

Municipality of Morin-Heights

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC ARGENTEUIL COUNTY MRC DES PAYS D'EN-HAUT

MINUTES

In case of discrepancy, the French version prevails over the English translation.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Municipal council of Morin-Heights, held at the Council Room, 567, Village, on Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 at which were present:

Councillor Claude P. Lemire
Councillor Leigh MacLeod
Councillor Louise Cossette
Councillor Jean Dutil
Councillor Peter MacLaurin

forming quorum under the chairmanship of Mayor Timothy Watchorn.

Councillor Jean-Pierre Dorais is absent.

The Director general, Mr. Hugo Lépine is present.

At 7:30 p.m., the Mayor states quorum, and Council deliberates on the following dossiers.

1.01.19 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It is proposed by Councillor Louise Cossette
And unanimously resolved by all councillors:

That Council adopt the agenda as presented by Director general.

AGENDA

- 1 Opening of the council meeting
- 2 Adoption of the agenda
- 3 **ADMINISTRATION AND REGISTRY**
- 3 1 **Approval of the minutes**
- 3 1 1 Minutes of the regular meeting of December 12th, 2018
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- 3 2 **Finances**
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- 3 2 3 Director general's monthly report
- 3 2 4 List of contracts over \$ 2,000 totalling \$ 25,000
- 3 2 5 Document destruction
- 3 3 **Correspondence**
- 3 4 **Personnel**
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- 3 4 2 Policy regarding alcohol, cannabis, drugs, medication and other similar substances
- 3 5 **Resolutions**
- 3 5 1 Ownership of Wentworth road
- 3 5 2 Purchase of lot 3 957 146 from the Minister of Public Service and Procurement Canada
- 3 6 **By-laws**
- 3 6 1 Notice of motion and presentation of draft by-law (564) regarding the rules of procedure for council meetings
- 3 6 2 Adoption – By-law (560) respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers
- 3 6 3 Adoption – By-law (566) – feasibility study – Lac-Peter dam
- 4 **PUBLIC AND FIRE SAFETY**

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4	1	1	Monthly report from the Director
4	1	2	SQ police department's activity report
4	2		Personnel
4	3		Resolutions
4	3	1	Request for regional financial assistance to the Quebec 9-1-1 municipal Agency
4	3	2	Request for financial assistance from the Agence municipale 9-1-1 du Québec
4	3	3	Barrage routier pour la guignolée du Garde-Manger PDH 2019
4	4		By-laws
4	4	1	Suspension of resolution 12-01-18 regarding the adoption of By-law SQ-05-2017 regarding cleanliness, safety, peace and order in public areas, sidewalks, parks and public places within the Municipality of Morin-Heights
5			PUBLIC WORKS
5	1		Monthly report from the Director
5	2		Personnel
5	3		Resolutions
5	3	1	2017 report regarding the use of drinking water
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6			URBANISM, ENVIRONMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
6	1		Report from the Director
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6	3	1	Granting of the amount of \$ 10,180 in the Fondation Ruisseau Jackson
6	3	2	Authorization to proceed with legal procedures for demolition
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7			RECREATION, OUTDOOR NETWORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
7	1		Report from the Director
7	1	1	Report from the Director, parks and outdoor network
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7	2	1	Hall attendant's status
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7	3	1	Authorization to sign an agreement for a contribution to Développement économique Canada
7	3	2	Awarding of a grant in the amount of \$ 5,150 to the 2019 Superfolk festival
7	4		By-laws
8			NEW BUSINESS
8	1		Support to the MRC d'Argenteuil concerning Argenteuil Hospital
8	2		Preliminary service agreement with Groupe LogiLoge for an assisted housing project
9			QUESTION PERIOD
10			END OF MEETING

2.01.19 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12TH, 2018

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 12th, 2018 were given to Council members, by means of the electronic assembly file folder.

It is proposed by Councillor Louise Cossette
And unanimously resolved by all councillors:

That Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12th, 2018.

3.01.19 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12TH, 2018

The minutes of the special meeting of December 12th, 2018 were given to Council members, by means of the electronic assembly file folder.

