

Province of Quebec
Municipality of Sheenboro

Regular Meeting of the Sheenboro Town Council held on May 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Councilor Morris is absent.

Executive Director, Secretary/Treasurer Ashlee Poirier and Simon Tessier, Deputy Executive Director and Deputy Secretary-Treasurer, were present.

1. Opening of the meeting

The mayor notes that there is a quorum and opens the session at 6:32 p.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda

076 -2025 It is moved by Councillor Bradshaw to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted

3. Conflict of interest

No conflict of interest has been declared.

4. Adoption of the minutes

A. Minutes of the Council meeting of April 3rd 2025

077 -2025 It is proposed by Councilor Bradshaw that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2025 be adopted.

Adopted

5. Question period

Question period from 6:32 p.m. to 6:48 p.m.

6. Administration

A. Payment of bills

078-2025 It is moved by Councillor Bradshaw to pay the bills as presented.

CERTIFICATES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ACCOUNTS: I, Ashlee Poirier, Executive Director, hereby certify that there are funds available for the purposes for which expenditures total \$15,583.01 proposed.

Signed in Sheenboro, Quebec
This May 5th 2025.

Ashlee Poirier, Executive Director/Secretary-Treasurer

B. Administrative Telephone Lines

079-2025 It is resolved by Councillor Shea to approve the estimate submitted by WEPC to replace the existing Bell service.

Adopted

C. Computer Monitor

080-2025 It is resolved by Councilor Edwards to approve the purchase of a new monitor for the DG.

Adopted

D. Student Summer Jobs

081-2025 It is resolved by Councilor Agnesi to allow the administration to submit an advertisement in local newspapers and online for the position offered by the municipality to a student.

Adopted

E. Regulation 2025-002 Short-Term Rentals

Notice of Motion of draft regulation 2025-002 given by Councillor Agnesi.

082-2025 Motion to Adopt the First Draft By-law

It is moved by Councillor Agnesi to adopt the first draft of by-law as presented.

Adopted

F. Renovations to the Municipal Building

The administration informed the council of the new stipulations in the TECQ grant and the possibility of continuing renovations in the municipal building.

G. Abolition of the Rénorégions Program

083-2025 The Municipality of Sheenboro asks the Quebec government to urgently reconsider its decision.

WHEREAS the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ) confirmed two days after the reading of the Quebec government's 2025-2026 budget the abandonment of the RénoRégion program , an essential program to help the least well-off owner-occupants in our communities, often elderly people or single-parent families living in rural areas, to correct major defects in their modest residences;

WHEREAS This program has helped keep several thousand people in their homes, in areas where the housing crisis is also raging, where there is no affordable housing or even fewer low-rent housing units;

WHEREAS	there are more than a thousand families on the waiting lists of the MRCs of Quebec;
WHEREAS	On March 27, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities (FQM) asked the Premier of Quebec, Mr. François Legault, to take care of our most vulnerable citizens and families by urgently remedying the situation;
WHEREAS	this request has remained unanswered and that the modular apartment projects of 24 and 36 units in some cities in Quebec promoted since then by the Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. ^{France} -Élaine Duranceau , cannot meet the needs of the regions;
WHEREAS ,	although the RénoRégion program cost the Quebec government less than \$18 million per year and represents only 0.0001% of overall expenditures, the Minister justifies this choice for reasons of sound management of public finances;
WHEREAS	the average subsidy from the program is \$19,309, a fraction of the actual construction costs of the new housing promoted by the minister;
WHEREAS	Last year, at the request of the SHQ, the FQM submitted a series of proposals to increase the effectiveness of the program and make it more accessible to better meet needs across Quebec;
WHEREAS	the SHQ was to launch an improved version of the RénoRégion program following its consultations in 2025;
WHEREAS	the abolition of this program harms the most vulnerable people in our communities.

