

Pontiac council - contract given for study for boat ramp

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The regular council meeting was held on the 10th January 2017, at the Luskville community centre. Three councillors and the mayor were present, along with the Director General and Communications director.

Public input

James Eggleton asked that council meetings should be recorded to provide the best record of proceedings. Rick Knox had questions about the budget being adopted at a special meeting, and wanted to know the turnover rate of the fire service. Stéphane Alary complained about the slowness of getting a permit to clean ditches.

Planning

Louis Montgrain, the new director of the planning department, and Crystal Deschambault are named as officers of the planning committee (CCU).

New bylaw

The updated regional (MRC) bylaw concerning maintaining public peace and good order was passed. This now includes rules on ice-fishing huts as well as sections on noise, protection of public property (no fighting or drinking), access to parks, and firearms.

Firefighter training

A request for a grant for training volunteer or part-time firefighters will be made to the MRC des Collines.

Boat ramp

A study is proposed to look into the best location, costs and requirements (such as parking) for installing a boat ramp in the Luskville beaches area (to replace the one at the end of ch Tremblay, closed to vehicles by the Ministry of the Environment). Only one conforming proposal was received within the time limit, from ARGUS Environnement Inc. for \$22,751 plus tax. It was approved.

Transition to new management in public works department

Philippe Beaudoin's contract is extended for two weeks to allow transfer of responsibilities to the new head of the division. In addition he will supply technical help for a further 6 weeks at \$961.54 per week.

Parking at Shawville Hospital

Council passed a resolution deploring the charging of fees for parking at the Shawville hospital from March, and asks CISSSO to change their mind over this.

Expenses approved:

Invoices amounting to \$98,847 and fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$498,701, for December, and incurred expenses for January of \$2,924.

\$4,353.40 to Quyon Sports and Recreation for their costs for maintenance of the park and recreational structures in Quyon last year.

The budget of the Office municipal d'habitation (OMH, social housing) for 2017 was accepted, with the 10% share payable by the municipality being \$3,794.

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