

Municipality of Waltham

This public sitting of the Council is recorded.

Minutes of a regular meeting held at the usual place and time on April 15th 2026, under the chairmanship of Mayor Jordan Evans with the presence of the following councillors # 1 Mrs. Chantal Fortin, #2 Mr. Francis Turner, #3 Mrs. Holli Lair, #5 Mr. Elwood Allard and # 6 Mr. Tyler Rochon
ABSENT: Mr. Brendan Adam

Mrs. Annik Plante Director General is also present.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR (Decorum)

01-15-04-26 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was proposed to move the question period to the end of the meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR TURNER

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Adopted

02-15-04-26 — ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LAIR

THAT the minutes of the last months be accepted as presented.

Mayor Evans provided clarification for the record regarding the previous month's minutes, where it was noted that no response had been provided to a question concerning a committee report. Mayor Evans confirmed that MRC committee deliberations are considered confidential under MRC policy, and that only items brought forward through Council of Mayors are subject to public discussion.

Adopted

VISITORS

Eight (8) visitors were present.

A resident questioned whether items discussed at MRC meetings are shared with Council members, noting that municipal council meetings had previously been adjusted in part for this purpose. The resident expressed concern that there is limited feedback or reporting from MRC meetings and indicated that, in his view, providing only the publicly available MRC agenda is not sufficient. He emphasized the importance of having information from these meetings reported to residents during Council sessions.

Megan Rochon advised Council that she had been contacted by the soccer league in Chapeau, noting that their ball field is currently under maintenance and therefore not accessible. The league requested permission to use the municipal baseball field from May to June. Council confirmed there was no objection to the request. Megan Rochon was directed to relay the approval and appropriate information to the league.

COMMITTEES REPORT

Finance, Administration and HR
No report.

Public Works & Infrastructure

Council discussed an issue on Dempsey Road near the MTQ garage, where pavement damage has occurred due to heavy equipment turning into the facility. Council agreed to adopt a resolution during the meeting to address the matter and to forward it to the MTQ.

Transfer Site

No report.

Fire Service

No report.

Recreation & Arena

It was noted that a volunteer dinner is upcoming, and the arena will be applying for a grant to assist with the repair of aging equipment.

Planning & Environment

No report.

Councillor Lair requested that the upcoming working session include a discussion regarding committee mandates.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Evans reported that several files continue to be worked on by Council and Administration, including ongoing administrative matters.

She noted that working sessions are continuing to be held in public to increase transparency for residents. Mayor Evans also emphasized that public participation remains an important part of the municipal decision-making process.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Director General provided Council with an update regarding the procedure for proposed modifications to the Fire Safety Cover Plan.

The Fire Chief will first identify and map sectors that are difficult to access or potentially not adequately covered under existing fire protection services. These areas will be designated as coverage limitations or difficult-to-access sectors in order to formally document any response constraints and potential delays.

Council will then be required to adopt a resolution approving the proposed modifications to the Fire Safety Cover Plan. A special meeting is planned for this purpose, proposed for April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Council will receive supporting documentation in the coming days, including a draft resolution, mapping of affected sectors, and the proposed amendments to the Fire Safety Cover Plan. These documents will form the basis of Council's decision and subsequent submission to the Ministry through the MRC.

FFR Program (Volet 2) and PAFIRSPA

The Director General informed Council that three potential projects have been identified under Volet 2 of the FFR program: a local business board, a mural on the fire hall, and upgrades to the fire hall. These projects were confirmed as eligible following a meeting with the Economic Development Commissioner.

It was noted that the application process requires detailed project descriptions and confirmed cost estimates, which are not yet finalized. Council direction is required on whether to proceed with all three applications or prioritize specific projects, given the significant administrative work² involved.

Due to the April 30 deadline, a special meeting will be required to adopt the necessary resolution once all information is completed. The Director General proposed April 28th at 7:00 p.m. for this purpose.

Council was also informed that the outdoor rink roof project might be eligible under the PAFIRSPA program, with an application deadline of June 22, 2026.

