

# Pontiac Council - Country fair in October

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Only five residents attended the monthly council meeting on 12 September 2023 at the Luskville community centre. Former councillor Scott McDonald asked how much the municipal garbage truck cost compared to the cost of the pickup contract. (\$200K vs. \$800K - the municipality also hired three new employees.) The word “miracle” was used, and also applied to the beautiful state of the newly cleaned and waxed floor in the centre. McDonald, having checked out the washroom, asked when Luskville and Breckenridge, with two-thirds of Pontiac’s population, would have up-to-date facilities like Quyon’s.

## Public works

Bylaw 9-23 was tabled to replace bylaw 10-16 on collection of garbage and recycling.

Bylaw 10-23 was tabled to replace bylaw 8-23 (adopted last month), on “light maintenance on private roads open to the public by tolerance.” Some additions are made, such as including replacement of culverts.

The Acting DG and the mayor are authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Domaine des Chutes developer. Two requests to La Toponymie du Québec to allow names for two new roads in Phase 2 were passed. Both names are associated with rock climbing: ch du Mousqueton (*carabiner* in English), and ch de l’Escalade.

Michel Larivière withdrew after being hired as a truck driver last month and Réjean Martineau is now hired.

## Planning

A proposal on sale or rental of lands acquired following the 2017 and 2019 floods only applies to a few lots. For example the owner of a “cottage lot” may wish to acquire enough area to comply with current planning bylaws or install a septic system. The public works director will post public notices on lots for sale or rental, for at least 30 days before an agreement is made between the municipality and the lot owner.

Cardo Urbanisme is given a \$4500 contract to prepare a bylaw to approve projects that respect the objectives of the Urban Plan but don’t comply with planning bylaws. (Such as cottages on tiny lots, subdivided before the planning bylaws were passed).

## Other

Council advances \$35,000 to the Leisure committee for preparation of the 2024 Pontiac Country (music) Festival (*Festival Country de Pontiac*). Mayor Larose later vetoed this as the budget for 2024 has not been decided.

Funds are provided for the Pontiac Country Fair, (*Foire Champêtre de Pontiac*), in October this year: \$1,200 plus tax to Meet the Keepers Wildlife rescue for animated dinosaurs, \$618 for advertising in the Pontiac Journal and \$100 for gratuities for the public.

The Assistant DG is authorized to refine the agreement with La Pêche on sharing fire protection services, equipment and material.

The MRC assessment roll as of 1 September, was tabled.