

Pontiac Council meeting - municipality takes over flood damaged properties

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Council meetings are becoming less popular by the month, perhaps there will be more interest for the budget next month. Only 6 residents attended the regular meeting of Pontiac municipal council on Wednesday, 13th November 2019, at the Lusville community centre. There is still a problem with the projector although the sound system is now working.

Public input

Jean Côté asked about the status of the community centre in Quyon. Mayor Joanne Labadie asked Director General Pierre Said to respond. Among other things the gas for the kitchen needs to be installed.

Urban planning

Owners of nine properties have accepted the Ministry of Public Security's buy-out for residences flooded in the spring. The municipality will acquire these for \$1 each and may be able to claim legal transfer fees from MSP. These are at 91, 129 and 141 ch du Bord de l'eau, 21 ch Bergeron, 29 ave des Vacanciers (in the Plages Albert-Tremblay/Bélisle area south of ch des Pères Dominicains); and 799 and 925 ch du Saphir, 447 ch Clavelle and 967 ch du Ruisseau (in the Plages Charron/Carcajou area at the south end of ch Kennedy). As before, the building must be demolished and the lot cleared and safe.

Two requests for minor variances to regularize the area of small unserviced lots in Breckenridge were approved: 51 ch du Sumac and an un-numbered lot between 4 and 48 ch Cedarvale. In both cases there is room for a septic system. No members of the public disputed these requests.

Public works

A work schedule will be introduced for grading gravel roads to improve the state of these roads.

Fire Department

The collective agreement of February 2019 did not include pay for captains. They will be paid \$26.30 per hour with 2% annual increases, and will be able to claim for up to 6 hours administrative work per week.

The fire department and public works have various surplus equipment for sale. The list will be on the municipal website.

A draft bylaw (06-19) on the policy for contract management of the municipality was tabled. This will be available for consultation on the municipal website. Comparative statements of revenues and expenses as budgeted and as accounted, were tabled.

The Pontiac Snowmobile Drivers Association Inc is authorized to install snowmobile crossing signs where its trails cross municipal roads.

Approved:

Invoices amounting to \$253,473, and fixed expenses, \$524,501 for October and \$7,933 incurred for November.

\$32,833 as Pontiac's share of a shortfall in Tricentris' income from recyclable materials. The management of recyclables is carried out by Tricentris for the seven municipalities of MRC des Collines.

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