

Municipality of Waltham

This public sitting of the Council is recorded.

Minutes of a regular meeting held at the usual place and time on October 1st 2025, presence of the following councillors # 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.

Absent: Mayor Mrs. Odette Godin

Mrs. Annik Plante Director General is also present.

01-01-10-25 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PRO MAYOR

WHEREAS the Municipality of Waltham requires the appointment of a Pro-Mayor to fulfill the duties of the mayor in their absence;

WHEREAS it was deemed necessary to proceed with this appointment during the current meeting due to unforeseen circumstances;

IT IS MOVED by councillor Rochon and seconded by councillor Marion

THAT Mr. Leonard Godin Councillor for the Municipality of Waltham, is hereby appointed as Pro-Mayor effective immediately, for the sole purpose of presiding over this meeting.

Statement by the mayor (Decorum)

The Director General proceeded with the reading of Article 159 of the Municipal Code.

02-01-10-25 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by councillor Rochon and seconded by councillor Adam to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted

03-01-10-25 ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Moved by councillor Adam and seconded by councillor Marion, to accept last month minutes as deposited.

Adopted

VISITORS: 11 visitors are present and a question period is organized.

- Mrs. Betty Ryan addressed Council to request that the speed limit on the highway from Perry Road to the provincial bridge be reduced, as she considers this section to be dangerous.

The Director General acknowledged her concern and informed Mrs. Ryan that a new process has already been initiated with the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) to request a speed limit review for that area.

COMMITTEES REPORT

- **Arena:** No new updates were reported.
- **Transfer Site:** No new updates were reported.
- **Road Committee:** No new updates were reported.
- **RA Committee:** No new updates were reported.
- **Intermunicipal Committee:** No new updates were reported.
- **Fire Department:** Councillor Godin reported no updates or communications at this time.

Mayor’s report:

It is noted that no report was presented during the meeting, as Mayor Godin was absent.

04-01-10-25 MAINTENANCE WORK ON BLACK RIVER ROAD (KM 9.5)

WHEREAS maintenance work is required on Black River Road at kilometer 9.5 to reinforce the road shoulder with blasted stone;

WHEREAS Milton Kidd will be responsible for carrying out the work;

WHEREAS at the last meeting, Councillor Timmy mentioned that he would have Milton inspect the site prior to the work;

IT IS PROPOSED BY Marion and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Rochon
AND RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality authorize the maintenance work on Black River Road (KM 9.5) to reinforce the shoulder with blasted stone, to be completed by Milton Kidd.

Adopted

Pro Mayor Godin asked Councillor Adam for an update on the FQM Congress. Councillor Adam reported that it was a valuable opportunity for all council members. He attended several conferences and workshops, which were informative and provided practical guidance for municipal governance.

05-01-10-25 TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF RESCUE BOAT FROM SERVICE

WHEREAS the municipal rescue boat requires inspection and potential repairs to ensure it meets safety and operational standards;

WHEREAS it is necessary to remove the rescue boat from service temporarily until all inspections and required repairs have been completed;

IT IS PROPOSED BY Councillor Rochon and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Landry

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AND RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality temporarily remove the rescue boat from service until inspections and all necessary repairs are completed.

Adopted

06-01-10-25 RESCUE BOAT – COST ESTIMATION FOR REPAIRS

WHEREAS Resolution 05-01-10-25 authorized the temporary removal of the municipal rescue boat from service until inspections and necessary repairs are completed;

WHEREAS it is important to obtain an estimate of the costs related to the required repairs in order to determine the budget implications;

IT IS PROPOSED BY Councillor Rochon **AND SECONDED BY** Councillor Adam

AND RESOLVED

THAT Fire Chief Mr. Larry Perry be authorized to obtain an estimate of the costs for the inspection and repairs required for the municipal rescue boat and to report back to Council once the information is available.

Adopted

07-01-10-25 APPROVAL OF SNOW PLOWING AND SANDING CONTRACT 2025–2026

WHEREAS the Municipality of Waltham issued a public call for tenders for the snow plowing and sanding of municipal roads and streets for the 2025–2026 winter season;

WHEREAS the tender opening took place on September 29, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the municipal office, in the presence of **Foreman Timmy Dempsey, councillor Allard, and Director General Annik Plante;**

WHEREAS only one tender was received, from **Kidd Milton & Sons**, in the amount of **\$156,117.69**, and the submission was found to be in conformity with the required documentation;

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Marion and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Adam **AND RESOLVED**

THAT the Municipality of Waltham award the contract for snow plowing and sanding of municipal roads and streets for the 2025–2026 winter season to **Kidd Milton & Sons**, in the amount of **\$156,117.69**, in accordance with the submitted tender.