It is proposed by Councillor Brennan that the Premier of Quebec, Mr. François Legault, and his Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. ^{France} -Élaine Duranceau , be asked to :

TO REBOOT	immediately the RénoRégion program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and commit to ensuring its long-term financing;
TO RENDER	ultimately the process of improving the program to ensure greater accessibility in all regions of Quebec.

Adopted

7. **Municipal Inspector**

The municipal inspector's report was presented to the council.

8. **Environment**

A. **Composting**

The application for the ACDC Compost Bin Grant has been submitted and is pending approval.

9. **Public works**

A. **Quote for snow removal**

084 -2025 It is proposed by Councillor Edwards to accept the tender submitted by M.Kidd & Sons for the snow removal of the municipality for the next three seasons at a cost of \$752 283 before taxes.

Adopted

B. Road Committee Meeting

The council discussed the last meeting of the Municipal Roads Committee and the summer season.

085 -2025 Councilor Agnesi resolves to remove the culvert on Mountain Road and ditch the adjoining ditches as necessary to ensure the road is in good condition.

Adopted

C. TECQ Quote

086 -2025 It is proposed by Councilor Edwards to publish the tender document submitted by the engineer to the SEAO site.

Adopted

10. Municipal Elections

A. Pilot Project

The council was informed of the pilot projects proposed by Élections Québec for the 2025 elections.

Adopted

11. Varia

A. Sheenboro RA

087-2025 It is proposed by Councillor Brennan that a donation of one thousand dollars be made to the Sheenboro Recreation Association for the Canada Day fundraiser in the municipality.

Adopted

12. Correspondence

A. Residence Meilleur

088-2025 Councillor Agnesi proposes a donation of two thousand five hundred dollars to honor the existing agreement with Residence Meilleur.

Adopted

B. Regional Gallery of Chapeau

089-2025 It is proposed by Councillor Brennan to purchase a hoodie from the Sheenboro Recreation Association and to donate it to the L'Isle-aux-Allumettes Tourism Committee as a prize.

C. Rate Payer Concerns

A letter was read to the Council from a taxpayer.

13. In camera

090-2025 IT is resolved by councilor Edwards to go into camera at 8:15 p.m.

Adopted

14. Exit from In camera

091-2025 It is proposed by councilor Brennan to come out of camera at 8:21 p.m.

Adopted

092 -2025 It is proposed by Councilor Shea to accept the employment contract as presented.

Adopted

The Secretary-Treasurer/ Director General submits to Council, for review and consideration, a statement of property taxes owed to the municipality as of September 11, 2025, in order to meet the requirements of Article 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec;

093-2025 It is proposed by Councillor Edwards that the said statement be and is approved by Council, and that the Secretary-Treasurer and Director General take the necessary steps to have the Regional County Municipality (MRC) of Pontiac sell all immovable in the municipality whose property taxes have not been paid and to begin the process of land sales for tax arrears including all properties on the Administrations list.

Adopted

094-2025 Mandate to Representative

To authorize the Director General to bid for the acquisition of certain properties put up for sale for non-payment of taxes and in the Director Generals absence the Assistant Director General is authorized.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Sheenboro may bid on and acquire properties put up for sale for unpaid municipal taxes, in accordance with Article 1038 of the Municipal Code;

WHEREAS certain properties will be put up for sale for non-payment of taxes, in accordance with resolution number 093-2025;

WHEREAS this Council deems it appropriate to authorize the Director General, or the Assistant Director General to bid on and acquire certain properties put up for sale for non-payment of taxes;

It is proposed by councillor Edwards that in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, this Council authorizes the Director General and in their absence the Assistant Director General, to bid for and on behalf of the municipality properties subject to the tax sale to be held on September 11, 2025, up to the amount of taxes, principal, interest, and costs.

Adopted

15. Next meeting

June 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

16. Closing of the meeting

096-2025 It is moved by Councillor Brennan that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Adopted

_____ Mayor	_____ Director General Secretary-Treasurer
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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.