

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
MUNICIPALITY OF PONTIAC**

MINUTES of the special municipal council meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, situated at 2024 route 148, Pontiac. Those who were present:

Roger Larose, Mayor, Brian Middlemiss, Pro-Mayor and Councillors Nancy Draper-Maxsom, Thomas Howard, Inès Pontiroli and Dr. Jean Amyotte.

Also present: Benedikt Kuhn, Director General, Dominic Labrie Head of Department - Communications and Assistant to the Directorate General and a few ratepayers.

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Councillor Mr. Edward McCann arrived at the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC AND QUESTION PERIOD

James Eggleton - Asks if the Breckenridge Hall is big enough to accommodate the public, following the changes regarding the location for some of the meetings

16-01-2628

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Floor to the public and question period
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Analysis and review of the administrative and operational structure - Fire department
4. Approval of additional costs to the contract pertaining to de la Montagne road rehabilitation project - Drains and raising ditches – Phase I
5. Public question period
6. Closing of the meeting

It is

Moved by: Thomas Howard
Seconded by: Brian Middlemiss

AND RESOLVED to adopt the agenda as prepared and read.

Carried

16-01-2629

ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS the Municipality deems it important to offer proper supervision of the Fire Department interventions, especially for health and security reasons and for the protection of public and private property;

WHEREAS the Municipality considers that an assessment of the administrative and operational structure of this department would allow the municipal council to make more informed decisions regarding investments to be done in the coming years, particularly in terms of training;

WHEREAS such a review would make it possible to validate the relevance of the administrative and operational structure currently in place and to make any appropriate changes, if needed.

WHEREAS the expertise of the Québec National Firefighters School on the subject;

WHEREAS the Québec National Firefighters School is offering this service and could submit its recommendations to the administration as well as to the municipal council;

It is

Moved by : Thomas Howard
Seconded by : Nancy Draper-Maxsom

AND RESOLVED that the municipal council authorizes the Director General to sign a service agreement with the Québec National Firefighters School for the latter to collaborate with the municipal administration in order to proceed with the review of the Municipality of Pontiac's administrative and operational structure of the Fire Department.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED to authorize a maximum expenditure of \$ 8, 000.00 (plus taxes) to that effect.

Carried on a divided vote

Councillors Dr. Jean Amyotte and Mrs. Inès Pontiroli vote against the resolution.

Councillor Mr. Edward McCann arrives at the meeting.

16-01-2630

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE CONTRACT PERTAINING TO DE LA MONTAGNE ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT - DRAINS AND RAISING DITCHES – PHASE I

WHEREAS additional costs to the contract are to be disbursed in order to complete the project;

WHEREAS the right of way of de la Montagne road is narrower than the minimum normally required;

WHEREAS in some areas, terrain conditions differed from the conditions noted during the pre-project land survey;

WHEREAS this drainage concept features shallower ditches, the users' security will be improved;

WHEREAS the National Capital Commission wishes to avoid encroachments on its property, that is the Gatineau Park;

WHEREAS an agreement has been reached and the contractor has agreed to carry out the work in-house, meaning controlled time and material;

WHEREAS the drainage concept had to be modified in order that the least space for ditch work be used, on the Gatineau Park side;

WHEREAS the drainage concept that has been chosen entails costs of around \$48, 500.00 and that costs of approximately \$30, 000.00\$ will be avoided compare to the original concept, additional costs of around \$18, 500.00 will be necessary to achieve a concept that will avoid any encroachment on the Gatineau Park;

WHEREAS the recommendations of the Director of Infrastructures and Public works;

It is

Moved by: Nancy Draper-Maxsom

Seconded by: Brian Middlemiss

AND RESOLVED that Council approves the additional costs for a maximum amount of \$48, 500.00 for the installation of drains and raising ditches, generating additional net costs of \$18, 500.00, to be added to the contract.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS RESOLVED that this expenditure be attributed to borrowing by-law no. 05-15.

AMENDMENT

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WHEREAS the recommendations of the Director of Infrastructures and Public works;

It is

Moved by: Dr. Jean Amyotte
Seconded by: Inès Pontiroli

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FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the Council asks the Director of infrastructures and Public Works to present a report on the progress of the project, the costs and the remaining work.

Carried unanimously

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

James Eggleton - Would like to know the reason for Councillors Dr. Jean Amyotte and Mrs. Inès Pontiroli's vote against the motion under item # 3

Both councillors mention that they voted against the resolution because of the lack of the Director of the Fire Department's recommendations and because the 2016 Budget did not specifically provide such an expenditure.

16-01-2631

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

It is

Moved by: Nancy Draper-Maxsom
Seconded by: Brian Middlemiss

AND RESOLVED to close the meeting at 7:59 p.m. having gone through the agenda.

Carried

MAYOR

DIRECTOR GENERAL

« I, Mayor Roger Larose, 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».