

MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on January 27, 2022 at 5:40 p.m. held by video conference.

Present by video conference: Mayor Colleen Larivière, councillors Denis Dubeau, Courtney Harris, Emile Morin, Terry Racine, Rick Frost and John Stitt.

Also present: Director General, Julie Bertrand

Quorum is met and Mayor Colleen Larivière presides the meeting.

Covid-19 Decree 177-2020- holding of council meetings

2022-10-210

WHEREAS Decree number 177-2020 of March 13, 2020 declared a state of health emergency throughout Quebec for an initial period of ten days, in accordance with the Public Health Act;

WHEREAS the state of health emergency has been extended by various decrees and is still effective to this day;

CONSIDERING THAT since December 20, 2021, the members of the municipal council must, as much as possible, hold their meetings by any means allowing them to communicate directly with each other and to vote in person, according to the terms provided for by the ministerial decree of 4 July 2020 (2020-049);

WHEREAS, in accordance with decree 2020-049 of July 4, 2020, any municipality has the obligation to allow the transmission of written questions to council members at any time before the holding of the meeting which, by law, must include a question period;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest and to protect the health of the population, members of council and municipal officers, that this meeting be, as required, held without the presence of the public, the members of council and the municipal officers being authorized, by the ministerial decrees and orders currently in force, to be present, to take part, to deliberate and to vote at this meeting by videoconference.

THEREFORE, it is moved by Terry Racine and carried unanimously of the councillors present:

That the council confirms that this meeting and any subsequent meeting, until the sanitary situation permits, taking into account the rules set by the Minister of Health, be held without the presence of the public and that the members of the council and municipal officers can participate by video and tele conference.

That the meeting be publicized, as soon as possible, in accordance with the legal rules applicable by one or the other of the applicable ministerial orders, on the municipal website.

Carried

Adoption of Agenda

2022-01-211

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda for a Special meeting held January 27, 2022.

Carried

***Notice of motion is given by Courtney Harris that a project by-law Code of ethics and deontology for elected official is presented to council.**

PROJECT By-law 2022-246- Code of Ethics and Deontology for Elected Officials.

2022-01-212

It is moved by Courtney Harris and unanimously resolved to adopt the project by-law 2022-246 Code of Ethics and Deontologie for Elected Officials as presented.

Carried

***It is noted that all members of council have received a copy of the by-law prior to the meeting. Therefore, the reading of the by-law is dispensed of.**

PROJECT by-law 2022-247- To determine the general tax rate, garbage disposal rate and interest rate on tax arrears for the 2022 fiscal year.

2022-01-213

It is moved by Courtney Harris and unanimously resolved to adopt project by-law 2022-247 as presented.

Carried

***It is noted that all members of council have received a copy of the by-law prior to the meeting. Therefore, the reading of the by-law is dispensed of.**

Motion to approve expenditures related to administration and employees

2022-01-214

It is moved by Terry Racine and unanimously resolved to authorize the Director General to proceed with expenditures related to office administration and employee salaries for the year 2022 as included in the 2022 Budget Estimates.

Carried

***It is noted that the Municipality has not received any written or email requests related to this Special Meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT

2022-01-215

It is moved by Emile Morin and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Carried

Colleen Larivière
Mayor

Julie Bertrand
Director General