It is proposed by Councillor Claude P. Lemire
And unanimously resolved by all councillors:

That Council adopt the minutes of the special meeting of December 12th, 2018.

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4.01.19 MINUTES OF CORRECTION OF BY-LAW 565 REGARDING TAXES, TARIFFS, SERVICE AND COMPENSATION CHARGES FOR THE 2019 FINANCIAL YEAR

Minutes of correction of the number 373.12.18 of the By-law 565-2018 regarding taxes, tariffs, service and compensation costs for the 2019 financial year.

NATURE DE LA CORRECTION

Addition of the following text at the second paragraph of Section 1 – Residual matters service management

This tariff is established for the collection of a 360 L bin for ultimate residual matters, **a 360 L recycling bin and a 240 L compost bin.**

I, undersigned, Hugo Lépine, Director general and secretary-treasurer of the Municipality hereby modify this minutes of correction, resolution 373.12.18 in order to correct the second paragraph of Section 1 – Management of residual material and proceed with the correction to said by-law.

The present minutes of correction enters into effect as of the time of the signature, specifically, according to Article 202.1 of the Quebec municipal Code.

5.01.19 EXPENSE STATEMENT

The list of accounts payable and accounts paid during the month of December 2018 was given to Council members by means of the electronic assembly as well as the list of authorized expenses as per By-law (538) pertaining to regulations regarding budgetary control and the delegation of expenses.

Councillor Claude P. Lemire studied the dossiers.

It is proposed by Councillor Claude P. Lemire
And unanimously resolved by all councillors:

That Council approve the accounts as detailed on the lists presented.

Expense statements from December 1st to 31st, 2018	
Accounts to be paid	\$ 352,188.11
Accounts paid in advance	\$ 233,770.85
Total purchases	\$ 585,958.96
Direct bank payments for the month	\$ 14,415.38
Total expenses	\$ 600,374.34
Net salaries	\$ 226,877.34
GRAND TOTAL (to December 31st, 2018)	\$ 827 251,68

Mayor Timothy Watchorn has denounced his employment with the company 9129-6558 Québec Inc. – known as David Riddell Excavation / Transport, has refrained from voting, left the premises during deliberations and has not taken part in the discussions regarding the dossier pertaining to the company.

The Mayor and the Director general are authorized to make the payments.

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**6.01.19 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES TO
DECEMBER 31ST, 2018**

The Director general presents Council who acknowledges receipt of the statement of financial activities to December 31st, 2018.

7.01.19 DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

The Director general presents council, who acknowledge receipt, of the follow-up on current dossiers.

**8.01.19 LIST OF CONTRACTS OVER \$ 2,000 TOTALLING
\$ 25,000**

In accordance to the provisions of Article 961.4 of the Municipal code, the Director general presents Council, who acknowledge receipt, of the list of contracts over \$ 2,000 totalling \$ 25,000 and over by supplier.

This list will be published on the website as of January 18th, 2019.

9.01.19 DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION

The Director general presents Council, who acknowledge receipt of the list of documents submitted for destruction as per the Municipality's archives conservation calendar.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council acknowledges receipt of the letters presented to its members for the month of December 2018 by means of the electronic assembly. The Director General will take action and follow up, if necessary.

**10.01.19 PSYCHOLOGICAL OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE
WORKPLACE PREVENTION POLICY AND TREATMENT
OF COMPLAINTS**

CONSIDERING THAT the Municipality intends on being a choice employee and offer a healthy workplace, conducive to the fulfilment and professional development of its employees;

CONSIDERING THAT in January 2005, Council adopted a Policy against psychological harassment in the workplace;

CONSIDERING THAT the Quebec Act respecting labour standards was modified in 2018, in order to reinforce the requirements pertaining to the fight and prevention of psychological harassment in the workplace;

CONSIDERING THAT the fight against sexual harassment in the workplace, since the adoption of legislative modifications in 2018, is the subject of said law's application, particularly, articles 81.18 and following ;

CONSIDERING THAT Council would like to update and strengthen the measures regarding this matter;

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It is proposed by Councillor Peter MacLaurin

IT IS RESOLVED :

