

Pontiac council report - higher fees for more garbage

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The regular council meeting on 19 January 2016 in Luskville, was attended by about 15 members of the public.

Review of garbage collection contract

The current contract ends on 31 May 2016. Tenders will be requested for a new contract starting on 1 June. Temporary measures for some businesses that produce a lot of garbage will be stopped, being inequitable. Owners wishing to have more garbage collected than allowed for in the current contract can request this from the municipality but they'll have to pay for any additional costs.

Fire Department

At the special meeting on 12 January a majority of councillors authorized the Director General to sign an agreement that the Québec National Firefighters School and the municipal administration together will review the administrative and operational structure of the Fire Department. The councillors who voted against explained that there was no recommendation from the Director of the Fire Department and the expenditure is not within the 2016 Budget.

The Fire Department receives payment from the SAAQ when the "jaws of life" are used at the scene of road crashes. This specialized equipment is expensive and moving it is also costly. A resolution was passed to ensure that these payments go into a fund solely for the use of the Pontiac FD.

Planning department, community

Notice was given that at a future meeting a bylaw will be presented in relation with the PIIA (Architectural Integration and Implementation Plan) for the Domaine des Chutes project (on the north side of ch Hôtel-de-ville in Luskville). In addition the zoning bylaw 177-01 will be amended to improve the regulatory framework on this site.

A minor exemption was granted for an existing house at 11 ch Terry-Fox (on the Ottawa river waterfront) that is about 4 m from the lot side margins. The bylaw prescribes a minimum of 5 m.

The fee for a minor exemption will be reduced from \$750 to \$400 to encourage owners to correct similar situations.

Council adopted the policy for community based organizations tabled by the DG. (Politique de reconnaissance et de soutien des organismes communautaires.) This requires such organizations to be registered with the REQ, to keep accounts according to accepted accounting principles, to have insurance for civil liability, to have a democratically elected board etc. It must be based in the MRC des Collines or MRC Pontiac and devote at least 14% of its mission within the municipality. Certain activities are not allowed, such as religious organizations.

The Federation of Residents Associations (FRAPP) will be holding a meeting to explain the legal framework governing tolerance roads. The municipal lawyer is mandated to take part in this information meeting to answer members' questions.

Money matters

The Director General is authorized to sign for a bridging loan of nearly \$2 million from the Caisse Populaire des Collines-de l'Outaouais, until the loan for capital expenditures is received.

Invoices amounting to \$41,250 and fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$1,035,080 up to 7 January were approved, as were incurred expenses for January 2016 of \$30,969. A motion to pay certain expenses such as salaries and contracts immediately invoices are received was passed.

The drainage plans for improving ch de la Montagne are modified to avoid encroaching on Gatineau Park, entailing extra costs of \$18,500. The ditches will be shallower and safer.

Tenders for rental of a road sweeper and operator, to speed up sweeping streets and intersections in the spring, are requested, for a maximum of \$15,000.

Installation of street lights at four intersections is authorized for a maximum of \$6,000, to be carried out after or at the same time as previously authorized street light installations.

JFSA (Jean-François Sabourin) is given a contract for \$5,000 to determine the limits of the riparian strip and flood zones, information required by the municipality when owners request permits, as well as to comply with provincial policy on shorelines.

The municipality accepted the Municipal Housing Bureau's 2016 Budget, which shows the 10% municipal share as \$3,824.

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