

Pontiac council - TransCollines takes over bus service

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The regular council meeting, held in Quyon on August 9th, did not go ahead as there wasn't quorum - only two councillors and the mayor were present in addition to 16 members of the public and the director general. Councillor McCann is not allowed to sit at the council table, and three other councillors were absent.

The special meeting at the community centre in Luskville on August 16th, was a rerun of the regular meeting with the same agenda. Only 8 members of the public attended, and the only public input was to suggest that there had been less than 48 hours notice of the meeting, although it was posted on the municipal website on the previous Friday.

Council accepted Michel Trudel's resignation as head of division in the Public Works department. He has accepted a position as Director of Public Works at the Municipality of Cantley.

Council mandated the Department of Public Works to undertake major upgrades (gravel, clearing of brush, ditches, and culverts) on chemins River, Elm east of 148, Kennedy north, Steele Line, Terry-Fox north and Sapinière for \$350,000.

Council has adopted a plan for renewal of drinking water and sewer lines in Quyon. This allows the work to be financed through the TECQ (gas tax) program.

Several files have been sent to RPGL lawyers to start legal procedures against owners who have not responded to letters from the municipality: 101 ch Hurdman, 2101 ch Beaudoin and 146 ch du Girofle, for faulty septic systems, and 1494 route 148 for storing and parking heavy trucks in a residential zone.

The following are appointed members of the planning committee (CCU): Alain Goulet, Kenney Daley, Jean-Claude Beaucher, Kirk Finken and Daniel Desjardins.

A deposit of \$400 is added to the \$200 cost of a permit for a septic system. The deposit will be returned when a conformity certificate has been issued.

Council supports the request of the Quyon ferry operator to the Ministry of Transport, to indicate the new, larger capacity of the ferry on highway signs.

At the special meeting on 6 September, council passed a resolution to support TransCollines running the bus service (formerly Thom Transport) on route 148, serving the MRC Pontiac and the municipality of Pontiac. Pontiac will contribute \$13,500 for the first 12 months from 17 October 2016, 6% of the total. The Ministry of Transport grant covers 63%, MRC Pontiac 14.5%, and passengers 16.5%.

Expenses approved:

Invoices amounting to \$46,512, fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$862,339 for July, and incurred expenses for August of \$41,637.

\$30,960 to buy 24 refurbished sets of breathing apparatus (APRIA) from Gatineau, for the Fire Department, 8 for each of the three fire stations. These are lighter than those currently used, reducing the risk of injury and fatigue.

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