

Province of Quebec
Municipality of Sheenboro

Regular Meeting of the Sheenboro Town Council held on August 11th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Present in person were Mayor Doris Ranger, Councillors Karen Shea, Lorna Brennan Agnesi, Richard Bradshaw, John Brennan, Dick Edwards and Shamus Morris.

Ashlee Poirier, Director General and Secretary-Treasurer, was also present.

1. Opening of the meeting

The mayor notes that there is a quorum and the meeting opens at 6:28 p.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda

138 -2025 IT IS moved by Councillor Bradshaw to adopt the agenda with the addition to Varia 12B – Hydro Quebec

Adopted

3. Conflict of interest

No conflict of interest has been declared.

4. Adoption of the minutes

A. Minutes of the Council meeting of July 7th, 2025

139 -2025 It is proposed by Councilor Bradshaw that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7th, 2025, be adopted.

Adopted

5. Question period

Question period was held between 6:33 PM and 6:50 PM

6. Urbanism

A. Building Inspectors Report

Council reviewed the monthly building inspectors report.

7. Administration

A. Payment of bills

140 -2025 It is moved by Councillor Bradshaw to pay the bills as presented.

CERTIFICATES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ACCOUNTS: I, Ashlee Poirier, Secretary Treasurer, hereby certify that there are funds available for the purposes for which expenditures total \$ 97 417.43 proposed.

Signed in Sheenboro, Quebec
This August 11th, 2025.

Ashlee Poirier, Director General/ Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

B. Canada Summer Jobs Program

WHEREAS that the Canada Summer Jobs program provides financial support or the hiring of young people aged 15 to 30, enabling municipalities to offer local services, particularly in the areas of recreation and culture;

WHEREAS that the young people hired through this program are primarily assigned to essential services such as municipal day camps, which allow parents to balance work and family responsibilities during the summer;

WHEREAS that the cuts observed under the program for 2025 significantly reduce the capacity of municipalities to offer these services;

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WHEREAS that the inconsistencies observed between the directions of the Government of Quebec and those of the Government of Canada regarding the integration of young people into the job market create ambiguous and harmful situations for municipalities;

WHEREAS that maintaining and improving services to citizens requires predictable and equitable support from the federal government;

141-2025	IT IS	moved by Councillor Bradshaw and unanimously resolved
	THAT	the Municipal Council denounce the cuts made to the Canada Summer Jobs program for 2025, which directly harm the services offered to families and young people;
	THAT	it call on the Government of Canada to immediately and significantly increase funding for the program to ensure the maintenance of municipal summer jobs and the public services that depend on them;
	THAT	the Municipality forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Mark Carney, the Minister of Employment, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, the Member of Parliament for the riding of Pontiac Kitigan Zibi, Mrs. Sophie Chatel, the Fédération québécoise des municipalités, the Union des municipalités du Québec, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and other Quebec municipalities to obtain their support

Adopted

C. Intermunicipal Grant

- *Commitment to Merger Study*

WHEREAS the Municipality of Sheenboro acknowledges having read and understood the Applicant's Guide for the "Cooperation and Municipal Governance" component of the *Fonds régions et ruralité*, under the "Intermunicipal Cooperation" stream;

WHEREAS the municipal organizations of Sheenboro, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Chichester wish to submit a project for shared services of waste management, public works and administration under the terms of the grant program;

WHEREAS the municipal organizations of Sheenboro, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Chichester commit to engaging in a reflection process, including a study, that will explore the advantages and disadvantages of a municipal merger;

WHEREAS this reflection process includes responsibilities and obligations on the part of all the participating municipal organizations.

THEREFORE,

142-2025

IT IS moved by Councillor Morris and resolved that this be adopted and that it decrees the following:

The council of Sheenboro commits to participating in the project entitled shared services of waste management, public works and administration;

The council commits to participating in the process that that will explore the advantages and disadvantages of a municipal merger;

The council designates the Mayor and the Director General to sign any document necessary, useful, or requested by the municipal organization responsible for the project for the purposes of this grant application.