Adopted

08-01-10-25 – CLARIFICATION REGARDING PETITION SUBMITTED TO THE MRC

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WHEREAS a letter was submitted to the MRC Pontiac by Ms. Jordan Evans, signed under the name of the Municipality of Waltham and identifying her as a former council member;

WHEREAS the letter was also signed by two current council members in their capacity as councillors;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Waltham did not authorize the preparation or submission of this letter, and Council did not adopt any resolution mandating or supporting such an action;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAMH) has confirmed that any official communication, petition, or request submitted to the MRC or any other authority must be accompanied by a duly adopted resolution of Council in order to represent the official position of the Municipality;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Waltham hereby declares that the letter/petition submitted to the MRC Pontiac by Ms. Jordan Evans was not authorized by Council and does not represent the official position of the Municipality of Waltham;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the MRC Pontiac to ensure clarity and transparency regarding the Municipality's official position;

FURTHERMORE, during discussions, certain members of Council expressed that they agreed with the content of the document and supported the statements made by Mrs. Evans therein.

IT WAS PROPOSED BY Councillor Rochon and **SECONDED BY** Councillor Allard that the resolution be adopted, **indicating that they support the content of the document.**

A vote was requested, and the results were as follows:

- **In favour:** Councillors Rochon, Councillors Allard, and Councillors Adam
- **Opposed:** Councillors Marion and Councillors Landry

Adopted

09-01-10-25 – REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE THE MRC PONTIAC PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON FIRE SERVICES INTEGRATION/REGIONALIZATION

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac has scheduled three public information sessions regarding the fire services integration/regionalization initiative;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Waltham was informed that one of these sessions is planned for **Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.;**

WHEREAS Councillor Allard expressed that this date falls during the active hunting season, a period during which many residents and volunteer firefighters are unavailable;

WHEREAS Councillor Allard believes that holding the consultation during this period will significantly limit public participation and input; 4

IT WAS PROPOSED BY Councillor Allard **AND SECONDED BY** Councillor Rochon
AND RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of Waltham formally request, by resolution, that the **MRC Pontiac** consider rescheduling the public consultation on fire services integration/regionalization to a later date that would allow for greater community participation.

Adopted

**10-01-10-25 – APPROVAL TO OPEN THE TRANSFER SITE ON
THANKSGIVING MONDAY**

WHEREAS the municipal transfer site is typically open on Mondays that fall during long weekends in the summer;

WHEREAS a request was made to have the transfer site open on **Thanksgiving Monday** to accommodate residents;

WHEREAS Councillor Landry proposed to approve this request, and Councillor Rochon seconded the proposal;

IT WAS PROPOSED BY Councillor Landry **AND SECONDED BY** Councillor Rochon
AND RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of Waltham approve opening the transfer site on Thanksgiving Monday from 12 PM to 4 PM, in addition to its regular schedule during long weekends in the summer.

Adopted

**11-01-10-25 – REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE 148 (PERRY STREET
TO PROVINCIAL BRIDGE)**

WHEREAS the safety of the citizens of Waltham, including children commuting on school buses, is a priority for the Municipality;

WHEREAS the segment of Route 148 between Perry Street and the provincial bridge over the Outaouais River is recognized as a dangerous section due to sharp curves and limited visibility for vehicles entering from local streets such as PEL road;

WHEREAS despite repeated requests by the Municipality to the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ), no action has been taken to reduce the speed limit in this area;

WHEREAS in the majority of municipalities within the Pontiac, speed reductions are applied when approaching populated zones along Route 148;

IT WAS PROPOSED BY Councillor Rochon **AND SECONDED BY** Councillor Adam
AND RESOLVED

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Waltham formally requests that the MTQ reduce the speed limit on Route 148, between Perry Street and the provincial bridge, to 70 km/h;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transport, the local MTQ office, and M. Fortin to request follow-up and implementation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality urges the MTQ to consider this request as a priority given the high safety risk for motorists, pedestrians, and school children.

