

Province of Québec
Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes held August 4th, 2026, 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 Mariette Sallafranque, Patrick Fleming, Ivan Schryer, Brian Adam and Robert Chafe.

Councillor Adele Varner 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.

2. Roll call

All present.

3. Adoption of agenda

137-26/08 Moved by Councillor Sallafranque, seconded by Councillor Adam, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted

4. Adoption of minutes

138-26/08 Moved by Councillor Chafe, seconded by Councillor Schryer to approve the minutes from the last regular Council meeting of July 7th, 2026, as presented.

Adopted

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The Mayor declared a conflict of interest with respect to the in-camera agenda item and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

6. Statement of the Mayor

The Mayor makes his Statement.

7. Questions from the public

- *Mr. Dwight Schizkoske:*

- *Advises Council that an assessment request form had been left at his cottage. The Mayor responded that property assessments are the responsibility of the MRC Evaluation Department and recommended that the visitor contact that department directly.*

- *Concerns regarding the neighboring lots near his property – fence, scrap, trailer, etc. Pictures were given.*

- *Questions the \$225 service tax for the new waste collection service, stating that he occupies his cottage for only approximately three weeks each year and does not require the service.*

Councillor Adam responded that the waste collection service charge applies to all properties where the service is available, regardless of the frequency of occupancy. The Mayor added that the committee would discuss the matter further.

-Mrs. Noella McGuire:

- *Questions the sale of the municipal roadway and expressed concerns regarding emergency services access to her property. The Mayor responded that emergency access to the property is provided via Louisa Road.*

- Mrs. Angèle Vaillancourt:

- *Inquiring about recent fire at her neighbour's residence and whether her neighbour would be permitted to rebuild. The Director General responded to this question.*
- *Requests a copy of the fire report and a meeting with the Municipal Inspector.*
- *Requests that the speed limit on Range 5 be reduced from 70 km/h to 50 km/h.*
- *Mrs. Vaillancourt also raised concerns regarding drainage on her property, stating that water from the highway is flowing onto her land.*
- *Finally, Mrs. Vaillancourt expressed concerns that a trailer on the neighbouring property is located closer to the property line than permitted under the municipal by-law.*

The Mayor responds that these matters would be referred to the committee for discussion.

8. Correspondence

The Mayor gives an update on correspondence he received – deferred to Committee for further discussion.

Request for Support – Picabou Daycare

A request was received from the daycare regarding the condition of the parking lot. No motion was proposed; therefore the request is denied.

139-26/08

Support for English-Language Leaders' Debate and Political Participation

WHEREAS the Municipality of L'Isle aux Allumettes is part of a region with a significant English-speaking population;

WHEREAS English-language leaders' debates provide an important opportunity for English-speaking electors to hear directly from provincial party leaders on issues affecting Quebec;

WHEREAS participation by all major political parties in such debates promotes transparency, informed public discourse, and democratic engagement;

WHEREAS the Quebec Liberal Party has historically represented many English-speaking communities across Quebec;

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor Mayor Spence and seconded by Councillor Sallafranque and resolved:

- THAT the Council of the Municipality of L'Isle aux Allumettes formally request that the Member of the National Assembly for Pontiac, André Fortin, to ensure that the Quebec Liberal Party participate in an English-language leaders' debate during the upcoming Quebec provincial election campaign;
- THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to: André Fortin, MNA for Pontiac;

Adopted

140-26/08

Pontiac Journal – Congratulations Advertisement

Moved by Councillor Adam, seconded by Councillor Fleming, to authorize

the purchase of a 2-column by 5-inch colour congratulatory advertisement in the *Pontiac Journal* at a cost of \$210.

Adopted

9. **Committee Reports**

Land-use, Urbanism & By-Laws

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

Public Works

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

141-26/08

Acceptance of Funding and Authorization to Sign

WHEREAS the Municipality submitted an application for financial assistance for the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Extension Project, through the federal Build Communities Strong Fund;

WHEREAS the Municipality received a letter dated July 20, 2026, confirming the approval of funding for the project;

WHEREAS Council wishes to formally accept the funding and proceed with the implementation of the project;

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor Schryer and seconded by Councillor Adam and resolved

THAT:

- Council hereby accepts the financial assistance approved for the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Extension Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the approval letter and the funding agreement;
- The Mayor and the Director General are hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Municipality, all agreements, forms, certificates, and any other documents required to accept the funding, administer the grant, and carry out the project;
- The financial assistance received shall be applied toward the eligible costs associated with the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Extension Project;
- This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted

Community, Culture & Recreation

Councillor Chafe, Chair of the Community, Culture & Recreation committee, gives a verbal report.

