

MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD

Minutes of the regular council meeting held on October 6, 2014 at 7pm at the municipal office located at 1362 rte 148 Campbells Bay, Quebec.

Present: Mayor Colleen Larivière, councillors Denis Dubeau, Emile Morin, Ken O’Leary, Joe Belanger, Donald Graveline and Terry Racine

Interim Director General Julie Bertrand and municipal inspector Doug Corrigan are also present.

Visitors – Mr Greg Hunt, Mr Maurice Morin, Mr Boisseau and Mrs. Ida Macgregor

Quorum is met and Mayor Colleen Larivière presides the meeting.

2014-10-198

Adoption of Agenda

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda for September 8, 2014 with additions.

Carried

2014-10-199

Adoption of Minutes

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of October 6, 2014 as presented.

Carried

Visitors

204 Haley road - snowplow agreement

It is noted that 204 Haley road resident is present to request that the municipality plow his driveway upon request as in past years. Mayor Lariviere explains that council will discuss the matter and contact him with a decision.

Request for snow plowing of Burke road

It is noted that Mr Boisseau is present in regards to his request in writing to have Burke road plowed for the winter.

2015 Winter sand supply

It is noted that Mr Maurice Morin is present regarding the price quotes for the supply of 2014-15 winter sand to the municipality

2014-10-200

204 Haley road

It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved that the municipality maintains the decision that the snowplowing procedure will be “ that the plowing will be done each time the plow passes or not at all”.

Carried

URBANISM

2014-10-201

68 Crawford Road-legal procedures

Whereas the municipality has sent a registered letter to the owner of 68 Crawford road requesting that the repairs to the road embankment agreed upon in the past be completed;

Whereas the repairs have not been completed;

Whereas the property owner has not responded to the written request;

Whereas the municipality maintains that the erosion of the said embankment may cause damage to the road and persons;

Therefore,

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved that the municipality retain the services of the legal firm Deveau, Bourgeois, Hébert, Gagné et Associés to send a letter to the property owner at 68 Crawford road regarding the municipality's request to repair the embankment along the 68 Crawford road;

Carried

126 chemin Church-legal procedures

2014-10-202

Whereas the municipality has sent a written request to the property owner at 126 chemin Church requesting the cleanup of his property;

Whereas the property owner requested an extension of time to complete the works;

Whereas the extension of time was granted and the cleanup has not been completed;

Whereas the municipality has received complaints regarding the visual nuisance of the property;

Therefore,

It moved by Mayor Lariviere and unanimously resolved that if by October 13th, 2015 the property at 126 Church is not cleaned as requested, the municipality will retain the services of the legal firm Deveau, Bourgeois, Hébert, Gagné et Associés to send a letter in regards to the municipality's request that the property be cleaned.

Carried

100 Acres road – civic address verification

It is noted that at the request of the property owner at 100 acres road the municipal inspector will verify the address with 911 and if necessary update the informaiton. It is also noted that the municipality erect a sign with 100 and an arrow indicating the direction of the civic address.

ROADS

Old road at #1198- 301 north

It is noted that Emile Morin spoke with the person logging and using the old municipal road and that person says he will clean the road and stop using municipal property for personal use.

Request to allow the snowmobile club to use the rink road.

It is noted that the municipality agrees to try to keep the snow bank at the bottom of the hill on rink road as clear as possible to facilitate access for snowmobilers. **It is also** noted that the road is closed to vehicles for the winter.

Finance

2014-10-203

It is moved by Emile Morin 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: \$ 8988.65

Invoices to be paid: \$ 53 558.17

Total amount of invoices: \$ 62 546.82

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 \$ 62 546.82, for the month of October, 2014.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Julie Bertrand
Interim Director General

Road repairs

2014-10-204

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved to proceed with repairing the side of the road at the culvert on Pilon road . This expense authorized from the budgetary item “ Road Repairs” from the 2014 provisional budget.

Carried

Purchase of winter sand

2014-10-205

It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved to purchase 2000 m.t. of winter sand from Morin Sand and Gravel for the price of 3.17 m.t. This expense authorized from the budgetary item “ Winter Sand ” of the 2014 provisional budget.

It is noted that the decision is also based on the the cost of trucking to be incurred by the municipality.