THAT the preamble forms an integral part hereof;

TO ADOPT the prevention of psychological or sexual harassment in the workplace policy and the treatment of complaints;

THAT this new policy abrogates and replaces every previous measure pertaining to this matter, particularly, the Policy against psychological harassment in the workplace adopted by resolution 06-01-05 on January 12th, 2005;

11.01.19 POLICY REGARDING ALCOHOL, CANNABIS, DRUGS, MEDICATION AND OTHER SIMILAR SUBSTANCES

WHEREAS THE Federal parliament has modified various laws in order to legalize, where stipulated, the use, cultivation and consumption of cannabis, as of October 16th, 2018;

CONSIDERING THAT the Municipality intends on being a choice employer and offer a healthy workplace, conducive to the fulfilment and professional development of its employees;

WHEREAS THAT the Municipality would like to promote excellence with regards to the services provided to the population;

WHEREAS THAT the Municipality intends on maintaining the restriction of arriving at work under the influence of any substance, including alcohol and cannabis ;

WHEREAS THAT the Municipality intends on maintaining the restriction of consuming any illicit substance whatsoever, including alcohol and cannabis;

CONSIDERING THAT Council intends on offering its employees in difficult situations, the possibility of being guided through the Assistance program for municipal employees;

It is proposed by Councillor Leigh MacLeod

IT IS RESOLVED :

THAT the preamble forms an integral part hereof ;

TO ADOPT the Alcohol, cannabis, drugs, medications and other similar substances policy ;

TO REPEAL AND REPLACE the Alcohol and drug administrative policy dated October 9th, 2002 and resolution 272-10-02 as well as any other measures regarding the same matter;

12.01.19 OWNERSHIP OF WENTWORTH ROAD

CONSIDERING Wentworth road has been open to the public for over 10 years;

CONSIDERING THAT the Municipality has maintained this road for over 10 years;

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WHEREAS THAT this road still officially belongs to Domaine Blue Hills Ltd., as shown on the Municipality's real estate role;

CONSIDERING THAT Domaine Blue Hills Ltd. Has ceased its operations on February 14th, 2016;

CONSIDERING Article 72 of the Municipal powers Act;

WHEREAS THAT the Municipality has not collected any taxes for this road nor for lot 3 737 325 over the last 10 years;

It is proposed by Councillor Jean Dutil

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the preamble forms an integral part hereof;

TO BEGIN appropriation procedures stipulated in Article 72 of the municipal powers Act for lot 3 737 325 commonly known as « Wentworth road »;

TO AUTHORIZE the Director general and it is hereby authorized, to publish any legal document to follow through herewith;

13.01.19 PURCHASE OF LOT 3 957 146 FROM THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT CANADA

WHEREAS representatives of the Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada have contacted the Municipality's Town Planning and Environment department in order to offer the sale of lot 3 957 146 located near the Municipality's trails network;

CONSIDERING the offer of sale of said lot for the amount of \$ 950 plus taxes, in addition to transaction fees;

CONSIDERING the credits are provided for in the Municipality's 2019 budget;

IT IS PROPOSED BY Councillor Louise Cossette

AND IT IS RESOLVED:

That the preamble form an integral part hereof;

TO AUTHORIZE the purchase of lot 3 957 146 of the cadaster of Quebec for an amount not exceeding \$ 950 plus taxes and pertinent transaction fees;

TO TRANSFER this lot into the Municipality's real estate reserve;

TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor and Director general, and they are hereby authorized, to sign for and in the Municipality's name, any document for the follow-up;

A.M. 01.01.19 NOTICE OF MOTION AND PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BY-LAW (564) REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Claude P. Lemire that By-law (564) regarding the rules of procedure for council meetings will be presented at a future council meeting.

Draft by-law (564) regarding the rules of procedure for council meetings is presented to Council forthwith;

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14.01.19 ADOPTION – BY-LAW (560) RESPECTING THE REMUNERATION OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

The Director general gives a summary of the by-law and informs Council about the adoption procedure.

