

Municipality of Waltham

Minutes of a special meeting called in accordance to article 152 of the municipal code being held at the town hall on April 21st 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 #4 Mr. Brendan Adam, #5 Mr. Elwood Allard and # 6 Mr. Tyler Rochon

Mrs. Annik Plante Director General is also present.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 8:57 A.M.

Mrs. Annik Plante Director General is also present.

01-21-04-26 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

WHEREAS the Mayor, EVANS, convened the Municipal Council for a special emergency meeting;

WHEREAS the members of Council have taken notice of the agenda;

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR TURNER
AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the agenda be adopted.

Adopted

02-21-04-26 DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS Section 42 of the Civil Protection Act (CQLR, c. S-2.3) provides that a local municipality may declare a state of emergency, in all or part of its territory, when a major disaster, actual or imminent, requires immediate action to protect human life, health or physical integrity, which it considers it cannot adequately carry out within the scope of its usual operating procedures or under an applicable civil protection plan;

WHEREAS the 2026 spring flood is significantly increasing water levels in the Ottawa and Black Rivers, and forecasts, indicate continued high-water levels;

WHEREAS Current conditions within the Municipality include residents who are isolated, limited or unreliable access to certain dwellings and roadways, and situations where emergency services may be unable to safely or effectively reach all affected areas;

WHEREAS these conditions require immediate coordination and response measures beyond the Municipality's normal operational capacity;

WHEREAS The Municipality considers that it cannot adequately carry out the actions required to protect human life, health, or physical integrity within the scope of its usual operating procedures or under an applicable civil protection plan;

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD
AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ADAM

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THAT A state of emergency be declared for all or part of the territory of the Municipality for an initial period of ten (10) days due to flooding caused by the 2026 spring flood;

THAT The Mayor, EVANS, and the Director General, ANNIK PLANTE, be authorized to exercise the following powers as prescribed under Section 47 of the Civil Protection Act:

1. Control access to roads or the affected territory or subject them to specific conditions;
2. Grant, for the time deemed necessary for the rapid and efficient implementation of response measures, authorizations or exemptions in areas under municipal jurisdiction;

3. Order, where no other means of protection are available, the evacuation of persons from all or part of the affected territory as determined, or, upon the advice of the public health authority, their confinement, and ensure, if they lack resources, their accommodation, food, clothing, and safety;
4. Require the assistance of any citizen capable of supporting deployed personnel;
5. Incur expenses and enter into contracts deemed necessary.

Adopted

03-21-04-26 CLOSED

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD
AND SECONDES BY COUNCILLOR FORTIN**

THAT the meeting be close at **9:28 A.M.**

Adopted

Mayor Mrs. Jordan Evans

Director General/Secretary Treasure Mrs. Annik Plante