Adopted

12-01-10-25 – REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT ON CHEMIN CHAPEAU AT CARROLL CORNER

- WHEREAS** the safety of the citizens of Waltham, including children commuting on school buses, is a priority for the Municipality;
- WHEREAS** Carrolls Corner on Chemin Chapeau is a high-risk area due to frequent school bus stops and limited visibility for vehicles approaching the area;
- WHEREAS** despite the presence of school bus stops and pedestrian traffic, no speed reduction has been implemented in this area;
- WHEREAS** reducing the speed limit in zones with school bus activity is a common practice in municipalities across the Pontiac region to ensure the safety of children and motorists;

IT WAS PROPOSED BY Councillor Rochon **AND SECONDED BY** Councillor Adam

AND RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Municipality of Waltham formally requests that the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) reduce the speed limit to 70 km/h at Carrolls Corner on Chemin Chapeau;
2. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transport, the local MTQ office, and M. Fortin to request follow-up and implementation;
3. The Municipality urges the MTQ to prioritize this request given the high safety risk for school children, pedestrians, and motorists.

13-01-10-25 – REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BUS ZONE SIGN AT CARROLLS CORNER ON CHEMIN CHAPEAU

- WHEREAS** the safety of the citizens of Waltham, particularly children commuting on school buses, is a priority for the Municipality;
- WHEREAS** Carrolls Corner on Chemin Chapeau is a location where school buses frequently stop to pick up and drop off students;
- WHEREAS** there is currently no signage indicating a school bus zone at this location, increasing the risk for children and motorists;
- WHEREAS** proper signage is essential to alert drivers to exercise caution and reduce speed near school bus stops;

IT WAS PROPOSED BY Councillor Allard **AND SECONDED BY** Councillor Rochon

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AND RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Municipality of Waltham formally requests that the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) install a school bus zone sign at Carrolls Corner on Chemin Chapeau;
2. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transport, the local MTQ office, and M. Fortin to request follow-up and implementation;
3. The Municipality urges the MTQ to prioritize this request given the high safety risk for school children and motorists.

14-01-10-25 – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION – MAISON DE LA FAMILLE DU PONTIAC

WHEREAS the Maison de la Famille du Pontiac has submitted a request for financial support for the construction of a new rear gallery equipped with a ramp for reduced mobility, benefiting families and seniors in the community;

WHEREAS this project aims to improve accessibility, safety, and the quality of life for users, particularly during intergenerational and community activities;

WHEREAS the total estimated cost of the project is \$26,500;

WHEREAS Council wishes to support this initiative that aligns with the Municipality's commitment to accessibility and community well-being;

IT WAS PROPOSED BY Councillor Adam **AND SECONDED BY** Councillor Rochon **AND RESOLVED:**

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Waltham authorize a financial contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Maison de la Famille du Pontiac for the construction of a rear gallery with an accessibility ramp;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the amount be paid from the donations and community support budget.

Adopted

Before concluding the meeting, the Director General shared the following communications with council members:

- **Mutation:** There are no property mutations to report for this month.
- **Fire Report:**

The Waltham Fire Department responded to one (1) incident during the month of September:

- **September 20, 2025** – Mutual Aid Call (West Pontiac Fire Department)
Minor building fire located on the exterior of a deck attached to a structure.

The Director General shared several correspondences and relevant information with Council:

- The Council was informed of a **complete fire ban** currently in effect across the entire territory of Québec, as communicated by the MRC and relevant authorities. **All outdoor fires are strictly prohibited, with no exceptions**, including brush fires, non-compliant burn barrels, fireworks, and any other type of fire.
- **Fire Department Recruitment Report**

The Fire Chief provided to the DG an update on recruitment as of September 30, 2025. Four individuals have expressed interest in joining the Waltham Fire Department and were provided with application forms. To date, two completed applications have been returned, while two are still outstanding. This represents the current status of recruitment efforts and department requirements.

15-01-10-25 PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Moved by councillor Landry and seconded by councillor Marion to pay the bills of the month in the amount of \$ 64 646.40

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 1st ay of October 2025.

Annik Plante
Director General/Secretary Treasurer

16-01-10-25 CLOSED

Moved by councillor Rochon and seconded by councillor Adam to close the meeting at 7: 44 P.M.

Adopted

Pro Mayor Mr. Leonard Godin

Director General/Secretary Treasure Mrs. Annik Plante
