

Pontiac council report - bylaws adopted

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Only ten people attended the regular council meeting on 12 July 2016 in Luskville in addition to three councillors and the mayor.

Public input

M. Papineau complained about a “mile of continuous dust” on ch Papineau and increased truck traffic in spite of a truck ban. Mayor Roger Larose indicated that the police handed out a fine to a truck company last week. The municipality ran out of calcium to reduce dust, because of uneven spreading, and is waiting for more to be delivered.

Debbie Cloutier’s input on the fire department provoked a reprimand from the director general for mentioning municipal employees in a derogatory way in a public meeting.

Administration

Dominic Labrie has taken over the Assistant Director General and interim assistant secretary treasurer positions, in addition to being Head of Communications. Mme Chevrier-Bottrill continues as Finance and Human Resources director.

A truck driver and an operator have been hired for the public works department, which is also authorized to hire two labourers for a maximum of 15 weeks for the summer.

Michel Lemieux’s resignation as Fire Director was rejected by two votes to two. (A full time Fire Director is being sought.)

As the pay scale for managers is lower than the going rate in this region for the responsibilities and workload of a full time Fire Director, the pay policy will be modified. Mathieu Hull’s contract is renewed for two months as fire prevention officer, at \$19.26/hour.

The MRC des Collines will be informed that Council opposes the project to enlarge the police headquarters in Wakefield for \$8 million, since the MRC has not seriously considered establishing satellite offices. Council expects the MRC to spread economic benefits among all the municipalities.

Garbage collection

The new fee structure for garbage and recycling was adopted as well as the new garbage bylaw. The municipality will buy back green wheelie bins in good condition for \$50 from residents who are changing to larger containers, and will resell them to citizens for \$75. (The 360 L wheeled bins at a local hardware store are listed at \$94, the 240 L bins are \$70.)

LJ Towing dumped the contents of a commercial garbage container on Ave des Fauvettes in May (François-Tremblay beach area). A majority of council voted to call in a clean-up company to deal with this.

The speed limit on ch de la Sapinière, du Lac, and Avenue des Plages will be reduced to 40 km/h. New signs will be installed.

Planning

A bylaw was introduced to stop parking or storing of heavy trucks along route 148 in zone 7 (between Smith-Léonard and Elm). There will be a public consultation. The bylaw on work in flood zones was adopted and the official maps of 0-20 year and 100 year likelihood of flooding were annexed. Residents are responsible for determining whether their property is within the flood zone.

Minor exemptions (to zoning bylaws) were granted to the owners of 177 Pointe-aux-Roches, 623 de Clarendon, 28 Elm, 84 Desjardins and 649 Diamants, although in some case conditions were attached, such as planting trees. Not all of these were recommended by the planning committee (CCU). No exemption was approved for an existing garage straddling two lots at 1026 and 868 Pères-Dominicains, built without a permit. In the case of 2 Filion, the owners were given 60 days to clarify the legal description of a right of way.

Council supported the request to the CPTAQ to allow the transformation of local farm produce (commercial usage) in the farm zone, at 225 Pilon.

As soon as the borrowing bylaw for the Quyon community centre is approved by Municipal Affairs, a call for offers for an architect to design and manage the project will be issued.

Expenses approved:

Invoices amounting to \$39,700, fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$431,135 for June, and incurred expenses for July 2016 of \$49,709.

\$11,355 to J.B. McClelland & son, for culverts (the lowest of 3 tenders).

\$10,000 for the Country Fair (Foire Champêtre) at Luskville Falls.

\$8,950 to MOSAIC 3D Inc for calculating volumes of rock and sand removed from quarries and sandpits annually, using satellite data.

Two students are hired for the summer day camp, one for 315 hours maximum at \$15/hour and the other for 280 hours maximum at \$12.50/hour.

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