

# Pontiac Council - new fire truck

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The regular monthly meeting of Pontiac municipal council was held on 14 September 2021 at 7:30 pm, by teleconference. Only about 6 members of the public joined council, director general Pierre Said and assistant DG Geneviève Latulippe online. Councillor McDonald was absent.

## Public input

Diane Lacasse asked why council meetings are still being held on Zoom. “You are hiding behind a curtain.” Mayor Joanne Labadie explained that there are often about 20 people at a council meeting. Although Pontiac has a good vaccination rate compared to other municipalities, “we can’t force people who come to meetings to be vaccinated, as it is a public meeting. We will continue online to the end of October.” Pontiac has no staff available for disinfecting microphones etc which would be required.

Lacasse also asked why there are so many building inspectors. “The municipality has too many employees.” Labadie said Pontiac has fewer employees than comparable municipalities and some are on maternity leave. There is a building boom and staff are required to reduce delays in obtaining building permits.

## Fire department

Council approved the purchase of a new pumper truck for \$480,020.63 including tax from Battleshield, which was the only offer on SÉAO, the provincial tendering site. This will be financed with the borrowing bylaw 02-17 and the working fund, over 10 years.

A used compressor to fill APRIA cylinders will be bought from Ottawa Compressor Services for \$16,695 + tax. (L'appareil de protection respiratoire individuel autonome (APRIA) is self contained breathing apparatus for firefighters). Currently these are refilled with compressed air by Chelsea, 4 to 5 times per month.

## Public works

CIMA+ is given the mandate for plans and specifications for repairing Clarendon and Murray roads for \$42,900 + tax. The repairs are in the 3-year plan, to be carried out in summer 2022.

Énergère Inc is awarded the contract to convert street lighting to LED with additional work including fuses, wires, ID tags and flagmen, for a total of \$57,443.62 + tax. This contract was negotiated through the Federation of Québec Municipalities. Councillor Barber voted against.

## Planning

There were three requests for minor variances. Two were approved.

The owner of 177 cr Bourgeois is allowed to rebuild a residence although the frontage is 18.69 m and the norm is now 45 m. This property off rue de Clarendon in Quyon was subdivided before the bylaw came into force. The existing house burned down in 2015.

Service de Réparation Aylmer, which has recently moved to 2930 rte 148 in Lusville, asked to put up a white fabric dome building behind the store for machinery. The planning committee (CCU) recommended against this but council approved a temporary variance with the building being removed within 18 months.

The owner of a 7 acre lot mostly behind but also each side of 1751 rte 148, near Breckenridge Creek, wishes to subdivide the lot and construct a main residence. The frontage on the highway is

16.15 m and the norm is 45 m. Council followed the CCU's recommendation and voted against allowing this variance.

The municipality will acquire the lot at 59 ch Bord-de-L'Eau for \$1 after it is cleaned up. The owner of the flood-damaged property accepts the financial assistance of the Ministry of Public Security.

The Director of the Planning department Paul Doucet, and two planning inspectors, Lianne Couture-Dubé and Georges Apreutesei (all new employees), are appointed as responsible for issuing permits for building, septic systems and protecting water, in addition to existing employees in the department.

### **Administration**

MDL Telecom will update the phone system for \$5,458.68 + tax.

Two recently hired office clerks have withdrawn and the posts will be refilled.

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