Province of Québec

Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes held May 13th, 2025 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 Patrick Fleming, Ivan Schryer, Nancy McGuire, Brian Adam and Robert Chafe.

Councillor Mariette Sallafranque is absent.

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**

Councillor Mariette Sallafranque is absent.

1. **Recording of the sitting**

The current meeting is being audio recorded for administrative purposes.

**4. Adoption of agenda**

064-25/05 Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Schryer, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted

**5. Adoption of minutes**

065-25/05 Moved by Councillor Chafe, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to approve the minutes from the last regular Council meeting of April 1st, 2025 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**

None.

**9. Correspondence**

* *Letter from Chapeau & District Lions Club requesting a monetary donation for their annual Fishing Derby*

066-25/05 Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Chafe, to approve a donation of $250 to the Chapeau & District Lions Club in support of their 2025 Fishing derby.

 Adopted

 **10. Committee Reports**

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

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

067-25/05 *Trailer bylaw - amendments*

Moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Schryer, to approve the amendments proposed to the Trailer Bylaw, removing the fees required for visiting trailers.

Adopted

 **Public Works**

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

068-25/05 *Poor and unsafe Condition – Pembroke Road and Route 148*

WHEREAS the Pembroke Road and the Route 148 serve as the main artery connecting the Province of Quebec to the Province of Ontario in this region;

WHEREAS these roads are heavily used by residents of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes and neighbouring municipalities across the MRC Pontiac for commuting to work, accessing essential services, and carrying out daily activities;

WHEREAS the current condition of Pembroke Road and Route 148 has significantly deteriorated, with numerous potholes, cracks, uneven surfaces, and general disrepair;

WHEREAS the poor state of these roads poses a serious risk to public safety, including risks to motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and school transportation;

WHEREAS these transportation routes are also critical for emergency services, delivery of goods, and tourism, all of which are negatively impacted by the unsafe conditions;

WHEREAS multiple municipalities in the MRC Pontiac rely on these roads for economic and social connectivity, and the degradation of infrastructure compromises the regional development of Western Quebec;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes formally lodges a complaint with the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable (MTMD) and calls upon the Ministry to:

* Acknowledge the urgent need for repairs and resurfacing of Pembroke Road and Route 148 within our region;
* Prioritize funding and scheduling for the rehabilitation of these critical transport corridors;
* Consult and communicate with local municipalities, including L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, regarding project timelines and coordination;
* Provide interim safety measures or temporary repairs until permanent upgrades can be implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, the Member of the National Assembly for Pontiac, the MRC Pontiac, and all neighbouring municipalities affected by these road conditions.

Adopted

069-25/05 *Tenders – Yellow Lines*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to proceed with the call for tenders for the required painting of the yellow lines as well as the crosswalk discussed on St-Jacques street.

Adopted

070-25/05 *Sale of pickup truck*

Moved by Councillor Schryer, seconded by Councillor Fleming, to proceed with the sale of the used 2011 GMC Sierra, by way of public bids with a reserve bid, as discussed.

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, being absent; Councillor Chafe gives a verbal report.

071-25/05 *Citizens Participatory Committee*

WHEREAS the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes launched a Citizens Participatory Program, in conjunction with matching funding provided by the MRC Pontiac FRR2 program, inviting the public to submit project proposals aimed at improving community life;

WHEREAS a project selection committee was formed to review and shortlist eligible proposals based on criteria established by the municipality and the MRC Pontiac;

WHEREAS t he shortlisted projects were presented to the public for voting, and the citizens of the municipality participated in the selection process;

WHEREAS the project that received the most votes was the installation of a permanent generator at the Harrington Community Centre to ensure emergency power availability during outages;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes formally approves the implementation of the selected project — the installation of a generator at the Harrington Community Centre;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the work must be completed no later than December 31, 2025, and all necessary steps for procurement, installation, and inspection shall be carried out in accordance with municipal procedures and safety regulations;

Adopted

 **Public Security**

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

072-25/05 *Building – Tower Site*

Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Schryer, to approve the purchase and installation of a prefabricated building required for the new tower site, to house the required equipment, as discussed.

Adopted

073-25/05 *Upgrades to firehalls*

Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Schryer, to approve the upgrades required for the Firehalls in Chapeau and Chichester, based on available budget.

 Adopted

 **Administration**

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

074-25/05 *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 11th, 2025, in order to meet the requirements of Article 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec;

It is therefore proposed by Councillor Adam, seconded by Councillor Schryer 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

075-25/05 *Land sale - mandate representative*

WHEREAS the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes 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. 075-25-05;

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 Adam, seconded by Councillor 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 11th, 2025, and this, up to the amounts of taxes, capital, interest and costs.

Adopted

076-25/05 *FQM Conference*

Moved by Councillor Adam, seconded by Councillor McGuire, to approve the attendance of Councillors Brian Adam and Robert Chafe to the 2025 FQM Conference in Quebec.

Adopted

**11. Review of monthly payables**

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

**12. Questions from the public**

 None.

 **13. Varia**

 None.

 **14. In camera session**

 Not required.

**15. Date of next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025 at 7:00p.m. at the Municipal office.

**16. Closing of meeting**

077-25/05 Moved by Councillor Chafe and seconded by Councillor Schryer that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40pm.

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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