03-15-04-26 DEMPSEY ROAD (MTQ GARAGE AREA)

WHEREAS Dempsey Road, specifically in the vicinity of the MTQ garage entrance, is experiencing significant deterioration, including potholes and pavement damage;

- WHEREAS** it is understood that the damage is largely attributable to frequent heavy vehicle movements entering and exiting the MTQ facility;
- WHEREAS** previous discussions have indicated that the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) may have considered infrastructure reinforcement works in this specific area, including the possible installation of a reinforced concrete surface;
- WHEREAS** to date, no formal confirmation or timeline has been received by the Municipality regarding such works;
- WHEREAS** concerns regarding the condition of this section of roadway have been raised by members of Council and reported to the Director General, who has already submitted an official complaint to the MTQ;
- WHEREAS** it is in the interest of public safety and proper maintenance of infrastructure to address the condition of this roadway section in a timely manner;

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LAIR

- THAT** the Municipality of Waltham respectfully request that the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) meet with municipal representatives to discuss the current condition of Dempsey Road in the vicinity of the MTQ garage entrance and to explore possible solutions for repair and/or long-term reinforcement of this section of roadway;
- THAT** the MTQ be further requested to provide any available technical information, plans, or timelines related to this section of roadway in order to support a collaborative approach;
- THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate representatives of the MTQ to initiate discussions and coordination between the parties.

Adopted

04-15-04-26 – BYLAW 2024-005-02 RESPECTING THE INTERNAL MANAGEMENT OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WALTHAM

CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
DISTRICT OF PONTIAC
MUNICIPALITY OF WALTHAM

BYLAW NUMBER 2024-005-02

BYLAW RESPECTING THE INTERNAL MANAGEMENT OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WALTHAM

- WHEREAS** Section 491 of the Quebec Municipal Code (section 331 of the cities and towns act) allows council to pass by-laws to regulate the conduct of council proceedings and for the maintenance of good order and decorum during meetings;
- WHEREAS** the municipality of Waltham wishes to take action to maintain order and decorum during the meetings of the municipal council; 3
- WHEREAS** it is, appropriate to pass a by-law to this effect;
- WHEREAS** notice of a motion of this regulation was given at the meeting of March 18th 2026;
- WHEREAS** a project by-law 2024-005-02 was presented to council;
- THEREFORE** it moved by Councillor Rochon and seconded by Councillor Lair and unanimously resolved and ruled by the municipal council of the Municipality of Waltham to adopt the present project by-law as follows:

TITLE

ARTICLE 1

THE preamble forms an integral part of this by-law

COUNCIL MEETINGS

ARTICLE 2

Regular meetings of council shall be held in accordance with the schedule established by resolution of council, on the days and at the time fixed therein, and can be amended by resolution

ARTICLE 3

Council shall sit in the council chambers in the municipal building at, 69 rue Hotel de Ville, Waltham, Quebec, or at such place as may be fixed by resolution.

ARTICLE 4

Council meetings are public.

ARTICLE 5

The deliberations must be made in a loud and intelligible voice.

ARTICLE 6

Unless otherwise specified in the notice of meeting, special meetings of council shall begin at 7:00PM.

ARTICLE 7

ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CAMERAS AND RECORDINGS

During the council meeting all electronic devices should be set to vibrate or be silenced, not just cell phones (laptops, pagers, tablets etc.)

It is forbidden to photograph, film, or record, in council chambers without notification and permission.

ORDER AND DECORUM

ARTICLE 8

The council shall be presided over in its meetings by its mayor or the pro-mayor, or, failing that, by a member chosen from among the councilors present.

ARTICLE 9

The mayor or any person presiding in his place shall maintain order and decorum and decides on the questions of order at meetings of the council, except on appeal to council. He may order the exclusion of any person who disturbs the peace. 4

ARTICLE 10

The Director General shall prepare a draft agenda for any regular meeting of the members of council and forwarded to the members of council, together with the available materials useful in making decisions, not later than 72 hours in advance. Failure to complete this formality does not affect the legality of the meeting.

ARTICLE 11

The agenda for a regular meeting shall be completed and amended, if necessary, prior to its adoption, at the request of any member of council.

ARTICLE 12

The agenda of a regular meeting may, after adoption, be amended at any time, but only with the consent of a majority of the members of the council present.

