



MUNICIPALITY OF PONTIAC

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC COUNTY OF PONTIAC

Minutes of the special meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Pontiac held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 2024, route 148, Pontiac, those who were present

Mrs. Joanne Labadie, Mayor, Mrs. Leslie-Anne Barber, Pro-Mayor and the Councillors, Mrs. Nancy Draper-Maxsom, Mrs. Susan McKay, Mr. Scott McDonald, Mr. Thomas Howard, and Mrs. Isabelle Patry.

Also present, Mr. Pierre Said, Director General and a few ratepayers.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING / NOTICE OF MEETING

The meeting was convened by the Director General in accordance with the provisions of sections 152 and 156 of the *Municipal Code of Québec*.

Mrs. Joanne Labadie, President, notes that there is quorum and opens the meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

2. FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC AND QUESTIONS

Mrs. Joanne Labadie, President, takes note of the entries in the register of questions and gives the floor to the public.

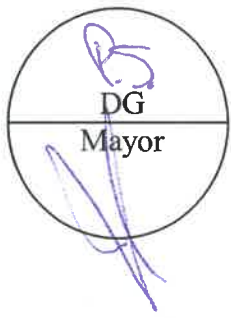
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the meeting / Notice of meeting**
- 2. Floor to the public and questions**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda**
- 4. Adoption of the 2020 budget**
- 5. Adoption of the three-year capital expenditure program**
- 6. Public question period**
- 7. Closing of the meeting**

IT IS MOVED BY Councillor Mr. Thomas Howard and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Isabelle Patry.

19-12-3971





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AND RESOLVED to adopt the agenda as read.

Carried

19-12-3972

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2020 BUDGET

WHEREAS under section 954 of the *Municipal Code of Québec*, "the council of a local municipality must, during the period from November 15 to December 31, prepare and adopt the corporate budget for the next fiscal year".

WHEREAS a public notice was given on December 9, 2019 in accordance with section 956 of the *Municipal Code of Québec*.

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor, Mrs. Susan McKay and seconded by Councillor, Mrs. Leslie-Anne Barber.

AND RESOLVED THAT the budgetary forecasts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 for the Municipality of Pontiac, be adopted.

Carried

Councillor Mrs. Nancy Draper-Maxsom votes against the resolution.

19-12-3973

5. ADOPTION OF THE THREE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM FOR 2020, 2021 AND 2022

WHEREAS under article 953.1 of the *Municipal Code of Québec*, "the council of a local municipality must, no later than December 31 of each year, adopt the municipality's capital expenditure program for the three subsequent fiscal years";

THEREFORE, it is moved by Councillor, Mrs. Leslie-Anne Barber and seconded by Councillor, Mrs. Isabelle Patry.

AND RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Pontiac's three-year capital expenditure program for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 be adopted.



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Carried

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Mrs. Joanne Labadie, President, asks the people present if they have questions.

7. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

IT IS MOVED BY Councillor Mrs. Nancy Draper-Maxsom and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Susan McKay.

AND RESOLVED THAT this council accepts the closing of the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

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Mr. Pierre Said
DIRECTOR GENERAL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Labadie', written above a horizontal line.

Mrs. Joanne Labadie
MAYOR

« I, Mayor Joanne Labadie, hereby certify that the signature on the present minutes is equivalent to my signature on each and every resolution herein, as specified in section 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.»



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PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

1st question period

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| 1-Diane Lacasse | Mrs. Lacasse has a question about the budget regarding janitorial services. Mayor Labadie answers that there is a sum of money in the budget for this purpose, but that we did not receive a quote that corresponded to our budget. |
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2nd question period

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| 1-Joan Belsher | Madam wants to know why Councilor Ms. Draper-Maxsom voted against the budget. Councilor Nancy Draper-Maxsom explains her reasons. |
| 2-Carl Hager | Mr. Hager asked for details about the impact on the budget in relation to the homes that were destroyed during the floods. The mayor replied that the impact is unknown at this time because we do not yet have all the amounts associated with this event. Mr. Hager asked if a budget is provided for emergency preparedness. The Mayor answered that, in order to have reasonable tax rates, some cuts had to be made, so there is no budgeted amount for emergencies. |
| 3-Diane Lacasse | Mrs. Lacasse asked if the salaries of the Council members will increase. The Mayor responded that there is a budget for this, but no decision has been made yet. |
| 4-Joan Belsher | Mrs. Belsher asked if sums are provided for the repair/maintenance of Alary, Bronson-Bryant, Hammond, Montagne and Steele Line roads. The Mayor answered that we are awaiting a follow-up from the MSP in these files. |
| 5-Benoit Galipeau | Mr. Galipeau asked if there is money for Eardley-Masham Road. The mayor replied that this road is under the jurisdiction of the MTQ. |



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| 6- Denis Dubé | Mr. Dubé compares last year's three-year plans to this year's; many projects have been withdrawn. The mayor replied that this year's three-year plan is more concrete and realistic. |
| 7- Diane Lacasse | Mrs. Lacasse mentioned that there is no money planned for the project of a building for seniors. The mayor replies that no request has been made to this effect. |
| 8- Melvin Maxsom | Mr. Maxsom asked if NCC assessments have increased, and why will NCC lands only be assessed in 2020? Mrs. Labadie replied that this would have to be verified. |
| 9- Roger Larose | Mr. Larose asks why there is an \$80,000.00 deficit right from the beginning. It is a misinterpretation; the Director of Finance explains the budget mechanisms. |
| 10- Denis Dubé | Mr. Dubé asked why administration costs have gone down, since salaries are going up. The Mayor replied that there have been cuts in other budget items. |

