

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alayn and Cawood, held this **4th day of February 2019**, 10 Jondee Road, Danford Lake, Québec.

PRESENT: Mayor Carl Mayer
Councillors Susan Tanner Jason Emery
Sidney Squitti John Emery
Mona Giroux Becky Early
(absent)

The Director General, Isabelle Cardinal, two (2) guest were also present.

1. Opening of Meeting

Mayor Mayer acknowledges quorum and declares the Meeting is officially opened at 7:30 P.M.

2. Approval of Agenda

012-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the Agenda be approved.

Adopted

3. Approval of the Minutes

Regular meeting held January 14th, 2019

013-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Jason Emery

And, resolved unanimously that the January 14th, 2019 minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes

4. QUESTION PERIOD

Roger Johnson informs Council about the street lights not working.

5. ADMINISTRATION

MRC report

Firearms Registry

WHEREAS the former Premier of Quebec, Mr. Philippe Couillard forced in June 2016 the creation of the register SIAF (Registration Service of Firearms of Quebec) by not allowing the free vote of his deputies;

WHEREAS the law on the registration of unrestricted firearms in Quebec came into force on January 29, 2018, stating that firearms must be registered by the end of January 2019 at the latest;

WHEREAS the implementation of this register (\$17 million for the establishment and \$5 million annually for the operation) does not provide any concrete security measures to combat the importation, manufacture and possession of illegal weapons;

WHEREAS the SIAF tends to demonize firearms and honest owners with the required federal permits, but completely ignores criminals procuring weapons on the black market;

WHEREAS on December 20, 2018, one month before the deadline, 82% of Quebec's weapons (1.6 million) are still not registered;

WHEREAS the SIAF project is likely to suffer the same fate as the Canadian firearms Registry (from \$2 million to \$2 billion), given weak results so far;

WHEREAS abandoning the registry would release significant amounts that could be used for a better cause (in mental health, for example).

014-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Jason Emery

And resolved unanimously,
THAT the Municipality of Alleyn-and-Cawood invites the other Quebec municipalities to ask the MPs, the Minister of Public Security of Quebec and the Prime Minister to backtrack on the law on the registration of firearms without restriction;

THAT the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Alleyn-and-Cawood express its solidarity with hunters, sport shooters, collectors and citizens who consider this register intrusive and ineffective;

THAT the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Alleyn-and-Cawood request the Government of Quebec to concretely support initiatives against the importation, manufacture and possession of illegal weapons;

THAT the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Alleyn-and-Cawood propose to the Quebec government to put in place necessary information and education programs to curb the stigmatization of firearms and the demonization of their owners.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, the Minister of Public Security of Quebec, the Minister of the Family and responsible for the Outaouais, the Pontiac MP, the MRC Pontiac and all its municipalities.

Adopted

Forestry Activity

WHEREAS the territory of the MRC Pontiac occupies approximately 13,850 km² and the productive forest area represents 78% of the territory of the MRC;

WHEREAS historically, there has always been an industrial structure related to the forestry sector in the MRC of Pontiac which has allowed its development, thanks to the presence of a rich and available forest resource which remains an important component of the economy of the MRC;

WHEREAS the national forest crisis that has been raging since 2006 has hit heavily the Pontiac timber processing plants, in particular the closing of the Litchfield hardwood pulp mill in 2008 and the permanent or temporary closures of several sawmills of pine and hardwood;

WHEREAS today, the public forest of the MRC Pontiac territory supplies primary processing plants located mainly outside the MRC Pontiac;

WHEREAS in 2009, the MRC Pontiac, in collaboration with partners in economic development, carried out strategic planning to redefine the socio-economic future of the Pontiac communities. Vision 2020 identifies the forest sector as one of the key sectors to develop;

WHEREAS since 2010, the MRC Pontiac has invested significant amounts in study and the creation of Fiber Pontiac to stimulate the local economy by capitalizing on the unused pulpwood which is abundant in the Pontiac;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Alayn-and-Cawood has adopted a resolution asking the Government of Quebec to establish a special statute for the MRC Pontiac and to decree a moratorium on timber exports from the Pontiac territory and considering that this position reflects the frustration of the local population towards the economic decline of the exploitation of the forest resource for local communities;

015-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Giroux

And, resolved unanimously to ask the Minister of the Economy and Innovation Quebec and the Minister of Wildlife and Parks to establish a common strategy to support the MRC Pontiac in its initiatives for the recovery forest industry on its territory.

