

Pontiac council - Quyon boat docks problems

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Zoning in Gatineau Park

On the 8th August 2018 about 30 residents and news media came to the public consultation, at the community centre in Luskville, on modifying zoning of private land within Gatineau Park, and other changes to the zoning bylaw. Louis Montgrain, director and Crystal Deschambault, head of the Urban Planning Department gave a presentation on the changes. Environmental activist Jean-Paul Murray had earlier sent out a misleading press release titled, "Pontiac wants more new houses inside Gatineau Park: NCC, Liberal government failing miserably...". According to Mayor Joanne Labadie, the change in the bylaw would allow private land owners within the Park boundaries to have the same rights as other Pontiac residents. Specifically, Pierre Gervais, who owns a property on the Pontiac / LaPêche boundary that has been in his family since his great grandfather bought it in 1917 (before Gatineau Park), would be allowed to move his house further away from the road and restore it. About 14 properties within Gatineau Park in the municipality are owned privately and would be affected by the new bylaw. These properties are subject to provincial law, including the law protecting farm land, so no new construction or condominium developments would be allowed. Land owned by the NCC is subject to Federal laws.

Only about 12 residents attended the regular Pontiac council meeting on the 14th August 2018.

Docks in Quyon

Allan Amyot spoke for 47 users of the docks at Quyon, dissatisfied with the maintenance and positioning of boat docks since the new ferry dock was built. The wind and current make it hard to dock larger boats. In the past, until three years ago, there was money to pull the docks out in the fall and replace them in the spring. Mayor Labadie said that the sand deposited by the Quyon river is a problem (there's a study on reducing this), and a minimum distance from the cable for the ferry must be maintained. She will look at this. She encouraged boaters to attend the consultation on parks at the end of September, to indicate their interest.

Other public input

Pierre Croteau had many concerns about the "Lusk project" (north of ch de la Montagne and west of Crégheur) including problems with entrances, and speeding. He wanted to know when the paving work would begin. (Levelling started on the 15th August. Surface treatment will start on the 20th, weather permitting.)

Melvin Maxsom wanted to know when Mountain (de la Montagne) and Alary roads would be fixed. Phase 3 of Mountain road repairs is delayed by the Ministry of the Environment and now will not happen until after next spring. Chemin Alary repair has gone to tender, and envelopes will be opened on the 24th August, followed by a special meeting to approve the contractor.

Curley Lake road

A resolution to construct a trail for snowmobiles, horse riders and other tourists along Eardley-Masham road between La Pêche and Pontiac as an alternative to ch Lac Curley was passed unanimously. Chemin Lac Curley will be available to snowmobilers at their own cost and risk while negotiations continue or until an alternative route is available.

Bylaws

The modified Ethics bylaw for council members was passed.

The bylaw on charging non-residents for fire department service (requested by the MRC police) following road accidents or vehicle fires was passed. The rate will be \$400/hr for a minimum of 3 hours, plus 15% administration fee.

(Minutes of council meetings contain the full text of bylaws and are posted on the municipal website: www.municipalitepontiac.com)

The Fire service director is authorized to ask for offers for an ATV with trailer and adapted box for Fire Station 2 (Luskville) for use off-road. A grant of \$205,000 for emergency operations and equipment for

rescuing people in isolated areas was confirmed by the ministry of Public security in March and will fund this equipment.

Dominic Labrie, the Communications head and interim Director general has resigned, as of 31 August. Council thanked him for his excellent work.

Maxime Renaud is hired as coordinator (civil engineering) in the public works department.

Following a citizens' petition asking for a reduction in the speed limit on route 148 and redesign of the the median at 2920 route 148 (Docteur VTT Plus Marine), the ministry of Transport will be asked to act.

Expenses approved since last regular meeting

Invoices amounting to \$109,297 and fixed and pre-approved expenses of \$574,325 for July 2018, and incurred expenses for August of \$49,109.

Industrie CAMA to carry out roof repairs at the Luskville community centre for \$136,360.

\$80,000 plus tax to the Municipalité de Saint-Denis-de-Brompton for a used Five Star International rescue vehicle for the fire department.

\$26,462 to Lignes Maska to carry out road marking on ch de la Montagne between ch Townline and route 148.

\$20,700 plus tax to V03 for compressors for the water treatment plant, from the gas tax fund (TECQ).

\$7,238 to Gyva for adding three workstations to the municipal offices.

\$7,135 to Quadécor for levelling floors and installing vinyl flooring in the municipal offices.

Approved for the new Quyon community centre:

\$20,635 plus tax to Équipements 3L for equipment

\$7,374 to LCC & Associés for adding plywood and "boîtage" (framing?).

\$6,990 plus tax to Équipements Plus for equipment.

\$3,500 for connecting plumbing and electricity.

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