

Pontiac Council - Lions Club bar in Quyon

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The regular meeting of Pontiac municipal council was held on 13 October 2020 at 7 pm, by teleconference.

Public input

Xavier Daneau followed up his question in May about the evaluation of his Luskville cottage which he occasionally rents out to help cover the cost of rebuilding. In addition to the increase in value of the cottage, the MRC evaluators added a \$1400 fee for commercial use. He requests council to look into having a permit for occasional commercial use such as renting for a few weeks in the summer and some weekends, along the lines of the model used in Val des Bois.

Community centre in Quyon

The Lions Club asks to be able to install a bar at the Quyon Community Centre at their own cost and to further citizen participation in building the community. They have their own insurance. A majority of council voted to give the Lions club a free rental contract for the space for five years. (Non-profit community groups get free use of municipal buildings.) Councillors Draper-Maxsom and McDonald voted against this, while Mayor Labadie voted for it, although no tie-break vote was required for a majority.

Fire department

Cheryl Hardwick is named as a captain in the fire department, acting as safety officer to make sure that fire fighters work as safely as possible.

Public works

Council requests financial aid from the ministry of Transport for various work on municipal roads under the section Acceleration of investments on local road networks of the Programme on local road assistance (AIRRL of PAVL).

A majority of council requests financial aid from the Canadian Federation of Municipalities, for the second phase of Municipal Asset Management. Council undertakes to acquire asset management software and collect information on the road network and other infrastructure if a grant is received. Two directors took a course in 2018, as phase one of this project. A budget of \$12,500 is allotted. Councillors Draper-Maxsom and McDonald voted against this.

Planning

Two requests to the CPTAQ were supported by council: Douglas Smith wishes to build a residence linked to farming and maple syrup production at 1199 ch du Lac-des Loups, (about 2 ha of wooded strip along the former rail line); and Jason Jones wishes to build a residence linked to farming, affecting 9 lots on 51 ha of farmland at 600 ch Crégheur. The second request has been corrected from the original request in August. (This farm was subdivided into 23 lots before the law on protection of farmland came into effect.)

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