It is proposed by Councillor Louise Cossette
And unanimously resolved by all councillors:

THAT Council adopt By-law (560) respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers;

By-law 560 Respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers

WHEREAS THAT Council members have the right to receive remuneration to carry-out their functions in proportion to the extent and importance of the Municipality's activities;

CONSIDERING the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers (RLRQ. chapter T-11.001);

WHEREAS the fiscal impacts of the remuneration of elected municipal officers;

WHEREAS a notice of motion was given by Councillor Jean-Pierre Dorais at the regular council meeting of December 12th, 2018;

WHEREAS the present by-law was presented at the regular meeting of December 12th, 2018;

CONSEQUENTLY, the municipal council decrees the following:

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

1. **Goal** – The goal of the present by-law is to provide for the remuneration of elected municipal officers for the duration of their mandate in accordance to the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers;

2. **Objective** – The provisions of the by-law must be interpreted in such a way as to allow for the municipal council's elected municipal officers to obtain, to carry-out their functions, remuneration comparable to other municipalities of the same size, same population and similar budget;

3. **Repeal** – The present by-law repeals every previous by-law which is incompatible with the present provisions, specifically, By-law (439) regarding wages of elected representatives;

4. **Compensation for material damage** – The provisions of the by-law must not be interpreted in such a way as to restrict the scope of any provision of By-law (504) regarding the payment of compensation for material damage which occurred during the carrying-out of functions;

CHAPTER 2 REMUNERATION OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

5. **Mayor's remuneration** – The mayor receives a remuneration of \$ 24, 188 per financial year, payable as per the terms of payment fixed by Council's resolution;

6. **Councillor's remuneration** – Councillors receive a remuneration of \$ 8,112 per financial year, payable as per the terms of payment fixed by Council's resolution;

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7. ***Acting mayor's remuneration*** – The acting mayor receives, along with what is stipulated in Article 6, an additional remuneration of \$ 110 per calendar month while he occupies the position;

8. ***Additional remuneration*** – The acting mayor, when replacing the mayor for a period of superior to thirty (30) days, receives remuneration as stipulated in Article 5 for said period.

He then ceases to receive any remuneration stipulated in Articles 6 and 7 during said period;

Additional remuneration is paid for the following positions:

President of the finance committee: \$ 60 per month per calendar year or fraction of calendar month during the time the position is held;

President of the work relations committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during the time the position is held;

Councillor-member of the Urbanism and development of the territory committee: \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during the time the position is held;

President of the Environment committee: \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during the time the position is held;

President of the Public security committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of the calendar month during the time the position is held;

President of the Infrastructure and special projects committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during which the position is held;

President of the Family and seniors committee: \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during which the position is held;

President of the Supervision of the fleet and rolling equipment committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during which the position is held;

President of the Public works committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during which the position is held;

President of the Recreation and culture committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during which the position is held;

President of the Community affairs committee : \$ 60 per calendar month or fraction of calendar month during which the position is held;

9. ***Annual indexation*** – Basic remuneration and additional indexation as stipulated in the present by-law will be indexed for each financial year following the entering into effect of the present by-law.

The indexation consists of increasing, each year, the amount applicable in the previous year, by a percentage corresponding to the rate increase of Canada's consumer price index established by Statistics Canada.

When the product of the calculation stipulated in the second paragraph is not a multiple of 10, it is brought to the closest multiple of this number.

To establish the increase rate stipulated in the second paragraph:

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1. We subtract the index established for the last month of December preceding the year that was established for the before last month of December.
2. We divide the difference obtained as per paragraph 1 by the index established for the before last month of December;

CHAPTER 3 EXPENSE AND TRANSITION ALLOWANCE

10. **Basic allowance** – Each elected municipal officer has the right to an expense allowance in the amount equal to half of the amount received as remuneration, under the condition that the limits stipulated in Article 20 of the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers up to the cap set by this Act.

11. **Transition allowance** – An allowance is paid to the mayor who ceases to occupy the position after having occupied it during at least 24 months preceding the end of his mandate.

The amount of the allowance is calculated as per the payments stipulated in Article 31 of the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers (RLRQ., ch. T-11.001).