QUESTION PERIOD

ARTICLE 13

Council meetings shall include **two public question periods**:

1. **General Questions:** At the beginning of the meeting, the public may ask questions or submit written comments **not related to agenda items**, including complaints or general remarks.
2. **Agenda-Related Questions:** At the end of the meeting, the public may ask questions or submit written comments **directly related to agenda items**.

Questions may be asked orally or submitted in writing, and council will respond as appropriate.

ARTICLE 14

The **first public question period** shall have a **maximum duration of fifteen (15) minutes**.

The **second public question period** shall have a **maximum duration of thirty (30) minutes**.

Both periods may be extended, if necessary, but may be terminated early if there is no further business before council.

ARTICLE 15

Any member of the public present who wishes to ask a question shall:

- A. Identify himself beforehand;
- B. Address the mayor;
- C. State to whom the question is directed;
- D. Ask only one question and one sub-question on the same subject. However, any person may ask a new question and a new sub-question when all persons wishing to ask a question have done so, and so on in turn until the end of the question period;
- E. Address each other in polite terms and do not use abusive or libelous language.

ARTICLE 16

Each speaker is given a maximum of five minutes to ask a question and a sub-question, after which the mayor must end the intervention.

ARTICLE 17

The council member whom the question has been addressed may either respond immediately, respond at a subsequent meeting or respond in writing.

ARTICLE 18

Any member of the council may, with the permission of the mayor supplement the answer given.

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ARTICLE 19

Only matters of a public nature shall be permitted, as opposed to matters of private interest that do not concern the business of the municipality.

ARTICLE 20

Any member of the public present at a council meeting who wishes to address a member of council, the mayor or the Director General, may do so only during the question period.

ARTICLE 21

Any member of the public present at a council meeting, who addresses a member of council or the director general during question period, may only ask questions in accordance with the rules set out in articles 7, 14 to 23.

ARTICLE 22

Any member of the public present at a council meeting shall refrain from shouting, heckling, and singing. Making noise, chatting with another member of the public or any other action that may interfere with the proper conduct of the meeting.

ARTICLE 23

Any member of the public present at a council meeting shall obey an order of the presiding officer relating to order and decorum during council meetings.

WRITTEN REQUESTS

ARTICLE 24

Petitions or other written requests addressed to the council or to any member shall not be placed on the agenda or read at the meeting, except as provided by law.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING REQUESTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROPOSED BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 25

An elected official shall not speak until he has indicated, by raising his hand, his intention to do so to the president of the assembly. The president of the assembly shall give the floor to the elected official in the order of requests.

ARTICLE 26

Resolutions and by-laws shall be presented by an elected official who shall explain the proposal to council, or, at the request of the mayor, by the Director General.

Once the proposal has been presented, the chairperson of the meeting shall ensure that all council members who wish to vote on the matter have had an opportunity to do so.

Once a proposed resolution or by-law has been presented, and all members of council who wish to speak on the matter have had an opportunity to do so, a member of council may submit a request to amend the proposal.

ARTICLE 27

When a council member makes a request for amendment, the council shall first vote on the amendment presented. When the amendment is adopted, the council shall then vote on the original draft as amended. If the amendment is not adopted, the council shall vote on the original draft. The rules applicable to voting on the original draft shall apply to voting on the amendment.

ARTICLE 28

Any member of council may at any time during the debate require the reading of the original proposal or amendment and the mayor or director general at the request of the mayor or the presiding member of council presiding over the meeting, shall so read.

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ARTICLE 29

At the request of the chairperson of the meeting, the director general may give their opinion or make any observations or suggestions they deem appropriate with respect to the matters of deliberations.

VOTE

ARTICLE 30

Votes are cast orally and, at the request of a council member, recorded in the council's minute book.

ARTICLE 31

With the exception of the mayor at the meeting, every member of the municipal council is required to vote under penalty of the sanctions provided for the law, unless he is exempt or prevented from doing so by reason of his interest in the matter concerned, in accordance with the ACT respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (RLRQ, c. E-2.2)

ARTICLE 32

All decision must be taken by majority of members present, except where the law requires a different majority.

ARTICLE 33

When votes are equally divided, the decision is deemed to have been made in the negative.

ARTICLE 34

The motives of individual council members during a vote are not recorded in the minutes, **unless requested by the individual council member.**

ADJOURNMENT

ARTICLE 35

Any regular or special meeting may be adjourned by the council to another time on the same day or to another day thereafter, without it being necessary to give notice of the adjournment to the members who were not present.