Adopted

MRC – Agreement on Emergency Isolated Environment Rescue

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac is committed to developing an off-road rescue program;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac has adopted a local emergency intervention protocol, which appoints two (2) regional emergencies rescue teams;

WHEREAS these teams may have to intervene in all the municipalities of the MRC;

WHEREAS inter-municipal agreements will have to be signed to offer this service;

WHEREAS it would be preferable for all municipalities to sign a common agreement to standardize interventions;

WHEREAS the budget for these interventions will be managed by the MRC;

WHEREAS a regional inter-municipal agreement has been presented to the Municipal Council;

015-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that the municipality of Alleyn-and-Cawood adopt the submitted agreement.

IN ADDITION, the Municipal Council authorizes the director general and the mayor to sign any document related to the agreement on behalf of the municipality of Alleyn-and-Cawood.

Adopted

Youth Council

Hailey Peck had her first meeting with Youth Council.

FQM Renewal

016-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the FQM membership be renewed for the amount of \$1,078.88.

Adopted

FCM Renewal

017-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the FCM membership be renewed for the amount of \$99.11.

Adopted

Grants Registry 2019

018-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that Council would like to purchase the 2019 grant registry for the amount of \$69.99 and would like to share the information with their ratepayers.

Adopted

Financial Report 2017

019-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor John Emery

And, resolved unanimously that Council approves the 2017 financial report presented by the Auditor, Peter Smith.

Adopted

**Sécurité Civile Grant – volet 2
Fire Truck**

020-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that Council approves the quote presented by Battleshield for the repairs to the fire truck in the amount of \$1,749.94.

Adopted

Municipal Taxes

The Director General informs Council that the tax bills will be sent and payment dates will remain the same as previous years.

Cleaning Job

021-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor John Emery

And, resolved unanimously that Marlene Blaskie be hired for the cleaning position.

Susan Tanner abstained from discussion and vote since one of the applicants was a family member

Adopted

6. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of January \$46,293.07

022-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of January 2019 in the amount of \$46,293.07 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of January \$50,711.52

023-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor John Emery

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of January 2019 in the amount of \$50,711.52 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of January \$3.40

024-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Jason Emery

And, resolved unanimously that the list of petty cash for January 2019, in the amount of \$3.40 be approved as presented.

Adopted

7. PUBLIC SECURITY / FIRE / COTTAGE ASSOCIATIONS

Councillor Jason Emery

8. RECREATION

Councillor Squitti & Early

9. ROADS / VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

Councillors Jason Emery & John Emery

10. SENIORS / CHURCHES / HALL COMMITTEE

Councillor Tanner

11. MT O`BRIEN ASSOCIATION

Councillor Giroux

12. INFRASTRUCTURE

13. VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Early

14. ENVIRONMENT

Councillor John Emery

15. LIBRARY / YOUTH

Councillor Tanner

16. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE

Councillors Squitti & Giroux

17. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Squitti

18. NEW BUSINESS

19. CORRESPONDANCE

Will Amos – Rural Digital Infrastructure

Gas Tax 2019-2023

Lows Lion Club

025-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that Council donates \$100 to the Lows Lion Club for the Sweet Heart Auction.

Adopted

MTQ – 50km Zone

20. QUESTION PERIOD

21. MISCELLANEOUS

22. ADJOURNMENT

026-02-19

PROPOSED BY: Councillor John Emery

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Adopted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carl Mayer", written over a horizontal line.

Carl Mayer, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Isabelle Cardinal", written over a horizontal line.

**Isabelle Cardinal, Director General
and Secretary Treasurer**