

MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD

Minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 4, 2015 at 7pm.
at the municipal office located at 1362 rte 148 Campbells Bay, Quebec.

Present: Mayor Colleen Larivière, councillors Denis Dubeau, Émile Morin, Ken O'Leary, Joe Belanger, Donald Graveline.

Councillor Terry Racine motivated his absence.

Also present: Interim director general, Julie Bertrand and Municipal inspector Doug Corrigan.

Visitors: Mr Dillon Kelly is present.

Quorum is met and Mayor Colleen Larivière presides the meeting.

2015-08-356

Adoption of Agenda

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda for August 4, 2015 as presented.

Carried

2015-08-357

Adoption of Minutes

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of July 6, 2015 as presented.

Carried

URBANISM

Subdivision Plans

2015-08-358

Motioned by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to approve subdivision plans submitted by Michel Fortin in regards to lots 5750714 and 5750715 on behalf of property owners Danny Mignault and Marie Pier Carl.

Carried

2015-08-359

Laforet/Rte 148 exit- visibility study

Whereas the Municipality of Litchfield is concerned with the safety of the Laforet/Rte 148 exit;

Whereas the government of Quebec has announced funds available to municipalities through funding from the PIRRL and RRRL programs;

Whereas the municipality has requested that the MTQ repair the Laforet/Rte 148 exit;

Whereas the MTQ has denied the request;

Whereas a preliminary visibility study is required to determine the viability and standards of such repairs in order to qualify for funding through the PIRRL and RRRL programs;

Therefore,

It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved to engage the engineering firm WSP Canada, to perform a preliminary visibility study in regards to the Laforet/Rte 148 exit in preparation of the application for the PIRRL and RRRL grants. This expense of \$4000.00 is authorized from the budgetary item "Laforet/Rte148 Exit" from the 2015 provisional budget.

Carried

2015-08-360

Transfer of chemin de la Rivière to the MRC Pontiac

Whereas the MRC Pontiac has requested that the municipality of Litchfield transfer title of chemin de la Rivière to the MRC Pontiac for the sum of \$1;

Whereas the MRC Pontiac will be responsible for all costs related to the legal transfer;

Whereas the Municipality of Litchfield no longer maintains or uses the said road;

Therefore,

It is moved by Ken O’Leary and unanimously resolved to transfer the title of chemin de la Rivière to the MRC Pontiac for the sum of \$1.

Carried

2015-08-361

Finance

It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved to authorize payment of invoices to be paid and to accept the payment of invoices paid prior to this meeting.

Carried

Monthly Invoices

Invoices paid prior to meeting: \$21.224.09
Invoices to be paid: \$95 090.68
Total amount of invoices: \$116 314.77

Certificate of availability

I , Julie Bertrand, Interim Director General of the Municipality of Litchfield, certify that there are sufficient credits available to pay the approved amount of bill totalling, \$116 314.77 for the month of August 2015.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Julie Bertrand
Interim Director General

2015-08-362

Budgetary Funds transfer

It is moved by Ken O’Leary and unanimously resolved to transfer \$4000 from the budgetary item “Mayor and Councillors – travel and convention” to the budgetary item “Laforet/rte148 exit”. It is also moved to transfer \$500 from the budgetary item “Mayor and councillors-course fees” to the budgetary item “Director general -travel and conventions”.

Carried

Miscellaneous

ADMQ Collogue

2015-08-363

It is moved by Ken O’Leary and unanimously resolved to approve the Interim director general to attend the ADMQ Collogue on September 17 & 18, 2015. This expense of approximately \$500 is authorized from the budgetary item” Director General –travel and conventions” from the 2015 provisional budget.

Carried

2015-08-364 **Waste and oil separator drainage system - municipal garage**
It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to engage engineer, Greg McIntosh, to prepare a plan for a waste and oil separating drainage system plan for the municipal garage. This expense is authorized from the budgetary item “garage repairs and maintenance” from the 2015 provisional budget.
Carried

