

Municipality of Morin-Heights

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MINUTES

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English translation.*

Minutes of the special meeting of the Municipal council of Morin-Heights, held at Chalet Bellevue at 27, Bellevue, on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at which were present:

Councillor Carole Patenaude
Councillor Louise Cossette
Councillor Peter MacLaurin
Councillor Gilles Saulnier
Councillor Claude P. Lemire

Forming quorum under the chairmanship of Deputy Mayor Leigh MacLeod.

The Director general, Hugo Lépine, is present. The assistant clerk Geneviève Beaudry is also present.

Council members recognize having been convened in accordance to the provisions of Article 152 and following of the Municipal Code and of Article 10 of By-law (564-2018) regarding the rules governing council sittings.

At 19:00, the Deputy Mayor states quorum and Council deliberates on the dossiers listed on the agenda of convening.

151.05.25 OPENING OF THE MEETING AND STATING OF QUORUM

1. Opening of the meeting, stating of the quorum and notice of convening
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Tabling – Mayor's letter of resignation
4. Waiving of a by-election
5. Tabling – Nomination and voting procedure
6. Election of the Mayor
7. Mayor's oath of office
8. Modification to resolution 487-12-24
9. Question period
10. Closing of the meeting

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152.05.25 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It is proposed by Councillor Carole Patenaude
And unanimously resolved by all Councillors:

TO ADOPT the agenda as presented.

153.05.25 TABLING – MAYOR’S LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The Director general presents council, who acknowledge receipt of the mayor’s letter of resignation. He reads it.

154.05.25 WAIVING OF A BY-ELECTION

WHEREAS the position of Mayor has become vacant following the resignation of Mr. Timothy Watchorn on May 2nd, 2025;

WHEREAS this vacancy occurs within the twelve (12) months preceding the date set for the next municipal general election, in accordance with Section 336 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (RLRQ, c. E-2.2);

WHEREAS by virtue of this provision, Council may, by resolution, decide not to hold a by-election to fill this vacancy;

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

TO WAIVE the holding of a by-election to fill the vacancy, in accordance with Section 336 of the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

155.05.25 TABLING – NOMINATION AND VOTING PROCEDURE

In accordance with Article 336 of the Quebec Municipal Code (RLRQ, c. E-2.2), the Director general files the nomination and voting procedure.

156.05.25 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

The Registrar-treasurer initiates the nomination and voting procedure added above.

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He opened the nomination period.

Councillor Carole Patenaude nominates Councillor Louise Cossette;

Councillor Louise Cossette accepts the nomination;

The Registrar-treasurer notes that there are no other nominations. He closes the nomination period.

He proclaimed Mrs. Louise Cossette elected to the office of Mayor.

157.05.25 MAYOR'S OATH OF OFFICE

CONSIDERING By-law (628-2021) respecting the ethics and professional conduct of elected municipal officials and section 313 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (RLRQ, c. E-2.2), the mayor must take an oath.

The Mayor takes the oath in accordance with the Law.

The Mayor, Mrs. Louise Cossette is sworn in in accordance with the law.

The Mayor chairs the meeting.

158.05.25 MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION 487.12.24

WHEREAS resolution 487.12.24, adopted at the council meeting held December 11th, 2024, established a mechanism for replacing the mayor in the event of a vacancy in the position, alternating among the six (6) municipal councillors, at the rate of one rotation every two (2) months;

WHEREAS the position of Mayor became vacant following his resignation;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council has proceeded with the appointment of Mrs. Louise Cossette as Mayor by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by Article 116 of the Quebec Municipal Code (RLRQ, c. C-27.1);

WHEREAS this appointment has the effect of freeing up a portion of the rotation provided for in resolution 487.12.24, which must now be filled;

It is proposed by Councillor Leigh MacLeod
And unanimously resolved by all Councillors:

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TO APPOINT Mrs. Leigh MacLeod to fill the portion of the rotation left vacant, for the period from May 1st to August 31st, 2025.

TO APPOINT Mr. Claude P. Lemire to fill the portion of the rotation left vacant, for the period of September 1st to 30th, 2025 and from November 1st to December 31st, 2025.

TO APOINT Mrs. Carole Patenaude to fill the portion of the rotation left vacant, for the period of October 1st, to 31st, 2025.

QUESTION PERIOD

The outgoing mayor makes a statement.

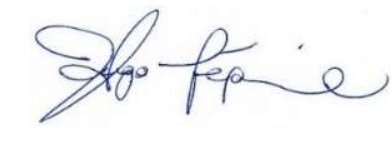
159.05.25 END OF THE MEETING

The agenda being exhausted, it is proposed by Councillor Claude P. Lemire that the special meeting end, it is 19:14.

I have approved each and every
resolution in these minutes



Louise Cossette
Mayor



Hugo Lépine
Director general / Registrar-treasurer

Twelve people attended the meeting.