

## **MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal office located at 1362 rte. 148, Campbell's Bay, QC J0X 1K0.

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

Councilor Terry Racine motivated his absence.

Councilor Denis Dubeau left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Also present: Director General, Julie Bertrand

Quorum is met and Mayor Colleen Larivière presides the meeting.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

2021-07-93 It is moved by Donny Graveline and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda for July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Carried

### **Adoption of Minutes**

2021-07-94 It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting.  
Carried

## **URBANISM**

### **Inspectors Report**

2021-07-95 It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to approve the municipal inspector's report and related expenses.  
Carried

### **Approval of subdivision plans for Nova Scotia Company**

2021-07-96 It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to approve subdivision plans for Nova Scotia Company submitted by Jacques Berube for lots 6 456 472, 6 456 473 and 6 456 474 originating from lot 6 370 443 his minutes dated 8387 dated June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Carried

### **Approval of subdivision plans for Brian Stanton Co.**

2021-07-97 It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to approve subdivision plans for Brian Stanton Co. submitted by Michel Fortin for lots 6 452 988, 6 452 989, 6 452 990 and 6 452 991 originating from lot 3 546 079 from his minutes 31707 dated April 30, 2021.  
Carried

### **Approval of subdivision plans for Benjamin Lachapelle**

2021-07-98 It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to approve subdivision plans for Benjamin Lachapelle submitted by Richard Fortin for lots 6 455 756, 6 455 755 and 6 455 754 originating from lot 4 523 187 from his minutes 11277 dated JUNE 22, 2021.  
Carried

2021-07-99

**ROADS AND EQUIPMENT**

**TECQ Programming- Road Network security measures project**

It is moved by John Stitt and unanimously resolved to authorize Director General, Julie Bertrand, to submit programming to the TECQ for a Road Network Security Project. This project will include the purchase of signage for security, civic numbers, road names and the installation of guard rails and gates at the Halte. The estimated cost will be \$100,000.

**Il est motivé par John Stitt et résolu à l'unanimité que :**

**Attendu que :**

**La municipalité** a pris connaissance du Guide relatif aux modalités de versement de la contribution gouvernementale dans le cadre du Programme de la taxe sur l'essence et de la contribution du Québec (TECQ) pour les années 2019 à 2023;

**La municipalité** doit respecter les modalités de ce guide qui s'appliquent à elle pour recevoir la contribution gouvernementale qui lui a été confirmée dans une lettre de la ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation.

**Il est résolu que :**

**La municipalité** s'engage à respecter les modalités du guide qui s'appliquent à elle;

**La municipalité** s'engage à être la seule responsable et à dégager le gouvernement du Canada et le gouvernement du Québec de même que leurs ministres, hauts fonctionnaires, employés et mandataires de toute responsabilité quant aux réclamations, exigences, pertes, dommages et coûts de toutes sortes ayant comme fondement une blessure infligée à une personne, le décès de celle-ci, des dommages causés à des biens ou la perte de biens attribuable à un acte délibéré ou négligent découlant directement ou indirectement des investissements réalisés au moyen de l'aide financière obtenue dans le cadre du programme de la TECQ 2019-2023;

**La municipalité** approuve le contenu et autorise l'envoi au ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation de la programmation de travaux n° 2 ci-jointe et de tous les autres documents exigés par le Ministère en vue de recevoir la contribution gouvernementale qui lui a été confirmée dans une lettre de la ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation;

**La municipalité** s'engage à atteindre le seuil minimal d'immobilisations qui lui est imposé pour l'ensemble des cinq années du programme;

**La municipalité** s'engage à informer le ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation de toute modification qui sera apportée à la programmation de travaux approuvée par la présente résolution.

**Carried**

**FINANCE**

**Payment of accounts**

2021-07-100

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: \$6857.08

Invoices to be paid: \$ 106 288.55

**Certificate of availability**

I, Julie Bertrand, Director General of the Municipality of Litchfield, certify that there are sufficient credits available to pay the approved amount of bill totaling \$113 145for the month of July 2021.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Julie Bertrand, Director General

**Authentication of Bursaries**

2021-07-101

It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to authenticate 2 bursaries in the of \$200 each for Rowan Hill and Miguel Rivest.

