

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
MUNICIPALITY OF PONTIAC**

MINUTES of the special municipal council meeting held on Tuesday, June 21, 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 and Thomas Howard.

Also present: Mr. Benedikt Kuhn, Director General and Mr. Jalloul Salah, Director of the Urban Planning Department as well as two ratepayers.

The meeting began at 7:45 p.m.

Excused absences: Councillors Mrs. Inès Pontiroli, Dr. Jean Amyotte, and Mr. Edward McCann (judgement from the Superior Court).

FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC AND QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

16-06-2808

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Floor to the public and question period
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Thom Transport
4. Luskville Caisse Populaire building
5. Correspondence from the NCC
6. Public question period
7. 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

16-06-2809

CONTINUING SERVICE FOR INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION ON ROUTE 148

WHEREAS Thom Transport Ltd currently operates an inter-city transportation service on Route 148 between l'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Ottawa under permit number 1-M000384-026C;

WHEREAS this inter-city route crosses the MRC of Pontiac as well as the Municipality of Pontiac, the latter being part of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais;

WHEREAS the transportation of people constitutes a very important service to which its users depend on to secure their livelihood, and this, particularly in the context of a territory having disturbing evidences of socio-economic devitalization;

WHEREAS an agreement between the carrier, the MRC of Pontiac, the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais and the Ministry of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transportation Electrification (hereinafter named MTMDET) aiming at financially supporting the carrier with a total annual amount of \$69, 000.00 could not be renewed as of 2010, because of the refusal from the latter to provide verified financial statements, according to the said agreement;

WHEREAS on April 21 of this year, the carrier published a notice of « complete abolition of service » effective on May 16 2016;

WHEREAS this notice was not in compliance with the abolition of service procedure, because the said abolition was announced to the users even before filing a request for abolition with the Quebec Transportation Commission (hereinafter named CTQ);

WHEREAS, these facts being brought to some local stakeholders' attention, who undertook a joint approach involving the MRC of Pontiac, the Municipality of Pontiac, the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais, TransportAction Pontiac and the inter-city transportation Authority (hereinafter named Transcollines) to ensure the continuity of the inter-city transportation service on the territory on a short-term basis, and to start procedures for achieving a more sustainable solution, on a medium-term basis;

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2016, the stakeholders requested the following to the CTQ :

- If the carrier wishes to completely abolish the service, the request must be filed with the CTQ;
- If this is the case, the CTQ must publicly post the application normally prescribed;
- If so, Transcollines and its partners should benefit from a hearing, to explain to the community's concerns;
- that, from now until a possible permission to abolish the service is granted by the CTQ, the carrier must provide the service and reassure its users regarding the threatened abolition announced for May 16;

WHEREAS following this intervention the carrier filed an application for the abolition of service for the said permit on May 10, 2016, and a file bearing the number 387174 was open by the CTQ to that effect;

WHEREAS during the last weeks, the carrier has not fulfilled his obligation to operate the inter-city transportation since he failed to do the route, in particular on Friday May 13 and Monday May 16, as agreed upon in his permit issued by the CTQ;

WHEREAS the carrier has publicly stated his intention to stop all activities as of August 5, 2016;

WHEREAS the situation is a source of great insecurity among the users;

WHEREAS it is impossible to continue to ensure the service with the current carrier, particularly because of his past refusal to provide the verified financial statements as part of an agreement to support him financially, his announcement for the abolition of service from April 21, which was noncompliant, the application for abolition of service (file 387174) currently being addressed by the CTQ, the absence of service on May 13 and 16 of this year and the public announcement of his intention to stop all activities on August 5, 2016;

WHEREAS the municipal sector wishes to stabilize the situation on a short and medium-term basis to ensure the continuing inter-city service in question, and this, until a more sustainable solution can be implemented, within approximately 18 months;

WHEREAS Transcollines has the will and the organizational capacity to support the municipal sector in its project to secure and offer the service on a short and medium-term basis;

WHEREAS the operations of Transcollines on the territory of the city of Gatineau are governed by a memorandum of agreement with the *Société de transport de l'Outaouais* (hereinafter named STO);

WHEREAS Transcollines is bound by contract with a carrier that has shown interest, as part of the said contract, to provide the said inter-city service;

WHEREAS section 2.3 of the *Programme d'aide au développement du transport collectif* (hereinafter named PADTC) of the MTMDET provides terms of financial support to inter-city transportation;

WHEREAS the current situation and the proposed solution fit with the terms of support to the PADTC inter-city transportation and that the MRC of Pontiac is eligible for grants from the said program;

WHEREAS the costs of the current project to maintain the inter-city transportation service for an 18-month period are estimated at \$ 305, 288.00;

WHEREAS the proposed financial contribution from the Municipality of Pontiac is \$13, 500 and the breakdown of the project’s funding is described as follows:

Expenditures	\$	%
TOTAL Expenditures	\$305, 287	100%
Funding	\$	%
MRC of Pontiac	\$31, 500	10%
Municipality of Pontiac	\$13, 500	4%
Users revenues	\$74, 250	24%
MTQ grants (varies depending on the users revenues maximum \$260, 287)	\$186, 038	61%
TOTAL FUNDING	305 288 \$	100%
BALANCE	0 \$	

It is

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

AND RESOLVED to give Transcollines the mandate to organize and provide the management of an inter-city transportation service on Route 148 on the territory of the MRC of Pontiac and of the Municipality of Pontiac until December 31, 2017.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED that the service will provide a link between the Municipality of l’Isle-aux-Allumettes and the Aylmer sector of the city of Gatineau, and this respecting the terms of the memorandum of agreement between Transcollines and the STO.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED that the mandate given to Transcollines includes incurred expenses, the awarding of contract, collection of users’ revenues and the authority of do all transactions and to sign all documents or agreements necessary for the fulfillment of his mandate.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED that the Municipality of Pontiac’s financial contribution is \$13, 500.00.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED to authorize the Director General of the Municipality of Pontiac to proceed with the signature of all agreements necessary for the implementation of this project, including the MRC of Pontiac, Transcollines and the MTMDET.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED to authorize the Director General of the Municipality of Pontiac to collaborate with Transcollines to take advantage of the MRC’s services to establish a temporary service for the collection of tickets.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED to support the application for financial assistance from the MRC of Pontiac to the MTMDET as part of the present project.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED to pursue efforts with the involved stakeholders to implement a sustainable solution and redeploy the inter-city transportation service on Route 148, within approximately 18 months.

FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the moneys will come from the unaffected surplus.

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There was no question from the public.

16-06-2810
CLOSING OF THE MEETING

It is

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

AND RESOLVED to close the meeting at 8:05 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».