

## **MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 13<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, Terry Racine and John Stitt.

Also present: Director General, Julie Bertrand

Quorum is met and Mayor Colleen Larivière presides the meeting.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

2021-09-119 It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda with additions for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Carried

### **Adoption of Minutes**

2021-09-120 It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved to adopt the meeting minutes from August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Carried

## **URBANISM**

2021-09-121 **Inspectors Report**

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to approve the municipal inspector's expenses.  
Carried

### **Approval of subdivision plans for Jill Baxter**

2021-09-122 It is moved by Terry Racine and unanimously resolved to approve subdivision plans submitted by Steve Tremblay from his minutes #7239 dated August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, creating new lots # 6465303 and #6465304 to replace lot # 6401133 on behalf of Jill Baxter.  
Carried

### **Approval of subdivision plans for Travis Corriveau**

2021-09-123 It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to approve subdivision plans submitted by Hubert Carpentier from his minutes #15471 dated September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 creating lots #6469094 and #6469095 to replace lot # 3545846 on behalf of Travis Corriveau.  
Carried

## **ROADS AND EQUIPMENT**

### **Authentication of expense to replace the cab window on the tractor.**

2021-09-124 It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to authenticate the expense of \$492.80 + taxes for the replacement of the cab window of the tractor. This expense authorized from the budgetary item "repairs and maintenance equipment" from the 2021 provisional budget.  
Carried

**FINANCE**

**Payment of accounts**

2021-09-125

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: \$475.00

Invoices to be paid: \$ 118 841.35

**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 \$119316.35 for the month of September 2021.

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

Julie Bertrand, Director General

**HALTE**

**Purchase of benches for the new Gazebo for seniors**

2021-09-126

It is moved by Terry Racine and unanimously resolved to purchase 4 table and benches for the new Gazebo for Seniors. This expense of approximately \$6800 plus taxes and shipping is approved from the MRC Reno Village grant funds.

Carried

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Renewal of Gerard Labelle's services for 2022.**

2021-09-127

It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved to accept the offer of renewal for the contract services of M. Gerard Labelle for the 2022 year at the cost of \$19 000 plus taxes.

Carried

**Resolution to hire Brittany Hearty as DG Assistant/Accounting Clerk to replace Connie Levesque.**

2021-09-128

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to accept the recommendation of the HR Committee to hire Brittany Hearty as DG Assistant. The start date of employment will be September 20, 2021 and the remuneration will be according to the municipal pay scale and conditions agreed to. It is also resolved that Connie Levesque will remain employed until the end of December 2021 to assist in training.

Carried

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Approval of 2021 Election operational expenses and election staff wages**

2021-09-129

It is moved by Terry Racine and unanimously resolved to approve expenses related to the 2021 election expenses and to approve the minimum hourly rate of \$18/hour for positions where the minimum set rate is less than \$18/hour.

Carried

2021-09-130

**Project law 96 and Bilingual Status for Municipalities**

CONSIDERING Bill 96, *An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec*, presented at the May 13, 2021 session of the National Assembly of Québec;

Considering that according to data from the 2016 census, 59.4% of the Pontiac population has English as its first official language spoken;

CONSIDERING that several municipalities of the MRC Pontiac benefit from the "bilingual status" because they meet the threshold established to obtain this status (population composed of at least 50% + 1 of citizens having English as their first language);  
THEREFORE,

It was proposed by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved:  
THAT the Council of mayors of the MRC Pontiac declare the importance for the eligible municipalities of its territory to maintain the "bilingual status" that was recognized for them under section 29.1 of the Charter of the French Language (*Charte de la langue française*);

THAT the citizens and the Council consider this recognition to be essential and to reflect the presence and contribution to the development of the MRC of the territory's Francophone and Anglophone communities;

THAT Council ask the government to ensure that the provisions of Bill 96 do not impose measures that would have a negative impact on businesses and enterprises located in regions such as the Pontiac where English is the common language of use in many communities;

THAT Council also ask the government to ensure a sufficient number of spaces in English-language post-secondary institutions, including Heritage College, where students from the Outaouais can study in English;

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Justice of Québec, to the Minister responsible for the Outaouais region, to the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM), to the MNA for Pontiac, Mr. André Fortin, to the Member of Parliament for Pontiac, Mr. Will Amos, and to the local municipalities located on the MRC territory.

Carried

2021-09-131

**Winter sand and salt tender**

It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved to put out a call for tender for supply of 2000 m.t. of winter sand and 75 m.t. of winter salt. This expense approved from the budgetary items "winter sand" and "winter salt" from the 2021 provisional budget.  
Carried

2021-09-132

**ADJOURNMENT**

It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

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Colleen Larivière  
Mayor

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Julie Bertrand  
Director General