Remuneration includes, for the matter of establishing a transition allowance, remuneration paid to its members, a municipality's mandatory organization or supramunicipal organization.

Council establishes the methods of payment for the allowance.

12. **Severance allowance** – The Municipality pays a severance allowance to the person who ceases being a council member after having accumulated at least two years of service credited to the pension plan constituted by the Act respecting the pension plan for elected municipal officers (RLRQ. [ch. R-9.3](#)).

The amount of the allowance is equal to the product obtained when we multiply the amount representing the average remuneration by fifteen calculated on the basis of 12 consecutive months preceding the date on which the person ceases to be a council member by the number of years of service credited since January 1st, 1992.

The amount of the allowance is accumulated by the fraction of a fifteenth of the remuneration which is proportional to part of the credited year of service.

The total amount of the allowance that one person may receive cannot exceed the remuneration that was received during the period of 12 consecutive months which precede the date on which the person ceased to be a council member;

13. **Resignation during a mandate** – A council member that resigns during his term of office is entitled to the severance allowance stipulated in Article 12 or to the transition allowance provided for in Article 11 on condition that his resignation is due to a serious family matter or a major health issue affecting him or a member of his immediate family.

In this last case, a request must be made to the Commission municipale in accordance to the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers;

14. **Suspension of payment of the severance or transition allowance** - The payment of the severance or transition allowance is suspended if the person whose mandate comes to an end is the subject of an application to have him declared disqualified or of proceedings which, under section 301 or section 302 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities ([chapter E-2.2](#)), could bring about his disqualification.

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The payment may be made, if applicable, on the first of the following dates:
1° the date on which the applicant withdraws the application for declaration or disqualification or the date on which the prosecutor stays all charges in the proceedings ;

2° the date on which a judgment acquitting the person or dismissing the application for declaration of disqualification becomes final ;

In such a case, section 31.0.2 of the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers applies with the necessary modifications;

15. **Suspension for disqualification, nullifying of an election or ousting from office** – A severance or transition allowance cannot be paid to a person whose term ends, as per Sections 318 and 319 as per the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities ([chapter E-2.2](#)), because of his disqualification, the nullifying of an election or ousting from office;

16. **Reimbursement of an allowance** – A person who has received a severance or transition allowance must reimburse the Municipality if the person is subsequently declared disqualified, by a judgment that has become final, from holding office as a member of council of a municipality because of an act occurring in the performance of the person's duties as member of the council of the municipality that paid the allowance. The same applies to a person who is found guilty, by a judgment that has become final, of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice within the meaning of section 645 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities ([chapter E-2.2](#)), the Act respecting school elections ([chapter E-2.3](#)) or the Election Act ([chapter E-3.3](#)) or of an Act of the Parliament of Québec or of Canada, is an offence punishable by a term of imprisonment of two years or more or if the proceedings were brought before the expiry of five years after the end of the term following which the person received the allowance and during which the act that gave rise to the proceedings was committed;

CHAPTER 4 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

17. **Reimbursement of true amount** – Each council member who, in the performance of the person's duties, makes an expense from the municipality's account may, upon presentation of a sufficient receipt, be reimbursed the true amount of said expense or tariff as stipulated in the *Municipality's policy regarding transportation and representation*, depending on the lesser of both amounts;

18. **Sufficient credits** – In the municipality's budget, Council provides for sufficient credits in order to ensure that the occasional reimbursement of expenses for any category of action that council members may take within their term for the municipality's account.

CHAPITRE 5 ENTRY INTO EFFECT

19. **Entry into effect** – The present by-law enters into effect on January 1st, 2019.

Timothy Watchorn
Mayor

Hugo Lépine
Director general /
Secretary-treasurer

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**15.01.19 ADOPTION OF BY-LAW (566) – FEASIBILITY STUDY –
LAC-PETER DAM**

The Director general gives a summary of the by-law and informs Council about the adoption procedure.

