

Pontiac Council meeting - paving and a plan for agriculture

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Only 8 residents attended the regular meeting of Pontiac municipal council on Wednesday, 9th October 2019, held at the Luskville community centre. Unfortunately, following a rental, there is still a problem with the projector although the sound system is now working.

Public input

Jean Coté asked about the cleaning contract for municipal buildings. No tenders were received, so municipal employees are carrying out the cleaning. Another call for offers will be made, splitting the contract between Quyon and Luskville/Breckenridge buildings, making it more attractive to local contractors.

Sue Lamont pursued her questions on how the municipality is keeping to the budget. Mayor Joanne Labadie assured her that revenue is still coming in to pay bills, including \$350,000 from the Ministry of Public Security. "Has council done a cost analysis of the bus?" (TransCollines). Labadie replied that the municipality contributes \$23,000 a year, for the bus that runs from Fort Coulonge to Ottawa, serving several municipalities. It is well utilized and there will be more publicity in our area.

Anita Trudeau and Jean Amyotte asked about ditching that should be carried out before freeze-up, on Pères Dominicains and Cedarvale, to avoid flooding in the spring. Ms Trudeau also wanted to know if snow removal contractors have been checked to see if they have two vehicles available, and stocks of sand, as required by October 1. The mayor will ask the Public works director at their next meeting.

Roads to be paved before winter

Eurovia Quebec Construction Inc is awarded a contract for \$490,005 for paving 1.4 km of Pères Dominicains with warm flexible asphalt. (**enrobé tiède flexible**)

Pavage Robillard is awarded a contract for \$62,003 for patching and paving roads, requiring equipment not own by the municipality.

The Ministry of Transport will be asked again to redevelop the median between #2920 and #3000 route 148, the commercial area at the west end of the four-lane, to improve safety and access to businesses.

The Agricultural Zone Development Plan (PDZA) of the MRC des Collines was tabled.

Plan de développement de la zone agricole (PDZA)

The document is available at www.mrcdescollinesdeloutaouais.qc.ca (search for pdza), in English and French. Now that there is a plan, concerned citizens will be asked to join the Agriculture committee.

The fire chief is authorized to spend up to \$25,000 to make the new 2,500 gallon tanker truck more effective for fire fighting.

The containers for hazardous waste located next to the municipal garage will be dismantled and disposed of by the end of the year. They are not designed to avoid soil contamination, and other places accept these wastes (Canadian Tire takes used oil, Rona takes paint cans, batteries are collected at the town hall, etc.)

Approved:

Invoices amounting to \$328,539, and fixed expenses, \$402,302 for September. No expenses have been incurred for October.

\$200 towards an event organized by the Table Autonome des Aînés des Collines.

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