

# Pontiac council - repairs at municipal complex approved

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The regular council meeting was held on the 8th November, at the Luskville community centre. Only three councillors and the mayor were present, along with the Director General and Communications director and a few members of the public.

Mayor Roger Larose tabled his annual report on the municipality's financial position and priorities for 2017, which is available on the municipal website.

## **Parc-du-Sault-des-Chats**

Council authorizes the DG and the mayor to sign the CLD's memorandum indicating that they wish to support the Chat Falls Park project - important for the social and economic development of the municipality of Pontiac.

## **Sewer and water infrastructure in Quyon**

A call for tenders is required to obtain the grant from Quebec's gas tax program (TECQ) for several repairs to sections of the sanitary sewer, addition of equipment to measure overflow after heavy rain in order to comply with government requirements, and addition of valves to allow better management of the water network.

## **Silt around docks in Quyon**

Cima+ has suggested a solution to stop silt from the Quyon River accumulating around the municipal and ferry docks in the Ottawa River. The project is estimated to cost \$1,215,000. CONSOR Inc has offered to lobby various levels of government to obtain authorization and financing, for \$9,000. The municipality, Port Authority and the ferry operator agree to share the cost, so the municipality will pay \$3000 plus tax towards this.

## **Planning**

Since the Planning director has resigned, the council mandates André Lacaille, a human resources professional, to assist the municipality in hiring a new director.

Minor variances were approved for an existing house at 3607 Kennedy road, for a carport to be transformed into an attached garage at 97 Cedarvale, and for a shed to be installed at 19 des Noyers. All of these are closer to the side margin of the lot than allowed by the zoning bylaw. Another minor variance was granted to join two lots at 38 Gingembre, although the resulting lot is still far smaller than the minimum lot size now allowed.

## **Road signs**

The Pontiac Snowmobile Driver's Association requests permission to install "snowmobile crossing" signs on municipal roads where snowmobiles are allowed.

The ferry operator asks for municipal support to ask permission from the ministry of transport to install signs on Lac des Loups road (as well as route 148), indicating that larger vehicles can now be carried.

### **Future motions**

Councillors Draper-Maxsom, Howard and Middlemiss gave notice of future motions: to adopt a tax rate for the 2017 budget; modify bylaws on the location of council meetings, salaries of mayor and councillors, garbage collection, certain activities along route 148 and Eardley-Masham road (the municipality's tourist circuit in the MRC development plan); and new regulations on residential well drilling.

### **Borrowing bylaw**

The municipality accepts an offer from RBC for a loan of \$646,500 with interest at 2.16% for a five year term, for capital expenditures. The borrowing bylaw 05-15 is modified to allow for a shorter term than originally specified.

### **Expenses approved:**

Invoices amounting to \$49,157 and fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$363,096, for October, and incurred expenses for November of \$1313.

A maximum of \$25,000 for roof repairs at the town hall, \$25,000 for repairs to the Luskville community centre washrooms, and \$20,000 for roof repairs at the Luskville library, following a call for tenders. All to be paid from the non-allocated surplus.

\$5,500 from working capital, as phase 1 of a plan to buy and install security equipment for municipal buildings, "to identify offenders". (Modified from October).

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