

Pontiac Council - tax rate bylaw passed

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The monthly council meeting was held on 23 January 2024 at the Lusville community centre at 7:30 pm. Only three residents attended.

Administration

Bylaw 01-24 establishing tax rates for 2024 was passed. The residential tax rate per \$100 property value is 0.6081, and for businesses is 1.218. Services such as recycling and garbage pick up and in Quyon, drinking water and sewage are extra.

Several contracts were awarded for services in 2024 (tax not included):

Legal services from RPGL Avocats: 97.5 hours remain available.

Legal services from DHC Avocats, based on a bank of 40 hours.

Services from PMB Huissiers de justice, a maximum of \$25,000.

Planning services from Cardo Urbanisme, a bank of 20 hours.

For the Quyon and Lusville parks development project, A4 Architecture+Design, \$20,000 based on a bank of hours, and Loisir Sport Outaouais, \$12,500.

Biological advice on various road and urban planning projects, AP Enviro-conseil, \$9,900 (90 hours).

Appraisals from Société d'évaluation immobilière de l'Outaouais up to \$3,500.

Staff training by PG Solutions, \$2,565.

Draft bylaw 02-24 was tabled about agreements between residents and the municipality on municipal infrastructure works and cost sharing.

Council confirmed to the Ministry of Transport that it will use the remaining local roads grant (PAVL) on eligible work, having already worked on Braun, Hammond, Wilson, Rivière, Elm, Beaudoin, 3rd, 5th, and 6th Concessions, and Proven.

The municipality's share (10%) of the Pontiac housing office's deficit for 2023 is \$4001, which council agreed to pay.

A law student from the University of Ottawa will be hosted to provide volunteer legal assistance to citizens, as part of the U of O's Community involvement learning program..

Public works

The best offer received through SÉAO to buy an excavator was from Empire for \$165,179 including tax.

The managers of the drinking water and sewage plants are asked to provide administration with a report on their potential capacity, including the network and pumping stations.

Planning

Draft bylaw 03-24 on maintenance of buildings was tabled to control dilapidated buildings.

Two "flood lots" owned by the municipality will be leased to neighbouring owners on Du Ruisseau and Saphir roads.

The 1.6 km recreational trail on the former rail-line between Terry-Fox and Sumac roads will be created as planned, at the developers' requests.

DHC Avocats are mandated to continue legal proceedings in Superior Court against the owner of a cottage at 217 Cedarvale road, which should be demolished..

See the online minutes for full details of new bylaws including tax rates.