

Pontiac council report - improving fire prevention

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Over 22 people attended the regular council meeting on 10 May 2016 in Breckenridge. Councillor Howard was absent. Councillor McCann was present - he was removed from Council by the Superior Court on 11 May. A majority of council voted against approving the minutes of the special meeting of 19 April. Councillor Amyotte stated that he didn't think the minutes reflected what happened.

Traffic calming

Miguel Tessier is concerned about traffic on ch Dubois and Marquis, speeding and big trucks. He and another resident mentioned that Stop signs on ch Terry-Fox, intended to slow traffic, keep being knocked over or removed. Council agreed to put up improved signs and ask for more police presence in the sector.

Proposed bylaws:

Councillor McCann gave notice of a borrowing bylaw for \$1.5 million over 20 years, to construct a community centre in Quyon. When this bylaw is adopted a register will be opened for those who oppose it. Mayor Roger Larose said, "Ward 6 (suburban Breckenridge) cannot grow much more, the only sector that can grow is 'the town' (Quyon). We need to invest, bring in people to pay for roads. If we want to grow we have to invest."

Councillor Pontiroli gave notice of a bylaw laying down standards for fire safety for all municipalities in the MRC des Collines. For example: Bylaw officers will have the right to visit any residence or other building to inspect smoke alarms etc, between 8 am and 8 pm or at any time during an emergency. Ventilation ducts must be kept free of dust and grease. Exterior fireplaces must be 6 m from any building. Entrances must be kept accessible for fire trucks. The complete bylaw is on the municipal website and should be read.

Ms. Pontiroli also gave notice of a future bylaw on septic systems using UV light as tertiary treatment for substandard lots. The municipality will be responsible for maintenance of such systems to ensure public safety.

Planning

Councillor Amyotte gave notice that with respect to the PIIA for Domaine des Chutes, he will modify the zoning bylaw to establish standards for the amount and quality of water available.

The zoning of Domaine des Chutes is changed from zone 18 to zone 56. There are restrictions on cutting trees, parking heavy vehicles etc, within the new zone.

Residents will be able to consult the municipality's official flood zone map for a fee. Before any work is done on a waterfront property (Ottawa or Quyon river) the owner must check the location of the flood zone.

A request for a minor variance by the owners of 28 ch Elm who wish to enlarge their lot at #30 and decrease the size of #28 was denied. Each lot is 0.9 acre, the minimum required for septic installations.

A minor variance for 2082 ch Gauvin (on Lac des Loups), was allowed, provided certain conditions are met.

Requests to NCC

The municipality will ask the NCC for at least 20 free passes in 2016, for access to Lac Philippe, which is mostly within the municipality. The municipality of La Pêche already receives some free passes.

The NCC will also be asked to fix the flooding problems on ch Lac Curley, caused by beaver dams, within 5 days. Otherwise the municipality will correct the problem and charge the NCC.

Thom transport

Council will inform the Commission des Transports du Québec that it is opposed to the ending of the bus service between Isle-aux-Allumettes and Ottawa. More time is requested for municipalities to look into providing a public transport system. It is reported that Mr Thom is 85 years old and would like to retire. His company runs several bus routes.

Expenses approved:

Invoices amounting to \$55,797, fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$439,547 for April, and incurred expenses for May 2016 of \$84,770.

\$33,511 to Somavrac CC for 50 tons of calcium chloride for dust abatement on gravel roads.

\$25,000 to support the PALSIS project (fighting poverty and social exclusion).

\$5,880 to Shawville for the 49 Pontiac residents using the skating rink for hockey and figure skating.

\$5,800 to Raymond Bélisle Reg. to improve the road and drainage of ch des Oies (a tolerance road off ch Terry-Fox).

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