

Pontiac council report - borrowing bylaws can proceed

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Over 33 people attended the regular council meeting on 14 June 2016 in Luskville. Citizens who wished to register their opposition to borrowing bylaws for the Quyon community centre and roads were able to do so all day until 7 pm, and the results were announced: 144 against the \$1.5 million for the Quyon Community Centre, and 78 against the \$2 million for phase 2 of ch de la Montagne and preliminary work on other roads. In both cases 459 votes against were required to cancel the bylaw, 10% of electors. Mayor Roger Larose indicated that the opposition would be taken into account.

Public input

Lucia Arruda felt that insufficient notice was given about the registers and insufficient time to vote for those working full time and with children. She wondered if email voting could be allowed. Her taxes have increased 50% over 15 years. Mr Larose replied that the province makes the rules (the Québec Elections Act).

James Eggleton wanted to know who had signed against the bylaw(s) by ward. This information was not disclosed.

Debbie Cloutier-Tremblay made assumptions about who had signed against the Quyon Community Centre, and during her tirade said that ward 6 residents consider those in ward 2 (Quyon) as second class citizens. Councillor Amyotte said her statements were defamatory.

Fire department

L'École nationale des pompiers du Québec recommends that Pontiac, with over 6000 residents, requires a full-time director of the fire department. The director general will prepare a job offer. The ÉNPQ will assist the municipality in selecting the director. This was adopted by a majority with Councillors Amyotte and Pontiroli voting against.

Fees for garbage collection

The bylaw on the new fee structure for garbage collection was tabled. The annual minimum amount per residence will be \$250, for one garbage bin (\$175) and one recycling bin (\$75). More bins (360L or 240L wheelie bins) or large containers will cost more. A system of identification stickers for bins will be introduced.

A bylaw was passed to regulate landfill, digging and excavation operations on shorelines, flood plains, slopes, and landslip areas, or those affecting neighbouring properties or altering surface drainage. Quarries authorized by the government, and farms carrying out work authorized by the CPTAQ are exempt.

The new map of electoral districts with a more equal number of electors per ward was adopted, with Dr Amyotte voting against.

Planning

The PIIA (Plan d'implantation et d'integration architecturale) for Domaine des Chutes, was adopted as well as the new zoning requirements. (Zone 56, no parking of heavy trucks, no bed-and-breakfasts, no access from 148 or to NCC property, no tree cutting in specified areas, etc.)

The municipality requests the CPTAQ to remove 5 lots from the agricultural zone, i.e. 3001 to 3021 route 148, on the south side of 148 between ch Lebrun and ch du Village in Luskville, at the west end of the four-lane.

A minor exemption was granted to 177 Pointe-aux-Roches to encroach slightly on the shoreline protection strip. A certificate of localization must be supplied showing that the plan was followed.

Council passed a resolution allowing the Ministry of Transport to put up signs indicating the "Les Chemins d'eau" route (Tourisme Outaouais), at no cost to the municipality.

Access to the boat docks in Quyon will be closed from noon 30 June to noon 1 July to allow the fireworks to be set up.

After fruitless attempts to convince the owners of 68 ch de la Baie to conform to several urban planning bylaws and provincial laws, legal action will be taken against them.

Expenses approved:

Invoices amounting to \$58,991, fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$245,232 for May, and incurred expenses for June 2016 of \$35,853.

\$8,500 to Philippe Beaudoin, civil engineering technician, for support in various infrastructure projects (13 weeks of 35 hours).

\$8,390 plus tax to Quadrivium for additional plans required for ch de la Montagne phase 1 (the paving now completed).

\$7,137.59 to Pavage Outaouais - 10% of their fee which had been held back for 6 months as guarantee.

\$513.20 to reimburse an employee taking a training course in accounting, on successful completion.

\$400 for membership in Loisir-Sport Outaouais for one year from June 2016.

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