This expense authorized from the budgetary item "donations" from the 2021 provisional budget.

Carried

**Purchase of tires for the 2017 F-150**

2021-07-102

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to authorize the purchase of 4 tires for the 2017-F150. This expense of approximately \$1000 is authorized from the budgetary item "equipment -repairs and maintenance" from the 2021 provisional budget.

Carried

**PAVL- Signing authority for Agreement with Ministry of Transport**

2021-07-103

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved that Mayor Colleen Lariviere and Director General Julie Bertrand sign the PAVL agreement with the Ministry of Transport for the 2021 PAVL grant.

Carried

**SECURITY**

\*It is noted that Fire Chief, Kevin Kluge has submitted the Monthly Fire Service report for June 2021.

**MRC Waste Management Committee**

2021-07-104

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved that John Stitt represent the municipality at the MRC Waste Management Committee.

Carried

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Bilingual Status**

2021-07-105

**WHEREAS the Charter of the French Language (Charter) was adopted by the Quebec National Assembly in 1977, and over 80 municipalities throughout the Province of Quebec were recognized as having bilingual status pursuant to the provisions of Section 29.1 of the Charter;**

**WHEREAS the original provisions of the Charter allowed those municipalities that had a majority of residents who spoke a language other than French to be officially recognized under Section 29.1 of the Charter;**

**WHEREAS the Municipality of Litchfield has been recognized as having bilingual status under Section 29.1 of the Charter since 1977 and wishes to retain such bilingual status;**

**WHEREAS the Charter does not permit the recognition of bilingual status being removed except at the request of the municipality;**

**WHEREAS looking back over the history of the Municipality of Litchfield, it is evident that the French and English languages have always coexisted in harmony;**

**WHEREAS bilingualism has been an integral part of the everyday life of the Municipality of Litchfield, even before the incorporation of the municipality;**

**WHEREAS the Charter of the French Language, recognizes the Municipality of Litchfield as having bilingual status which enables the municipality to provide all its services in both official languages;**

**WHEREAS Bill 96 An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Quebec tabled at the Quebec National Assembly on May 13th, 2021, contains provisions that may withdraw the recognition of bilingual status from municipalities previously recognized as such under the Charter of the French Language, such as the Municipality of Litchfield;**

**WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of Bill 96, there is sufficient basis for the Municipality of Litchfield to confirm its desire to retain its bilingual status as recognized under the Charter of the French Language, by municipal resolution;**

**THEREFORE,**

**It is move by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Litchfield confirms its desire to retain its recognition as having bilingual status under Section 29.1 of the Charter of the French Language, and refusal for said recognition to be withdrawn. In addition, to uphold our commitment to do everything in our power to ensure that the Municipality of Litchfield continues to provide all of its services to the public in both official languages and affirm the conviction of the municipality that the French and English languages will continue to coexist in harmony in the Municipality of Litchfield, as it has been for over a hundred years, even before the incorporation of the municipality in 1855. Furthermore, to send a copy of this resolution to the Office de la langue française, to the members of the Quebec**

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National Assembly, to the MRC Pontiac and all 18 municipalities of the MRC Pontiac, to the local federal member of Parliament, to the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada, to the UMQ, to the FQM and to the FCM.

Carried

2021-07-106

Construction of a Gazebo for Seniors at the Halte

Whereas the Municipality has received the New Horizon Grant for Seniors in the amount of \$25,000;

Whereas the municipality has requested estimates from 2 contractors;

Whereas the municipality has received the following estimates:

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| 1) Eric Pilon Construction | \$34,700 plus taxes |
| 2) GreenHill G.P.          | \$22,975 plus taxes |

Therefore,

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to accept the estimate submitted by GreeHill G.P.

This expense is authorized from the New Horizon for Seniors grant funds and the MRC Reno Village Fund.

Carried

2021-07-107

ADJOURNMENT

It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Carried

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Colleen Larivière  
Mayor

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Julie Bertrand  
Director General