimously resolved that this BY-LAW # 2025-001 entitled "By-law respecting the imposition of the rates of property tax and service taxes for the fiscal year 2025 and the conditions of tax collection" be enacted.

Adopted

018-25/02 *Sharing services*

Moved by Louis Schryer to continue to share services with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, as well as to explore further shared services as presented by the Intermunicipal Cooperation Committee.

Adopted

019-25/02 *Support and Financial Contribution to the Residential Development Project*

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester recognizes the growing housing needs in the region and the importance of providing adequate and affordable residential options for families, seniors, and new residents;

WHEREAS the proposed residential development project by the Office d’Habitation de l’Outaouais (OHO), in partnership with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, aligns with the Municipality’s priorities in terms of community growth, economic development, and social well-being;

WHEREAS this project is expected to contribute to the local economy by increasing demand for goods and services, benefiting businesses, infrastructure, and essential services;

WHEREAS the development will provide essential residential solutions, allowing families to settle in the region, seniors to access housing adapted to their needs, and new residents to integrate into the community;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester acknowledges the efforts made by the OHO and the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes to advance this important initiative;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester wishes to demonstrate its commitment to the success of this project by providing financial support;

It is moved by Councillor Neil Maloney and RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Chichester formally expresses its full support for the residential development project proposed by the Office d’Habitation de l’Outaouais (OHO) in L’Isle-aux-Allumettes and encourages all stakeholders to facilitate the successful implementation of this initiative;

It is ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Chichester commits to a financial contribution of $2,500 over a period of ten (10) years, conditional on the realization of this project, with the allocation of funds in accordance with the Municipality’s annual budget planning;

It is FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office d’Habitation de l’Outaouais, the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, and any other relevant parties to demonstrate the Municipality’s commitment to supporting residential development in the region.

Adopted

***Leisure , Recreation , Tourism & Marketing***

Councillor Payne, Chair of the Leisure, Recreation, Tourism and Marketing Committee, being absent; the Mayor gives a report.

021-25/02 *Funding Agreement – Canadian Heritage*

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Chichester has been informed of the opportunity to obtain a grant of $21,200.00 from Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada, for funding activities related to the 150th anniversary of the construction of the Culbute Canal, scheduled for June 28, 2025;

WHEREAS Section 2 of Decree 1852-2024 stipulates that a certified true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the municipal body authorizing the conclusion of an agreement must be sent to Municipal Affairs within thirty days following the signing of the agreement;

WHEREAS the Council must also confirm that the grant agreement complies with the requirements of Decree 1852-2024, particularly ensuring that it does not interfere with the exercise of municipal powers;

It is RESOLVED that:

1. The Council authorizes the signing of the grant agreement, by the Director General, with the Government of Canada for the funding of activities related to the 150th anniversary of the construction of the Culbute Canal, scheduled for June 28, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Decree 1852-2024;
2. A certified true copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs within thirty (30) days following the signing of the agreement;
3. The Council confirms that this grant agreement complies with the requirements of Decree 1852-2024 and has no impact on the exercise of municipal powers related to the adoption of regulations, administration, financial management, the provision of municipal services, elections, municipal referendums, or public participation.

Adopted

**8. Questions from the Public**

None.

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

022-25/02 Moved by Corey Bissonnette that bills be paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

**10.**  **Correspondence**

 None.

**11.**  **Varia**

 None.

 **12. In-camera session**

023-25/02 Moved by Corey Bissonnette to proceed with an in-camera session, at 8:20pm.

Adopted

024-25/02 Moved by Neil Maloney to return to the regular meeting in progress, at 8:30pm.

Adopted

025-25-02 *Interim Municipal Inspector*

Moved by Louis Schryer to ratify the appointment of Charles Gallant as the Interim Municipal Inspector for the Municipality of Chichester, in conjunction with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, who will perform all required duties and assist with training our new employee, as discussed.

Adopted

026-25/02 *Municipal Inspector*

Moved by Corey Bissonnette to approve the hiring of Patrick Larochelle as Municipal Inspector for the Municipality of Chichester, in conjunction with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, as recommended by the Selection and Hiring Committee.

Adopted

027-25/02 *Job Posting – Receptionist*

Moved by Jacques Fleury to approve the posting for the position of Receptionist / Taxation clerk, as presented.

Adopted

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

028-25/02 Moved by Neil Maloney that the next regular council meeting be held on Monday, March 10th, 2025.

Adopted

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

029-25/02 Moved by Corey Bissonnette that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 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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