

Pontiac council - municipal well to be fracked

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The regular council meeting for September was held on the 13th, at the “Marcel Lavigne” community centre in Luskville, with 14 members of the public in attendance.

Sale of properties for unpaid taxes

Council authorizes procedures necessary to ask the MRC to sell all properties with unpaid taxes, on December 1st. The Director General and Assistant DG are authorized to buy any properties at this sale, for up to the amount of unpaid taxes, interest and costs.

The property at 1033 de Clarendon was not sold at last year’s sale and therefore reverts to the municipality after an act of sale has been notarized.

Planning

Minor derogations were approved for 196 ch des Pêcheurs and 2001 ch de la Montagne.

Council confirms that Dépanneur Martine at 114, ch des Tourterelles has acquired rights as a dépanneur and an extension may be built according to variances currently in force. The Western Quebec School Board will be asked to improve school bus transport between the municipality and Pontiac High School in Shawville.

Expenses approved:

Invoices amounting to \$59,842, fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$377,546 for August, and incurred expenses for September of \$48,213.

Financing for \$372,900 for the John Deere grader from RBC for 5 years at 2.31%. In 2021, \$197,300 will still be owing.

The snow removal contract for sector F for 4 years is awarded to Construction Nugent, for \$321,010, the lowest offer received. Sector F includes municipal roads in most of Luskville from ch Pères-Dominicains north west to ch Kennedy (but not including Kennedy). The highest offer was over \$1 million for 4 years.

\$65,090 as Pontiac’s share of telecommunications equipment for the MRC emergency services (fire and police). This will be paid for using funds received from the province for using the “jaws of life”, for a maximum of 5 years.

Extra costs of \$19,195.50 for Quadrivium, for supervising work on ch de la Montagne, minus a hold-back for the estimated cost (maximum \$10,000) to correct backfill work at 1863 ch de la Montagne. (Part of a cultivable field was removed when the ditch was dug.) The municipality will try to reclaim this amount from the contractor.

\$4,800 to J.R. Drilling for hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) of the well at the municipal offices, and \$5,188 to VO3 Inc to supply equipment to carry out water flow measurements. “Current water treatment technologies allow the water to be adequately treated.”

\$1,250 to implement the “Espace” project for Luskville recreation park, with assistance from Loisir Sport Outaouais. This is the first step in determining user needs for this park, updating the equipment there, and improving safety.

The municipality will assume the costs for one year of a 4 cu yard garbage container for the Maison de la Famille in Quyon, to be kept in a secure place and only used by the MFQ. Meanwhile the MFQ must find a solution for textile and other waste (other than landfill) as soon as possible.

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