Carried

Purchase of Winter salt

2014-10-206

It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved to purchase 65m.t. of winter sand from Compass Minerals at the cost of 98.57/m.t. This expense authorized from the budgetary item “ Winter Salt” from the 2014 provisional budget.

Adopted

Payment schedule for tax arrears – Matricule #9255-15-0769

2014-10-207

It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to send the payment schedule agreement in regards to the tax arrears owed, prepared by the legal firm Deveau, Bourgeois, Hébert, Gagné et Associés , to the property owner of matricule #9255-15-0769.

Carried

Employee schedule reduced to winter hours

2014-10-208

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to reduce the number of days worked per week for Charles Stephens from 5 to 2 days per week, as of October 10, 2014.

Carried

Security

2014-10-209

CLR 911 Dispatch – rescinding of resolution # 2014-08-173

WHEREAS the municipality adopted resolution number 2014-08-173 which cancels the contract with the company Groupe CLR;

WHEREAS the company Groupe CLR, through the attorney office of Bélanger Sauvé, sent to the municipality a letter stating that failure to maintain the existing service contract between the parties and failure to annul the resolution adopted by the municipal Council at the next meeting, a legal process for full recovery of service charges for the remaining period of the contract before the deadline would be filed against the municipality.

Therefore,

It is proposed by Ken OLeary and unanimously resolved to inform the company Groupe CLR and the “Groupe service client 9-1-1” from Bell Canada that the Municipality of LITCHFIELD cancels its resolution number 2014-08-173 and that centralized emergency call service for the 911 service area will be provided by the company Groupe CLR.

Carried

2014-10-210

Transfer Site

Garbage Rebate program (Programme sur la redistribution aux municipalités des redevances pour l'élimination de matières résiduelles)

Whereas the Government adopted the Regulation respecting the charges payable for the disposal of waste by Decree 340-2006, published May 24, 2006 in the Gazette officielle du Québec and that under of this regulation, a fee is required for each metric ton of waste disposed of in an Settling materials;

Whereas municipalities must pay, directly or indirectly, the charges payable for the disposal of material waste in order to be eligible for the grant program;

Whereas, pursuant to the Agreement Concerning the implementation of the redistribution in grants receipts obtained in the application of the Regulation respecting the charges payable for the disposal of waste, concluded in 2006 between the Minister of Development Waste Sustainable, Environment and Fight against changes climate, the Quebec Federation of local and regional municipalities and:

the Union of Municipalities of Quebec, the Minister pledged to redistribute Eligible municipalities 85% of fees collected annually under this Regulation;

Considering that this grant will help fund activities Municipal to the implementation of the Management Plan Contents residual covering its territory (GIRM);

Whereas the municipality is covered by the GIRM of the MRC Pontiac In force since May 23, 2006 ;

Considering that the municipality is responsible for the implementation of PGMR of the MRC Pontiac;

Whereas, for this grant, the eligible municipality must register for the program and for this purpose, a resolution is sought.

THEREFORE

It was moved by Ken OLeary and unanimously resolved as follows:

That the Municipality of Litchfield request to be enrolled in the Program on the redistribution municipal fees for the disposal of residual materials;

That the municipality agrees to comply with the elements of accountability under the Program redistribution royalties for municipalities disposal of waste;

That the municipality authorize the Department of Sustainable Development, Environment and Fight against climate change and Recyc-Québec to exchange information they have from the municipality for the municipality in respect of the regulation of the Program Plan, the compensation for the separate collection of recyclable materials as well as municipal management of Contents waste;

That the municipality authorize the interim director general, Julie Bertrand on its behalf, to forward to the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Fight against the climate changes all information required for inclusion, respect and the proper functioning of the program.

Carried

2014-10-211

SAVE CANADA POST - STOP THE CUTS

WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services – killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices:

WHEREAS Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and

WHEREAS closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country.

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

THEREFORE,

It is moved by Denis Dubeau and unanimously resolved;

THAT the Municipality of Litchfield write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

AND

THAT the Municipality of Litchfield ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

Carried

Correspondence

It is noted that the correspondence was reported and read to all members of council

2014- 10-212

Motion to adjourn

It is moved by Joe Belanger and unanimously resolved to close the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Carried

Signed at Litchfield

Colleen Larivière
Mayor

Julie Bertrand
Interim Director General