2015-08-365 **Support of MRC Governmental petition**
C.M. 2015-06-04
CONSIDERING that we must increase the number of office space of the MRC Pontiac due to the additional new delegations of authority and responsibilities transferred to the Regional Municipal Level;
CONSIDERING the current administrative building of the Pontiac MRC requires several upgrades due to the age of the building;
CONSIDERING the Council of Mayors adopted by resolution #C.M. 2015-06-03, a borrowing bylaw of \$ 1.2 million to enlarge the building;
CONSIDERING the application for financial assistance under the PIQM program was refused;
CONSIDERING the responsibilities conferred on the MRC Pontiac will continue to grow in the coming years;
CONSIDERING the MRC Pontiac, in addition to its current operations, assumes an operational annual deficit to maintain an SAAQ representative office in its devitalized territory within in its administrative building;
CONSIDERING that as of 2016, the tourism information office will be integrated into the administrative building of the MRC Pontiac;
CONSIDERING the MRC Pontiac taxpayers are doing their fair share in assuming the repayment of a bank loan amounting to more than 1.2 Million and financing the costs associated with it;
CONSIDERING the file was hand-delivered to our MP Mr. André Fortin and to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Pierre Moreau by our Warden, Mr. Raymond Durocher;
CONSIDERING the overall expense of the building estimated by the architects resulting in a difference of \$250,000;
CONSIDERING the MRC Pontiac will have to purchase furniture as well as the costs of landscaping including improved parking for persons with reduced mobility;
CONSIDERING the Quebec government had subsidized mainly the expansion of the administrative office of the MRC of Papineau;
Therefore,
It was moved by Ken O’Leary and unanimously resolved to ask the Government of Quebec for a financial contribution equivalent to the difference as reviewed by our architects in order to realize our expansion and upgrade of our building.
Carried

CENSUS STATISTICS 2006

C.M. 2015-06-07

2015-08-366

Whereas following the adoption of Bill 28, the CRÉ's in Québec will close;
Whereas the closure of CRE imposes that there will disposal of assets of the CRE for the benefit of this administrative region of this MRC;
Whereas the adoption of Bill 28 and the transitional fiscal pact, the Quebec government created the territorial Development Fund (FDT);
Whereas the data used for sharing of the two items mentioned above are calculated from 2006 data;
Whereas the Pontiac, recognized as a single industry MRC and 5 devitalized municipalities underwent an economic catastrophe upon the closure and decommissioning of its pulp and paper mill known as Smurfit-Stone;
Whereas the economic, demographic and social still feeling the aftershocks of this economic disaster and the forestry crisis that persists in our territory, the 2006 report is completely wrong with respect to the current situation that must manage the municipal level, as much in terms of both the local levels and the MRC level;
Whereas the statistics for more than 10 years demonstrate the precarious situation in many respects, our MRC and our elected government have a duty to intervene in the interest of all the challenges;
Whereas the content of the letter sent by the MAMOT announcing the amounts that the MRC Pontiac would be given in the context of the FDT;
Therefore,
It was moved by Ken O'Leary and unanimously resolved to ask the MAMOT Regional office to utilize the available data from 2011 in order to effect the sharing of the assets from the CRE, the FDR, FDT and for any calculation of amounts to share for the Outaouais.
It is also resolved to transmit this resolution to our MP, Mr. André Fortin, to advise him of the importance of this reality for citizens and elected officials of the MRC Pontiac and that the fiscal imbalance issue has a direct impact which is devastating on our public finances and directly affecting all taxpayers of our MRC.
CARRIED

Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Awards

2015-08-367

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to nominate Mickey's Creek Golf Course, for the Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Awards under the "New Business Award" and "Business Beautification Award" category.
Carried

2015-08-368 **Cleaning of property - matricule # 9275-11-9671**
Whereas the municipal inspector requested in writing by registered mail, that the property owner of matricule #9275-11-9671, clean his property from debris resulting from a fire;
Whereas the property owner has not responded to the written requests;
Whereas the municipality engaged the legal firm Deveau Avocats to initiate legal proceedings requesting that the property owner clean the property from debris resulting from a fire;
Whereas the property owner did not respond;
Whereas a judgement was issued by the courts permitting the municipality to proceed with the cleaning of the said debris;
Whereas the courts grant permission to the municipality to charge to the owners account, in the amount of the costs incurred for the cleaning and removal of the said debris;
Whereas on august 4, 2015 the property owner requested that the municipality grant him an extension to clean the property of debris;
Therefore,
It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved that the municipality will grant the property owner an extension to August 17, 2015. It is also resolved that if by August 17, 2015 the property is not cleaned of the debris to the satisfaction of the municipal inspector, the Municipality of Litchfield will hire an independent entrepreneur to clean and dispose of the said debris resulting from the fire. It is also resolved that the cost for cleaning and disposal of the debris will be charged to the property owner.
Carried
It is noted that Councillor Donald Graveline abstained from voting.

2015-08-369 **Repair of garage doors**
It is moved by Denis Dubeau to have the garage doors repaired.
This expense authorized from the budgetary item "garage repairs and maintenance" from the 2015 provisional budget.
Carried

Correspondence
It is noted that the correspondence was read and discussed with the members of council.

2015-08-370 **Motion to adjourn**
It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to close the meeting at 22h30.
Carried

Colleen Larivière
Mayor

Julie Bertrand
Interim Director General