

# Pontiac council - architect hired for new Quyon community centre

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The regular council meeting was held on the 13th December, at the Luskville community centre. Four councillors and the mayor were present, along with the Director General and Communications director and about 14 members of the public.

## **Public input**

Joëy Simard is concerned about the closing of the boat ramp at the end of ch Tremblay. She feels that this will affect the value of houses in the area (although the fire service will still have access to the river) and prevent outdoor activities such as fishing, kayaking and skating (although it is only motor vehicle access that is not allowed). Mayor Roger Larose explained that it is the Ministry of the Environment that has closed the vehicle access and that the municipality is looking into the best place for a boat ramp since it will be quite expensive to build one that conforms to the law. Nearby parking is also required.

## **Planning**

Louis Montgrain is hired as the new Director of the Planning Department, starting January 4. He will work on contract for a maximum of 25 hours until then.

## **Art work as part of designated heritage route**

The CLD des Collines is contributing \$12,000 to buy a permanent art work from John-Philippe Smith, to be installed near the municipal offices in Luskville. (A selection committee chose two of the eight concepts submitted, with the council making the final decision). The municipality will contribute \$1,500 and employee time for the installation of the piece.

## **Support for an astronomical observatory**

The municipality will pay up to \$5,000 for equipment required for Observatoire Pontiac to install an observatory on NCC land near Luskville Falls, provided that the Caisse Populaire, CLD des Collines and National Capital Commission participate.

## **Garbage bins**

Residents will in future be charged according to the number of garbage and recycling bins they use, not a flat rate per residence.

Madeleine Carpentier pointed out that the garbage and recycling bins for the town hall are often overflowing as unauthorized people use them at weekends.

Municipal offices will be closed from 23 December to 3 January inclusive.

## **Expenses approved at this and recent special meetings:**

Invoices amounting to \$122,078 and fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$454,622, for November, and incurred expenses for December of \$35,843.

\$170,000 plus tax to Pierre L. Tabet Architecte for plans, engineering drawings and supervision of construction of the new community centre in Quyon.

\$89,839 to Cima+ for professional engineering services for phase 2 of ch de la Montagne reconstruction.

\$6,670.56 or \$14,560.95 to Excavation LePam, depending on the depth to be excavated, to rectify the backfilling at 1863 ch de la Montagne.

A maximum contribution of \$11,000 for installation of a gate with Supra lockbox to prevent unauthorized vehicle access to the river, and “No parking” signs on ch Terry-Fox from route 148 to the river. The City of Gatineau will contribute to this.

\$9,565 plus tax to Claude Marquis to prepare a draft regulation on management of tolerance roads.

\$8,896 to Loubac for bins, and parts to repair used bins for resale.

\$5,375 to Construction Pontiac for repairs to the Luskville library roof.

\$4,000 maximum, to the lowest bidder, to install new lights around the Luskville community centre.

\$3,000 is reserved for notary fees for the transfer of land in the heart of Quyon from Quyon Ensemble to the municipality.

\$125 to the Association des Artistes du Pontiac as a sponsor of their promotional brochure.

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