It is proposed by Councillor Jean Dutil
And unanimously resolved by all councillors:

THAT Council adopt By-law (566) regarding the feasibility study – Lac-Peter dam as follows:

**By-law 566
Regarding the feasibility study –
Lac-Peter dam**

(only in French)

16.01.19 MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Director general presents council, who acknowledge receipt of, the monthly report for the month of December from the Director, Fire department and the list of authorized expenses for the month as per By-law (538) pertaining to regulations regarding budgetary control and the delegation of expenses.

17.01.19 SQ POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Police department's monthly report is presented to Council.

**18.01.19 REQUEST FOR REGIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
THE QUEBEC 9-1-1 MUNICIPAL AGENCY**

WHEREAS THAT the By-law regarding warning and mobilization procedures and minimal rescue measures to protect citizens' and their assets in case of fire was enacted by the Minister of public safety on April 20th, 2018 and entered into effect on November 9th, 2019;

WHEREAS THAT the Municipality would like to take advantage Part 1 of the Quebec 9-1-1 municipal Agency's financial assistance program in order to support preparation steps to victims of fire while prioritizing measures to have this new regulation upheld;

WHEREAS THAT the Municipality confirms having completing the self-diagnosis tool supplied by the Minister of public safety in May 2018 and that it deems it necessary to improve its plan regarding measures for victims of fire;

It is proposed by Councillor Leigh MacLeod

AND IT IS RESOLVED :

THAT the preamble forms an integral part hereof;

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20.01.19 ROADBLOCK FOR THE 2019 GARDE-MANGER PDH DRIVE

Considering that Council has received the following request from the Garde-manger des Pays-d'en-Haut regarding the organizing of its annual food drive which will be held on December 14th;

Considering the Garde-manger des Pays-d'en-Haut is responsible for obtaining the proper authorization from the Minister of transport and the Sûreté du Québec;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT By-law SQ-03-2017 regarding traffic and parking and the road safety Code;

It is proposed by Councillor Peter MacLaurin
And unanimously resolved by all councillors:

That Council support the organization's request made to the Minister of Transport for the set-up of a roadblock next December 14th at the intersection of Village road and Route 364.

That Council notify the Garde-manger des Pays-d'en-Haut that they are responsible for gathering volunteers and the necessary personnel for the activities;

21.01.19 SUSPENSION OF RESOLUTION 12-01-18 REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF BY-LAW SQ-05-2017 REGARDING CLEANLINESS, SAFETY, PEASE AND ORDER IN PUBLIC AREAS, SIDEWALKS, PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORIN-HEIGHTS

It is proposed by Councillor Leigh MacLeod

IT IS RESOLVED to postpone the present resolution until the next meeting.

22.01.19 MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR, SERVICE DES TRAVAUX PUBLICS

The Director general presents Council, who acknowledge receipt of, the monthly report for the month of December, the list of requests as well as the list of expenses authorized during the month of December 2018 as per By-law (538) pertaining to regulations regarding budgetary control and the delegation of expenses.

23.01.19 2017 REPORT REGARDING THE USE OF DRINKING WATER

The Director, public works department presented Council, the 2017 report regarding the use of drinking water.

CONSIDERING the provincial by-law regarding drinking water;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the elements described in the Municipality's 2017 report regarding the use of drinking water;

It is proposed by Councillor Peter MacLaurin

IT IS RESOLVED:

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THAT the preamble form an integral part hereof;

TO APPROVE the 2017 report regarding the use of the Municipality's drinking water;

TO FORWARD a true copy of said report to the Quebec Minister of the environment;

24.01.19 REPORT REGARDING PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

The Director general presents Council who acknowledge receipt, of summary report regarding petitions and requests to January 11th, 2019.

25.01.19 MONTHLY REPORT

The Director general presents Council, who acknowledge receipt of, the monthly report for December 2018 from the Director of the Urbanism, Environment and Land development as well as the list of authorized expenses as per By-law (538) pertaining to regulations regarding budgetary control and the delegation of expenses.