Revitalization

Councillor Varner, Chair of the Revitalization Committee, being absent; Councillor Sallafranque gives a verbal report.

Public Security

Councillor Fleming, Chair of the Public Security Committee, advised that

there was no report to present at this time.

Administration

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

142-26/08

Application for Financial Assistance under the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM) – Volet 1

- WHEREAS On August 2025, the Municipality committing to participate in a shared municipal services initiative with the three municipalities of Chichester, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Sheenboro and to undertake a process of reflection that could lead to a municipal amalgamation as part of the *Fonds régions et ruralité – Volet 4 – Coopération intermunicipale* project;
- WHEREAS the participating municipalities have since made significant progress in implementing shared municipal services and wish to continue by evaluating the opportunity and feasibility of a voluntary municipal amalgamation through an independent study;
- WHEREAS the Government of Québec, through the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH), offers financial assistance under the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM) – Volet 1 to support feasibility studies conducted by independent consultants;
- WHEREAS participation in such a study does not commit the Municipality to proceeding with a municipal amalgamation, but will provide Council with the information required to make an informed decision;

IT IS MOVED by Councillor Adam, SECONDED by Councillor Chafe AND RESOLVED THAT:

- The Municipality of L'Isle aux Allumettes submit an application for financial assistance under Volet 1 of the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM) for the completion of an independent feasibility study respecting a potential voluntary municipal amalgamation with the municipalities of Chichester, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Sheenboro;
- The Municipality authorize the Mayor and the Director General to prepare, sign and submit all documents required by the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation in connection with this application.
- The Municipality designate the Director General as the municipal representative responsible for communications with the MAMH and the administration of the application.
- The Municipality agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM) and any requirements established by the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation respecting the awarding and administration of the financial assistance.

Adopted

143-26/08

Authorization to Retain Professional Services to Conduct an Independent Study on the Opportunity for a Municipal Amalgamation

WHEREAS Council wishes to obtain independent, objective information regarding the potential opportunities, challenges, financial implications, governance considerations and service impacts associated with a possible voluntary municipal amalgamation with the municipalities of Chichester, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Sheenboro;

WHEREAS Council considers that such a study will assist Council and the public in making informed decisions respecting the future governance and delivery of municipal services;

WHEREAS the Municipality intends to apply for financial assistance under the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM) – Volet 1 offered by the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation;

WHEREAS Council considers it appropriate to retain an independent professional consulting firm with expertise in municipal governance, finance and organizational studies to complete the study;

IT IS MOVED by Councillor Adam, SECONDED by Councillor Schryer AND RESOLVED THAT:

- The Municipality authorize the Director General to prepare and issue a request for proposal to obtain professional service quotations as permitted under procurement by-law and legislation, for the retention of a qualified consulting firm to conduct an independent study on the opportunity for a voluntary municipal amalgamation.
- The scope of work shall be developed in consultation with the participating municipalities and the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, and shall include an objective assessment of the potential advantages, disadvantages, opportunities, challenges, financial implications, governance considerations and impacts on municipal service delivery associated with a possible municipal amalgamation.
- The Mayor and the Director General be authorized to execute the professional services agreement with the successful consultant, subject to Council approval of the procurement process and confirmation of financial assistance, where applicable.
- The costs associated with the study shall be funded from the applicable municipal budget and any financial assistance received under the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM) – Volet 1.

Adopted

10. Review of monthly payables

The list of accounts payables for July is presented.

11. Questions from the public

None.

12. Varia

None.

The Mayor leaves the meeting for the in-camera discussion, 8:04pm.

13. In camera session

144-26/08 Moved by Councillor Adam, seconded by Councillor Sallafranque, to proceed in-camera, at 8:05 pm.

Adopted

145-26/08 Moved by Councillor Schyer, seconded by Councillor Sallafranquer, to return to the meeting in progress, at 8:20 pm.

Adopted

Mayor returns to the meeting, 8:20pm.

146-26/08 Formal Demand Lot 4604725

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the formal demand concerning Lot 4604725;

It is Moved by Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Schryer:

THAT Council acknowledges receipt of the formal demand and agrees that no action will be taken at this time regarding Lot 4604725.

Adopted

14. Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal office.

15. Closing of meeting

147-26/08 Moved by Councillor Chafe and seconded by Councillor Fleming that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm.

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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