No new business may be submitted or considered at an adjourned special meeting unless all council members are present and consent.

ARTICLE 36

When there is no quorum, two council members may adjourn the meeting one hour after the lack of quorum has been established. The time of adjournment and the names of council members present must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

In this case, special written notice of the adjournment must be given by the Director General to the members of council who were not present at the time of the adjournment. Service of this notice must be recorded, at the resumption of the adjourned meeting, in the same manner as that of the notice convening a special meeting.

ARTICLE 37

Nothing in this by-law shall be constructed so as to restrict the powers granted by law to members of the municipal council.

PENALTY

ARTICLE 38

Any person acting in contravention of articles 7,14 to 23 of this by-law commits an offence and is liable to a minimum fine of \$200 for a first offence and \$400 for a subsequent offence, said fine in no case to exceed \$1,000. Costs for each infraction are extra.

Failure to pay within the time limit set by the court will render the offender liable to the penalties provided for in the Code of Penal Procedures of Quebec (RLRQ, c C-25.1).

INTERPRETATION AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 39

This by-law will come into force in accordance with the law.

GIVEN IN WALTHAM, QUEBEC THIS _____

**JORDAN EVANS
MAYOR**

**ANNIK PLANTE
DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Adopted

05-15-04-26 NOTICE OF MOTION BYLAW 2026-08

A notice of motion is hereby given by Councillor Lair that, at a subsequent meeting of Council, By-law No. 2026-08 entitled "*Building Occupancy, Maintenance, Health and Safety By-law*" will be presented for adoption.

A draft of the by-law was made available to all members of Council at the time the notice of motion was given, in accordance with applicable legislation.

06-15-04-26 VOLUNTEER WEEK RECOGNITION – NOMINATION OF MRS. PAM TADGELL

WHEREAS National Volunteer Week will take, place from April 19 to 25, 2026, and provides an opportunity to recognize the valuable contributions of volunteers within the Municipality of Waltham;

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to highlight individuals who demonstrate exceptional commitment and community involvement;

WHEREAS Mrs. Pam Tadgell, a member of the Waltham Recreation Association, has made a significant and positive impact in the community within a short period of time through her dedication, leadership, and active participation in local initiatives;

WHEREAS her efforts have contributed to strengthening community engagement, supporting local activities, and enhancing the quality of life for residents;

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LAIR

THAT Council nominates Pam Tadgell as the Municipality of Waltham's candidate for Volunteer Week Recognition;

THAT Council wishes to formally acknowledge and thank her for her outstanding dedication and contributions to the community;

THAT this nomination be submitted to the MRC Pontiac in accordance with the Volunteer Week Recognition initiative.

Adopted

07-15-04-26 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – CHIP 101.9

WHEREAS the Municipality of Waltham recognizes the importance of supporting local media and community organizations;

WHEREAS CHIP 101.9 plays a valuable role in providing local news, information, and community engagement within the region;

WHEREAS the annual membership renewal fee is \$120.00;

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON

THAT Council approves the renewal of the Municipality's annual membership with CHIP 101.9 for the amount of \$120.00;

THAT this expense be paid from the appropriate budget line.

Adopted

**08-15-04-26 MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC WASTE – EPR PROGRAM
(ARPE QUÉBEC)**

WHEREAS the Municipality of Waltham must ensure the safe and compliant management of electronic waste under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program administered by ARPE Québec;

WHEREAS this program provides financial compensation to participating municipalities based on established criteria, including the level of sorting, quality of storage, and type of clientele served;

WHEREAS three management options were presented following a site visit and evaluation conducted by the MRC representative;

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the options and considers Option 3 – transporting materials to the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes – to be the most appropriate solution at this time;

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FORTIN**

THAT Council approves Option 3 for the management of electronic waste, consisting of transporting materials to the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes;

THAT the Municipality proceed with the necessary arrangements to implement this option in compliance with the requirements of the ARPE Québec program;

THAT council reserve the right to review this decision in the future based on operational needs and program updates.