26.01.19 GRANTING OF THE AMOUNT OF \$ 10,180 TO RUISSEAU JACKSON

CONSIDERING the agreement dated May 2014 between the Ruisseau Jackson: natural protected area and the Municipality regarding the protection of the Ruisseau Jackson;

CONSIDERING THAT, as required, the organization presented its 2018 annual activity report;

CONSIDERING THAT, as per this agreement, the donations collected by the organization are deposited in the Municipality's Fonds Ruisseau Jackson specifically established for the financing of said organization;

It is proposed by Councillor Louise Cossette
And resolved:

THAT the preamble form an integral part hereof;

TO GRANT the amount of \$ 10 180 to the Ruisseau Jackson organization: natural protected area, for the 2019 financial year;

THAT the credits be allocated and withdrawn from the Fonds Ruisseau Jackson;

27.01.19 AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL PROCEDURES IN DEMOLITION

WHEREAS the property located at 201, Perry has not be occupied for many years;

WHEREAS THAT, pursuant to various inspections, the Town Planning and Environment department has confirmed the dilapidated and unsafe state of the property;

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WHEREAS the Fire department has acknowledged pursuant to various inspections, that the property was dangerous, particularly since the fire in the Fall of 2017;

WHEREAS throughout the years, the Sûreté du Québec's police department proceeded with many interventions on this property;

CONSIDERING the Town Planning and Environment department has acknowledged various infractions to municipal by-laws over the last weeks;

WHEREAS various renovation work has been undertaken by the property owner or with the property owner's permission;

CONSIDERING the notice to cease the work and eviction sent and posted on January 11th, 2019;

CONSIDERING THAT as of this date, the property owner has not presented any plan for the renovations of the building located on his property, it presents a real danger to individuals and has lost at least half of its value as a result of its dilapidated state and the fire which occurred in the Fall of 2017;

CONSIDERING THE various derogatory uses to By-law (416) regarding zoning have been confirmed;

It is proposed by Councillor Jean Dutil

IT IS RESOLVED:

THAT the preamble form an integral part hereof;

TO AUTHORIZE the institution of the appropriate legal proceedings in order to have this confirmed derogatory uses ceased immediately;

TO AUTHORIZE the institution of the appropriate legal proceedings in order to proceed with the demolition of the building located at 201, Perry;

TO MANDATE the Municipality's legal counsel, specifically, the firm PFD Avocats, to represent the Municipality in these proceedings;

TO AUTHORIZE the Director general and he is hereby authorized, to sign any document to follow-up with this dossier;

28.01.19 REPORT REGARDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES

The Director general presents Council who acknowledge receipt, of report regarding permits and certificates to January 11th, 2019.

29.01.19 MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Director general presents Council, who acknowledge receipt of, the monthly report prepared by the Interim Director of the Recreation and culture department as well as the list of authorized expenses during the month of December 2018 as per By-law (538) pertaining to regulations regarding budgetary control and the delegation of expenses.

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30.01.19 HALL ATTENDANTS' STATUS

CONSIDERING THAT the Recreation, culture and community life department includes two hall attendants previously called hall attendants for the winter season, as stipulated in the Remuneration policy for the Recreation, culture and community life department attendants ;

CONSIDERING THAT until 2018, these two positions were based on a seasonal basis;

WHEREAS the Municipality completed, throughout 2018, the renovation of Chalet Bellevue, which has become a community center for recreation, culture, community life and outdoors ;

CONSIDERING THAT, in fact, these two positions were converted into permanent positions ;

WHEREAS THAT both of our current attendants have been working for more than two consecutive years ;

It is proposed by Councillor Louise Cossette
IT IS RESOLVED :

THAT the preamble forms an integral part hereof ;

TO PROVIDE both attendant positions of the Recreation, culture and community life department, access to the social benefits which are available to other employees of the same status, particularly to the retirement plan and group insurance chapter for municipal employees, as of June 1st, 2019;

31.01.19 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE CANADA

CONSIDERING the Municipality presented a request for contribution and financing to the Economical development agency of Canada for the Quebec region in Fall 2018 for resurfacing equipment for our winter trails;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the tight delays for the presentation of such a request;

CONSIDERING THAT the Director general signed, for and in the Municipality's name, an agreement to contribute \$ 13,200 in order to follow through with this request which was positively received, before the end of the 2018 financial year;

It is proposed by Councillor Leigh MacLeod

AND IT IS RESOLVED:

