

(Unofficial version)

DATE: October 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Clarendon Municipal Council was held on the above night, at the council hall located at C427 route 148 in Clarendon. Present were: Mayor Edward Walsh, Cr. Younge, Cr. Elliott, Cr. Dagg ,Cr. Holmes, Cr. Hanna & Cr. Smith . Also attending the meeting was Clerk Treasurer Patricia Hobbs

1. OPENING THE MEETING

Conflict of Interest Statement:

A conflict of interest occurs when elected officers are placed in a situation of having to choose between their personal interests, or those of their entourage, and the public interest. The conflict of interest sections of the Act respecting municipal elections and referendums are designed to ensure that the decision-making process on a municipal council is not tainted by personal consideration

Public Participation:

Mayor Ed Walsh opened the meeting at 7 :00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

153-10-2023

Proposed by Cr. Hanna

Seconded by: Cr. Dagg

And unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda of October 10, 2023

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF September 26 2023

154-10-2023

Proposed by: Cr. Elliott

Seconded by: Cr. Younge

And is resolved to adopt the minutes of the September 12 2023 regular meeting.

Carried

4. MAYOR'S REPORT – The Mayor gave a report on the recent FQM convention which took place in Quebec City.

- He also gave an update from the recent Budget discussions at the MRC as well as a report on the Police meeting he recently attended.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

5.1 – Request for funding for bleachers for Pontiac High. – A request was received requesting funding for new bleachers for Pontiac High.

155-10-2023

Moved by: Cr. Dagg

Seconded by: Cr. Smith

And unanimously resolved to purchase 5 seats at a cost of \$ 1000.00 which will be taken from Accumulated surplus

5.2 Request for donation to Pontiac High Graduation 2023

156-10-2023

Moved by: Cr.Elliott

Seconded by: Cr.Younge

And unanimously resolved to donate \$ 200.00 each to two students from Clarendon

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5.3 – Cultural Center for Shawville – Tabled & Discussed

6. FINANCIAL REPORT &/OR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 535,007.38 were presented

AUTHORITY OF PAYMENT OF THE LIST OF BILLS

Certificate of availability of credits

I, the undersigned, Patricia Hobbs, Director General of the Municipality of Clarendon certify that there are sufficient credits available to carry out the expenditure mentioned above.

In witness whereof, this certificate is given in Clarendon this 10th day of October 2023

Patricia Hobbs

Patricia Hobbs – Clerk Treasurer

157-10-2023 Proposed by Cr. Dagg

Seconded by: Cr. Younge

And is resolved to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 535,007.38

Carried

7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS

7.1 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

7.2 LUP COMMITTEE

7.3 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

7.3.1 – Gravel Tenders

A tender was placed on the SEAO for 18,000 MT of gravel for each of the years, 2024 & 2025. Four tenders were received with the following results:

11802441 Canada Inc	\$10.65/MT for 2024 \$ 10.98/MT for 2025
Campbell’s Bay Ciment	\$ 8.00/MT for 2024 \$ 8.59/MT for 2025
Lamarche & McGinty	\$ 6.63/MT for 2024 \$ 7.09/MT for 2025
Darwin Stephens	\$ 12.75/MT for 2024 \$ 14.75/MT for 2025

158-10-2023 Moved by: Cr, Smith

Seconded by: Cr. Elliott

And unanimously agreed to accept the lowest tender by Lamarche McGuinty.

7.3.2 – Update on Access Request –Tabled & Discussed

7.4 LIBRARY COMMITTEE

7.5 FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.5.1 – Year End Auditors Report for year ending December 31, 2022

The Director General tabled the external auditors report for the year ending December 31, 2022 showing a year-end surplus of \$356,742.

7.5.2 – Motion to forward tax files in arrears to RPGL Lawyers

159-10-2023 Moved by: Cr. Holmes

Seconded by: Cr. Hanna

To send all files with 2022 taxes still owing to the Lawyer to have them collect taxes. A vote was taken. 5 for 1 Against
The Motion carried.

7.6 FIRE COMMITTEE

7.7 WASTE MANAGEMENT

7.7.1 – Update on Agricultural Plastics Site

7.8 COTTAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
7.8.1 – Request for Legal Opinion
160-10-2023 Motion by : Cr. Hanna
Seconded by: Cr. Holmes
To seek legal advice for the use of Clarendon Property
A vote was taken. 5 for 1 against
The motion carried.

7.9 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE

8. Bylaw to modify the imposition of tax for the funding of 911 emergency centers

Municipality of Clarendon
Province of Quebec
2023-003

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BY-LAW AMENDING THE BY-LAW DECREERING THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX TO FINANCE 911 EMERGENCY CENTRES

WHEREAS the Civil Protection Act stipulates that every local municipality, with the exception of a northern village, must ensure the services of a 911 emergency centre in order to respond to emergency calls on its territory;

CONSIDERING THAT the municipal tax for 911 is one of the sources of funding enabling municipalities to ensure their financing;

WHEREAS on September 28, 2023, the government enacted a by-law amending the By-law governing the municipal tax for 911, the effect of which is to :

- Increase the amount of the municipal tax for 911 to \$0.52 per month, per telephone number, as of January 1, 2024;
- Implement an annual indexation mechanism for the amount of the tax, which will be applicable on January 1 of each year starting in 2025;

CONSIDERING THAT any amendment to the By-law governing the municipal tax for 911 requires municipalities to adjust their by-laws, in accordance with section 244.70 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (LFM);

WHEREAS section 244.69 of the MLA stipulates that the adoption of such a by-law need not be preceded by a notice of motion and a draft by-law;

THEREFORE

161-10-2023 ON A MOTION BY Cr. Holmes

SECONDED BY: Cr. Younge

IT IS RESOLVED unanimously by the members of Council present: 3

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Clarendon adopt By-Law No. 2023-003 amending By-Law # 2009-242

THAT this By-Law be kept in the Book of By-Laws of the Municipality of Clarendon

9.. Miscellaneous & Discussion

A discussion took place about the need for repairs to the Hydro light at Radford road and the 7th concession.

10. ADJOURNMENT

161(a)-10-2023 Motion by Cr. Holmes to adjourn the meeting of October 10, 2023 at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Edward Walsh

Clerk Treasurer – Patricia Hobbs