Adopted

09-15-04-26 F-250 TRUCK MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS the municipal F-250 truck requires routine maintenance;

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LAIR**

THAT the Municipality of Waltham authorize the maintenance work to be performed by Mike Wood Garage, at an approximate cost of \$1000.00.

Adopted

10-15-04-26 SALE OF 2011 MUNICIPAL TRUCK “AS IS” VIA SEALED BID

WHEREAS the Municipality of Waltham owns a 2011 municipal truck that has been replaced;

WHEREAS Council wishes to sell this vehicle in a transparent and competitive manner;

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FORTIN**

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Waltham authorizes the Director General / Secretary-Treasurer to organize the sale of the 2011 municipal truck “as is” through a sealed bid process, with the highest bidder being awarded the purchase;

THAT the Director General / Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to establish the terms of the bid, advertise the sale, receive and open the bids, and execute any documents required to complete the transaction, and to report back to Council with the results of the bid.

Adopted

11-15-04-26 MODIFICATION OF FIREFIGHTER ROLES (NFLFF)

WHEREAS the Fire Chief has proposed modifying the roles of senior firefighters Larry Perry and Raymond Bechamp due to physical limitations affecting front-line duties;

WHEREAS the proposed Non-Front-Line Firefighter (NFLFF) role allows them to remain active in the department while performing duties within their physical capacity;

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Waltham approves the designation of Larry Perry and Raymond Bechamp as Non-Front-Line Firefighters (NFLFF), with duties including non-Red Zone operations, training, station maintenance, equipment checks, and other tasks as outlined by the Fire Chief;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these firefighters are **not counted as part of the Fire Department's strike force**, and their compensation remains hourly based on timesheet-recorded hours;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Fire Chief is authorized to implement these role modifications.

Adopted

12-15-04-26 OPPOSITION TO PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL FIREARMS BUYBACK PROGRAM FOR ASSAULT-STYLE WEAPONS

CONSIDERING THAT the Government of Canada launched, on January 17, 2026, the federal buyback program targeting assault-style firearms;

CONSIDERING THAT Canadians have the period from January 19 to March 31, 2026, to participate in the program, which provides for the voluntary surrender of prohibited firearms in exchange for compensation;

CONSIDERING THAT the financial compensation provided under the buyback program is considered insufficient, unfair, or not guaranteed for all affected owners;

CONSIDERING THAT the firearms targeted by the prohibition are modern-design civilian hunting or sporting firearms, not military assault weapons, and are neither used nor required by the Canadian Armed Forces for national defense;

CONSIDERING THAT in the province of Quebec, the Sûreté du Québec will coordinate the operation;

CONSIDERING THAT police, resources are already limited, and their mobilization to enforce this program diverts essential personnel from combating real crime;

CONSIDERING THAT public trust in police forces is a fundamental pillar of public safety;

CONSIDERING THAT the coercive application of this prohibition risks undermining this trust and increasing social tensions;

CONSIDERING THAT public safety is a shared responsibility among federal, provincial, and municipal governments as well as police forces;

- CONSIDERING THAT** municipalities are local governments directly responsible for the well-being, social cohesion, and safety of their residents;
- CONSIDERING THAT** lawful firearm owners are already subject to a strict regime of licensing, training, registration, background checks, secure storage, and compliance with the law;
- CONSIDERING THAT** available data shows that firearms used in violent crimes mainly come from the black market, not the legal market;
- CONSIDERING THAT** public safety priorities should focus on combating illegal arms trafficking, criminal groups, and smuggling;
- CONSIDERING THAT** the prohibition and mandatory buyback primarily target law-abiding citizens, with no significant direct impact on crime;
- CONSIDERING THAT** imposing this regime constitutes an infringement on the legitimate property rights of these citizens;
- CONSIDERING THAT** the program does not take into account the territorial, social, economic, and cultural realities of municipalities;
- CONSIDERING THAT** many rural, agricultural, and northern communities use firearms legitimately for hunting, subsistence, livestock protection, and personal security in isolated areas;
- CONSIDERING THAT** several Canadian provinces have publicly opposed this prohibition and buyback program, refusing to collaborate or enforce it due to its inefficiency, cost, and unfairness;
- CONSIDERING THAT** municipalities have no real power in developing this policy but are directly affected by its impacts;

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FORTIN
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON

