

Pontiac Council - new equipment for public works

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Twelve residents attended the monthly council meeting on 14 November 2023 at the Lusville community centre, a recent record. Councillors McCann and Dagenais were absent. Three residents of Cedarvale were concerned that now they have to bring their wheelie bins to the road along the servitude to their properties. They left after question period.

Administration

Expenses of \$169,823 for November were accepted.

A loan of \$401,800 was refinanced for 5 years. The tender from Caisse Desjardins de Hull Aylmer had the lowest interest rate, 5.55% and was accepted.

Dates were set for next year's council meetings. As usual they are held on the second Tuesday of the month except for January, when it is the 23rd. The June and September meetings will be held in Quyon, and the May meeting in Breckenridge.

RPGL Avocats were given the mandate to take part in an "amicable settlement conference" to settle the dispute between the contractors and architect of the Quyon community centre and the municipality.

Public works

The director of public works is mandated to invite tenders for a pick-up truck for a maximum of \$50,000, and to call for tenders on SEAO for an excavator and equipment for about \$150,000. These amounts are covered by the umbrella borrowing bylaw 02-23.

Planning

The Municipality wants to revise the urban plan and bylaws, but has missed the two year window following the revised MRC plan. They request an additional 12 months from the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Draft bylaw 11-23 was passed to allow special projects (PPCMOI) to be approved, even if they don't comply with all the planning bylaws. The application fee is \$1000. See the municipal website for text of bylaw.

The owner of 11 Quero wishes to regularize the location of a third secondary building, with a minor variance. This was approved.

Bill Twolan wishes to divide his 1.2 ha lot at 25 Elm (waterfront) into three to allow two new residences (about one acre each). This is farmland, and requires approval from the CPTAQ. A majority of Council supported this.

"St Patrick street", currently used as part of St Mary's church carpark, will be abolished as a municipal road.

The Catholic presbytery at 5 St John street is permitted to subdivide the lot into two. Council approved buying 225 Pontiac road from the succession of previous owner.