

Pontiac Council - study for Bronson-Bryant repair

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The regular monthly meeting of Pontiac municipal council was held on 11 May 2021 at 7:30 pm, by teleconference. About 10 members of the public joined council and director general Pierre Said. Councillor Draper Maxsom was absent. Residents were reminded that if more than one person attends the meeting at one computer or device they should all register beforehand.

Public input

Diane Lacasse asked for municipal support for a residence for the aged. She also asked about the Mill on rue Egan in Quyon, which we were told at the February meeting would be put on the market in the spring. Mayor Joanne Labadie replied that the lot must be surveyed as part belongs to the ministry of Transport. The minimum acceptable offer will be what the municipality paid for it in June 2010. The building alone is now evaluated at \$91,400 (entire property \$119,000).

Marie-Anne Larose asked why local contractors are not used for some road repairs. The mayor explained that contracts expected to be more than \$100,000 must go through the provincial SÉAO bidding process and be open to all Québec contractors. Local companies may bid on the contracts.

Road works

QDI was awarded the mandate for a geotechnical study and supervision of work to replace the culvert that washed out in 2019 where ch Bronson-Bryant crosses Knight's Creek, near rue de Clarendon, for \$85,000. This is an important route for heavy equipment, bypassing rue Pontiac. To obtain a 75% grant from the Ministry of Public Security (MSP), plans, specifications and a hydraulic study must be done.

A call for tenders will be put on SÉAO for plans, specifications and supervision for repairing ch Murray and rue de Clarendon (from the Quyon river bridge east to the 148). This is listed in the triennial plan for 2022 but funding is being sought now.

EXP is awarded the mandate for \$2,550 plus tax, for supervision and quality control of material for municipal road work at the ch du Pékan housing development (off Tremblay road near the 148 in the Heyworth area). The development is by 8478619 Canada Inc, whose directors are Jeffrey Renaud, Gaëtan Beaudoin and Alain Gervais.

Planning

The Director of Urban planning has resigned, and the post will be advertised. This will have no impact on issuing of building permits.

The plans of owners of two lots on ch de l'Aventure, to build a single family home at 132 and to add a detached shed at 153, were approved.

Three requests for minor variances were approved, at 82 ch McKay, 110 ch des Trappeurs, and 138 ch Cedarvale.

Council supported an application to the CPTAQ to build a residence on farm land at 5670 ch Farrell.

A new MRC bylaw concerning animals was tabled.

Recreation and culture

CIMA+ tendered the only conforming proposal for design of concrete bases, plans, specification and electrical installation for the lighting system at the Luskville rec park for \$29,779. This will be paid by the grants from the Blue Jays and the ministry of Education.

An agreement will be signed with Éditions Media Plus Communication to produce the 2022 calendar, at no cost to the municipality.

Julien Charette will be hired under the Canada 2021 summer job program, for the second year running, for eight 35 hour weeks at \$15/h.

Public safety

A new MRC bylaw, setting standards with respect for fire safety was tabled.

Two volunteer fire fighters who have retired or resigned were thanked for their years of loyal service.

Expenses approved:

John Schuiteboer Cartage Inc won the snow removal contract for 4 years for sector G (Crégheur area) for \$955,380 - the lowest of two offers.

Nugent Construction Inc won the snow removal contract for 4 years for sector A (a small area near Lac des Loups) for \$74,734 - the only offer.

\$55,789 plus tax to Entreprises Steve Couture for the lowest conforming bid to repair and replace guard rails on chs Wiggins, Westbrook, Cochrane and Crégheur.

\$9,181 plus to Innovision for municipal election support as all municipal employees are working at full capacity.

Incurring expenses of \$5,836 for May.

\$2,000 to the communication class at CÉGEP de l'Outaouais as appreciation for their redesign of the municipal web site.

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