Adopted unanimously

- *Intermunicipal Cooperation Project*

WHEREAS the Municipality of Sheenboro acknowledges having read and understood the Applicant's Guide for the "Cooperation and Municipal Governance" component of the *Fonds régions et ruralité*, under the "Intermunicipal Cooperation" stream;

WHEREAS the municipal organizations of **Sheenboro, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Chichester** wish to submit a project for the **shared services for Waste Management, Public Works and Administration** under the "Cooperation and Municipal Governance" component of the *Fonds régions et ruralité*;

THEREFORE,

143-2025

IT IS moved by Councillor Brennan and resolved that this resolution be adopted and that it decrees the following:

The council of Sheenboro commits to participating in the project entitled **shared services for Waste Management, Public Works and Administration**;

The council agrees to assume a portion of the project costs, specifically the minimum contribution required under the program;

The council designates the municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes as the organization responsible for the project and authorizes the submission of the project under the "Cooperation and Municipal Governance" component of the *Fonds régions et ruralité*, stream "Intermunicipal Cooperation";

The council appoints the Mayor and Director General to sign any document necessary, useful, or requested by the municipal organization responsible for the project for the purposes of this grant application.

Adopted unanimously

8. Environment

A. Door-to-Door Pick-Up

144-2025

IT IS moved by Councillor Brennan-Agnesi to proceed to tender for curbside garbage collection with an option for collection of organic waste, starting in 2026; and to collaborate with neighboring municipalities and, possibly, the MRC Pontiac to share and achieve the most cost-effective contract and to allow the Director General to sign all pertaining documents on behalf of the Municipality of Sheenboro

Adopted

9. Public works

A. Projects

Council had a discussion regarding the recent road projects that were completed.

B. Brush Cutter

A request was made from public works for the purchase of a new brush cutter. Council has decided to incorporate the cost in next years budget.

C. Gravel

145-2025

IT IS moved by Councillor Brennan to apply gravel to the following roads where needed:

- Chemin Berrigan 3 loads
- Chemin HorseShoe Bay 3 loads
- Chemin Hudson Bay 3 loads
- Chemin Sara 3 loads

- Chemin Montagne 3 loads
- Chemin Lac-à-la-Truite 5 loads

Adopted

146-2026 IT IS moved by councillor Brennan to add 1681 tons of gravel from tender 2024-SHEEN-001 to tender AO-532840952501 for an additional cost of \$22 037.91

Adopted

D. Signage

147-2025 IT IS moved by Councillor Edwards to purchase a sign for the bottom of Trout Lake Road asking users to engage their 4X4 and to purchase a Handicap parking sign for the office.

Adopted

10. Elections

A. Renumeration By-Law 2025-004

A notice of motion was given by councillor Brennan

11. Public Security

A. 911 Agreement

148-2025 IT IS moved by councillor Brennan to adopt the 10 year service agreement with Bell Canada for the Next Generation 9-1-1 and to allow the Director General to sign all pertaining documents.

Adopted

12. Varia

A. Upper Pontiac Sports Complex

149-2025 IT IS moved by Councillor Morris that the Municipality of Sheenboro formally request that its representative on the Upper Pontiac Sports Complex Board of Directors be granted a voting right at the table. Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the other contributing municipalities for their support.

Adopted

B. Hydro- Quebec

Councilor Edwards brought to the attention of the council the equipment failure a local business in Sheenboro suffered due to the recent power outages.

13. Correspondance

A. A letter was read to council.

14. In-Camera

150-2025 IT IS moved by Councilor Brennan to go into camera at 8:33PM.

Adopted

151 -2025 IT IS moved by Councilor Brennan to return to the regular meeting at 8:36PM.

Adopted

152-2025 IT IS moved by Councilor Brennan to re-imburse a ratepayer due to overpayment in the amount of \$569.92.

Adopted

15. Next meeting

September 8th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

16. Closing of the meeting

153-2025 It is moved by Councillor Morris that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Adopted

Mayor

Assistant Director General
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

I, *Doris Ranger* , certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to my signing all motions contained herein within the meaning of Article 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.