

Municipality of Waltham

This public sitting of the Council is recorded.

Minutes of a regular meeting held at the usual place and time on September 3rd 2024, under the chairmanship of Her Worship Mayor Mrs. Odette Godin with the presence of the following councilors # 1 Mrs. Brenda Landry, #2 Mr. Leonard Godin, #3 Mrs. Ramona Marion, #4 Mr. Brendan Adam, #5 Mr. Elwood Allard and # 6 Mr. Tyler Rochon

Mrs. Annik Plante Director General is also present.

Statement by the mayor (Decorum)

01-03-09-24 Adoption of the agenda

Moved by councilor Rochon and seconded by councilor Landry to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted

02-03-09-24 Acceptance of last month's minutes

Moved by councilor Marion and seconded by councilor Rochon, to accept last month minutes as deposited.

Adopted

VISITORS: 24 visitors are present and a question period is organized.

- Recent reports have raised concerns among residents regarding the future of the municipality and the next steps to be taken. There is a growing desire for clarity on the municipality's direction and the measures being implemented to address current challenges.
- A comment was received regarding the municipal website, indicating that it is not user-friendly.
- A resident inquired about the municipal trailer by-law. In response, the mayor suggested that the resident schedule an appointment with the building inspector for further clarification and assistance.
- A positive comment was received expressing appreciation for the road work completed on Black River.
- Concerns were raised regarding the installation of septic systems on Black River. Residents expressed their apprehensions about potential environmental impacts and the overall effectiveness of the installations.
- A safety issue was brought to attention regarding a rope that is limiting access to the mailboxes and the park entrance.
- A comment was received indicating that the municipal dock is in poor condition.
- A resident expressed concerns about overgrown trees on Traversier Road. This issue may affect visibility and safety for drivers and pedestrians, emphasizing the need for maintenance to ensure clear access and improve the overall condition of the roadway.

COMMITTEES REPORT:

- The arena is in good condition, with no issues to be reported, as it is currently out of season.
- No issues at the transfer site.
- Black River Road is well-maintained, and residents are pleased with the grading and overall road conditions. Councilor Allard mentioned that there are washouts on Dempsey Road that require attention.

- All council members agreed that some brushing is needed continue throughout the municipality to maintain clear and safe pathways.

Mayor's report:

- Attended a meeting at Résidence Meilleur.
- Attended a meeting at the MRC Pontiac.
- Attended an Énergétique meeting.

03-03-09-24 Deposit of the Report from the Municipal Commission of Québec

During the public meeting, the Director General presented the report from the Municipal Commission of Québec (CMQ), which outlines several recommendations following the disclosure of wrongdoing against the Municipality of Waltham. This report aims to address the identified issues and guide the municipality toward improved governance and accountability. The council is now tasked with reviewing these recommendations to ensure necessary actions are taken for compliance.

04-03-09-24 Administrative assistant

It was moved by Councilor Marion and seconded by Councilor Landry that the Municipality of Waltham proceed with initiating the hiring process for an administrative assistant in the municipal office. As the first step, the Director General has been mandated to prepare a detailed job posting that outlines the qualifications, responsibilities, and expectations for the position. The posting will be published in the local newspaper and other appropriate channels to ensure a broad and inclusive search for qualified candidates.

Adopted

Councilor Allard would like to register that he is against this motion.

05-03-09-24 Transfer site stickers

It was moved by councilor Marion and seconded by councilor Godin that the Municipality of Waltham implement a sticker system to regulate access to the transfer site. It was accepted by the municipality to mandate Enseignes Pontiac for the creation of the necessary decals. The total cost for this service will be \$876.69.

Adopted

06-03-09-24 Payment of the bills

Moved by councilor Godin and seconded by councilor Rochon to pay the bills of the month in the amount of \$75 902.36.

Adopted

Certificate of availability

I, Annik Plante, Director General of the Municipality of Waltham, certify that there are funds available for the expenses approved above. Given at Waltham, on the 3rd day of September 2024.

Annik Plante
Director General/Secretary Treasurer

07-03-09-24 Closed

Moved by councilor Marion and seconded by councilor Landry to close the meeting at 7:57 P.M.

Adopted

Mayor Mrs. Odette Godin

Director General/Secretary Treasure Mrs. Annik Plante