That the preamble form an integral part herewith;

TO RATIFY the presentation of the request and the Municipality's commitment regarding this agreement to contribute;

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32.01.19 AWARDING OF A GRANTING THE AMOUNT OF \$ 5,150 TO THE 2019 SUPERFOLK FESTIVAL

WHEREAS the organizers of this event put together an organized structure in order to ensure its sustainability;

CONSIDERING the request for financial assistance presented by the organization;

CONSIDERING the Municipality's 2019 budget;

CONSIDERING the Municipality's guaranteed assistance pertaining to logistics in order to follow-through this event;

It is proposed by Councillor Leigh MacLeod

AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the preamble forms an integral part hereof;

TO GRANT non-recurrent financial assistance in the amount of \$ 5,150 to the 2019 Superfolk festival on the condition that a guarantee is obtained for the holding of the event in 2019;

TO MANDATE the Director, and he is hereby mandated, to follow-through with this resolution;

33.01.19 SUPPORT TO THE MRC D'ARGENTEUIL CONCERNING ARGENTEUIL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS that on December 18th, 2018, the MRC of Argenteuil was informed by the Centre de santé et des services sociaux des Laurentides (CISSS) that all of the signs at the Hôpital d'Argenteuil must now be in French only;

WHEREAS the MRC d'Argenteuil deplores this decision, having promoted, for decades, the values of respect and inclusion toward the Anglophone community within multiple spheres of social life;

CONSIDERING the considerable support received from the Anglophone community throughout the MRC d'Argenteuil territory;

CONSIDERING harmonious and positive relations built between Francophones and Anglophones of the regions;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Morin-Heights is alone in having bilingual status within the territory of the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut;

CONSIDERING the coexistence and vitality of both languages, French and English, have extensively been demonstrated over the last decades and that they constitute a considerable collective richness;

WHEREAS the Council and the municipality of Morin-Heights are very sensitive to this issue and that Morin-Heights constitutes a conclusive example of harmonious coexistence between Anglophones and Francophones;

CONSIDERING language constitutes, for Morin-Heights as well as for the Anglophone of the MRC d'Argenteuil, a patrimonial issue, not solely linguistic;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the MRC d'Argenteuil's press release dated December 20th, 2018, copy of which was forwarded to council members;

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AND IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the preamble form an integral part hereof;

TO DENOUNCE AND DEPLORE the CISSS des Laurentides' decision to withdraw all English signage form the Hôpital d'Argenteuil;

TO CLAIM the cancellation of this decision;

TO FORWARD to the council of the MRC d'Argenteuil, the Municipality of Morin-Heights' support pertaining to the future steps to be taken;

TO FORWARD a copy of this resolution to the provincial deputy of Argenteuil, to the federal deputy of Argenteuil, to the federal minister of official languages, to the Quebec minister of health and social services, to the Prime minister of Quebec, responsible for relations with English speaking Quebecers and to the Minister responsible for the Laurentides region;

34.01.19 PRELIMINARY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GROUPE LOGILOGE FOR AN ASSISTED HOUSING PROJECT

CONSIDERING THAT Council is interested in studying the needs for additional assisted housing units on the municipality's territory;

CONSIDERING the meeting of September 2018 between Council and Groupe LogiLoge's Director general;

CONSIDERING the conditions of the preliminary draft service agreement with Groupe LogiLoge and the non-existent costs for the Municipality;

IT IS PROPOSED BY Councillor Louise Cossette

IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the preamble form an integral part hereof;

TO AUTHORIZE the signature of a preliminary service agreement with Groupe LogiLoge in order to proceed with the study of the needs for assisted housing on the municipality's territory;

TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor and he is hereby authorized to sign said preliminary agreement for this service, for and in the Municipality's name;

QUESTION PERIOD

Council answers questions asked by the public.

35.01.19 END OF THE MEETING

It is proposed by Councillor Louise Cossette that the meeting end at 8:21 p.m.

I have approved each and every resolution in these minutes

Timothy Watchorn
Mayor

Hugo Lépine
Director general / Secretary-treasurer

Eight people attended the meeting.