- THAT** 1. This council declares that the preamble forms an integral part of this resolution.
2. The council **officially requests** the federal government to terminate its assault-style firearms buyback program.
3. The council **officially requests** the Sûreté du Québec, should the program not be repealed, **not to enforce** on its territory the federal government's prohibition and mandatory buyback measures.
4. The council **affirms** that public safety priorities should focus on combating illegal arms trafficking, organized crime, and real armed violence, rather than confiscating legally owned firearms.
5. The council **requests** the Government of Quebec to intervene with the federal government to review the current approach and prioritize evidence-based policies that effectively improve public safety.
6. The council **affirms its support** for law-abiding citizens, hunters, farmers, rural communities, and legitimate firearm users.
7. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the **Sûreté du Québec**, the **Quebec Minister of Public Security**, the **Premier of Quebec**, the **Federal Minister of Public Safety**, the relevant provincial and federal deputies, the **Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités (FQM)**, the **Union des Municipalités du Québec (UMQ)**, and the **MRC1 Pontiac**.

Adopted

MUTATION:

There are no property mutations to report for this month.

FIRE REPORT:

There are no fire reports to present for this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Teleconferencing / Recording System for Council Meetings

Council discussed the possibility of implementing a teleconferencing and/or recording system for Council meetings, including options such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or a dedicated computer with speaker functionality to support virtual participation.

This request was brought forward following representations from the Black River and Green Lake Association. Council noted the importance of the matter but did not reach a formal decision at this time. The item will be brought back for further discussion at a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Municipality has been approved for two summer student positions under the summer student program. These positions will support municipal operations during the summer period.

INFORMATION/ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

- The seasonal worker is scheduled to begin employment on April 28, 2026.
- Registered letters advising of tax arrears were sent to the applicable property owners on April 9 by registered mail. As of this week, approximately \$8,000 has been recovered, with several accounts paid in full.

Q1 Financial Update

The Treasurer provided Council with an overview of the municipality's financial position as of Q1.

Overall, the municipality is in a strong position at this stage of the year; however, this is mainly due to timing differences between revenues and expenditures.

On the revenue side, a large portion of tax revenues has already been collected due to the April 1 instalment. Additional instalments are expected in July and September. Some grant revenues have been received, while others remain outstanding pending completion of the 2024 and 2025 financial statements, expected in May and June 2026 respectively. Additional grants and transfer revenues are anticipated later in the year.

On the expenditure side, approximately 20% of the budget has been spent to date, which is normal for Q1. Major expenditures, including road work and other projects, will occur later in the year.

The municipality is currently showing an approximate surplus of \$615,000; however, this is a timing surplus and not operational savings.

In summary, financial results are on track for this time of year, with activity expected to increase in the coming quarters.

VARIA

13-15-04-26 – PAYMENT OF THE BILLS MARCH 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD

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THAT Council acknowledge the payment of all bills already paid during the month of March 2026, in the total amount of \$ 56 646, 98;

THAT Council authorizes the payment of all remaining bills for the month of March 2026, in the total amount of \$5 610, 31, to be paid as presented;

FOR A TOTAL OF \$ 62 257, 29 for all bills for the month of March 2026.

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 15th day of April 2026.

Annik Plante
Director General/Secretary Treasurer

SECOND PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A resident raised concerns regarding the speed limit on the highway and asked whether the matter would be reviewed. It was noted that the appropriate procedures and previous requests had already been initiated concerning this issue.

The Director General advised that an additional request would be forwarded to the MTQ to follow up on the matter and reiterate the Municipality’s concerns regarding traffic safety and speed limits within the area.

A resident requested clarification regarding the purpose and procedure of Council working sessions. It was explained that working sessions are open to the public; however, attendees may only observe the discussions and are not permitted to participate or ask questions during the session.

It was further noted that no formal decisions are made and no resolutions are adopted during working sessions, as these meetings are intended for discussion and information purposes only.

A working session has been scheduled for April 22 at 7:00 p.m. An official invitation will be sent to Council members.

14-15-04-26 CLOSED

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ROCHON
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD

THAT the meeting be close at **8: 48 P.M.**

Adopted

Mayor Mrs. Jordan Evans

Director General/Secretary Treasure Mrs. Annik Plante
