

MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD

Minutes of the Emergency council meeting held on April 26th, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the municipal office located at 1362 rte 148 Campbell's Bay, QC.

Present: Mayor Colleen Larivière, councillors Denis Dubeau, Donald Graveline, Emile Morin, Joe Belanger, Terry Racine and John Stitt.

Also present: Director General, Julie Bertrand , Gerald Graveline and Kim Lesage, MRC Pontiac engineer.

Quorum is met and Mayor Colleen Larivière presides the meeting.

2019-04-79

Adoption of Agenda

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda for April 26th, 2019.

Carried

2019-04-80

Motion to close the bridge and a section of Crawford Road

Whereas a section of road and the bridge on Crawford Road near the intersection of Giroux road and Crawford Road have been damaged by extreme water flows, due to the spring thaw, and has resulted in a partial road washout;

Whereas the stability of the bridge and a section of the road have been compromised;

Whereas an inspection of the bridge and a section of the road has been performed by Kim Lesage, MRC Pontiac Foundation Engineer and Mr. Sylvain Cordeaux, MRT Structural Engineer;

Whereas upon visually inspection Mrs. Lesage and Mr. Cordeaux have indicated that there is a risk of collapse of both the bridge and a section of the Crawford Road;

Whereas the risk of collapse poses and immediate danger to citizens;

Therefore,

It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to take measures to close the section of Crawford Road, including the bridge, from the corner of Giroux Road and the Crawford Road, until the weather conditions allow for more detailed inspection and repair of the road and the bridge.

Carried

2019-04-81

Notification to residents and occupants

Whereas upon the decision to close the bridge and a section of Crawford Road will result in non- access for taxpayers;

Whereas this restricted access also impacts the access of emergency services;

Whereas restricted access may cause dangerous situations for the safety of all residents and occupants;

Therefore,

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to take immediate measures to evacuate residents and occupants affected by the road closure and to inform them that emergency services access will be restricted and this could affect their safety and insurance coverages.

In addition it is also resolved that Director General, Julie Bertrand, notify Public Security and proceed with measures and protocols in order to enact the evacuation process.

Carried

Authorization of expenses incurred resulting from the closure of a section of Crawford Road and the bridge on Crawford Road

2019-04-82

Whereas the closure of the bridge and a section of the Crawford Road will generate additional expenses for manpower and materials;
Whereas the expenses are necessary to ensure the safety of all citizens;
Therefore,
It is moved by Joe Belanger to authorize these expenses and that Director General, Julie Bertrand have authority to incur such expenses in relation to the evacuation and ensuring the safety of taxpayers and citizens.
Carried

Request for assistance to access the ATV trails

2019-04-83

Whereas some residents affected by the Crawford Road closure have requested that the municipality assist in securing access to the ATV trails in order to access their residences;
Whereas the ATV trails are not on the Municipality of Litchfield's territory;
Whereas the ATV trails are on the territory of the Municipality of Otter Lake;
Whereas the Municipality of Litchfield can request that the Municipality of Otter Lake allow access to the ATV trails via the Leslie Park;
Whereas the municipality of Litchfield will not be held liable for the use of the ATV trails and does not deem the said trail as an alternative road access for residents of Crawford, Burke and Barrette roads;
Therefore,
It is moved by Terry Racine and unanimously resolved to request that the Municipality of Otter Lake allow residents access to the ATV trails via Leslie Parc and while maintaining that Municipality of Litchfield is not responsible.
Carried

Motion to adjourn

2019-04-84

It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.
Carried

Colleen Larivière
Mayor

Julie Bertrand
Director General