

MARCH 2, 2020

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Township of Gore's Municipal Council held at the Trinity Community Hall located at 2 Cambria Road in Gore, on **Monday March 2, 2020 at 8 p.m.**

ARE PRESENT:

Councillors: Donald Manconi, Clark Shaw, Alain Giroux, Shirley Roy, Anik Korosec and Anselmo Marandola forming a quorum and presided over by the Mayor, Scott Pearce.

The General Manager, Julie Boyer and the Assistant Secretary-treasurer, Diane Chales are also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The mayor calls the present meeting to order at 8 p.m.

2020-03-030

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

WHEREAS the members of the council have familiarized themselves with the agenda of the present meeting;

WHEREAS the following subjects are added to varia on the agenda:

- Mandate to the Union of Quebec Municipalities to purchase fuel in bulk
- Request to the Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to set aside funds from climate change programs to promote natural solutions
- Request to the Quebec Government to reserve funds from climate change programs to promote natural solutions
- Purchase of 5 tickets for the «Centre d'entraide» 2020 fundraiser
- Payment for the snow removal on private streets in the Grace Park area
- Renewal of the "Rêve de Caillette" day care center's lease

WHEREAS the following subjects are removed from the agenda:

- Awarding of a contract for the supply of diesel fuel
- Modification to Mrs. Tammy Hall's job description
- Job posting for a receptionist

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

AND **RESOLVED** unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO ADOPT the agenda of the present meeting as modified.

CARRIED

2020-03-031

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 3, 2020

WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2020 were given to council members at least seventy-two (72) hours before this meeting;

WHEREAS council members declare having received and read them.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Clark Shaw

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2020 be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

SUBJECTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

A first question period was held during which the following subject was discussed:

- Follow-up on the «Orientation 10»

NOTICE OF MOTION, PRESENTATION AND TABLING OF THE DRAFT OF BY-LAW NUMBER 225-1 REGARDING CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Anik Korosec that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW NUMBER 225-1 CONCERNING CONTRACT MANAGEMENT** will be adopted;

Councillor Anik Korosec tables draft **BY-LAW NUMBER 225-1** at the present meeting;

Copies of the draft By-law are made available to the public.

Mr. Scott Pearce, Mayor, presents the draft By-law in accordance with the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1) and mentions that the purpose of this By-law is to regulate contract management practices for all Municipal contracts, including practices regarding contracts having an expenditure of \$ 25 000 or more but less than the amount decreed by the government obligating a competitive bidding process.

NOTICE OF MOTION, PRESENTATION AND TABLING OF THE DRAFT OF BY-LAW NUMBER 237 CONCERNING BUDGETARY CONTROL AND MONITORING AS WELL AS THE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO AUTHORIZE EXPENSES AND AWARD CONTRACTS

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Anik Korosec that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW NUMBER 237 CONCERNING BUDGETARY CONTROL AND MONITORING AS WELL AS THE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO AUTHORIZE EXPENSES AND AWARD CONTRACTS** will be adopted;

Councillor Anik Korosec tables the draft of **BY-LAW NUMBER 237 CONCERNING BUDGETARY CONTROL AND MONITORING AS WELL AS THE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO AUTHORIZE EXPENSES AND AWARD CONTRACTS** at the present meeting;

Copies of the draft by-law are made available to the public;

Mr. Scott Pearce, Mayor, presents the draft by-law in accordance with the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1).

2020-03-032

ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 143-2 TO IMPOSE A SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TAX

WHEREAS article 19 of *the Municipal powers act* (L.R.Q., c. C-47.1) allows municipalities to adopt by-laws concerning environmental matters;

WHEREAS the Municipality has obligations with regards to the supervision, control and protection of the environment;

WHEREAS the territory covered by the Municipality is over 93.86 square kilometres, having more than 40 lakes and several hydric systems;

WHEREAS the Municipality does not have an aqueduct system and therefore, residents must draw their drinking water directly from lakes, streams and private wells;

WHEREAS the Municipality carries out activities regarding watercourses and the quality of drinking water by executing environmental studies, implementing control standards, issuing permits in relation to the evacuation and treatment of sewage from isolated residences, collecting hazardous waste and by distributing and making available to the public information on the environment and how to protect it;

WHEREAS the Municipality can finance part of its goods, services and activities by imposing a compensation or tariff, such as a municipal real estate tax based on criteria other than the value of the immovable;

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to finance a part of these goods, services and activities by imposing a tariff on all valuation units within the municipality, based on the number of valuation units registered on the assessment roll;

WHEREAS a notice of motion and the presentation of the present by-law were given by Councillor Anik Korosec at the regular meeting of February 3, 2020;

WHEREAS a copy of the by-law was given to the members of council 72 hours prior to the meeting where this by-law is presented for adoption;

WHEREAS copies of the by-law were made available to the public at the beginning of the meeting;

WHEREAS the Mayor presented the by-law in accordance with the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1).

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT by-law number 143-2 to impose a special environmental protection tax be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2020-03-033

ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 220-1 REGARDING THE REMUNERATION OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

WHEREAS the *Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers (RLRQ, c.T-11.001)* regulates the powers of Council with regards to fixing remuneration rates;

WHEREAS the Council wishes to update the by-law regarding the remuneration of elected officers;

WHEREAS a notice of motion of the present by-law was given by Councillor Shirley Roy at the regular meeting of February 3, 2020;

WHEREAS the Mayor presented the by-law in accordance with the law;

WHEREAS the secretary-treasurer has published a public notice as required by law.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Clark Shaw

SECONDED BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6) and the Mayor:

THAT by-law number 220-1 regarding the remuneration of elected municipal officers be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2020-03-034

ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 228 REGARDING THE USE OF PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

WHEREAS article 85 of the *Municipal Powers Act (CQLR, c.C-47.1)* allows the municipality to adopt any by-law ensuring the general wellbeing of its population;

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to protect the health of the population and the environment by regulating the use of pesticides and fertilizers within its territory;

WHEREAS a notice of motion and the presentation of the present by-law were given by Councillor Anik Korosec at the regular meeting of February 3, 2020;

WHEREAS a copy of the by-law was given to the members of council 72 hours prior to the meeting where this by-law is presented for adoption;

WHEREAS copies of the by-law were made available to the public at the beginning of the meeting;

WHEREAS the Mayor presented the by-law in accordance with the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1).

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

SECONDED BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT by-law number 228 regarding the use of pesticides and fertilizers be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2020-03-035

ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 235 CONCERNING THE INTERNAL RULES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1) enables council to adopt rules and procedures, by way of by-laws, in order to manage the debates held during council meetings and to ensure that order and decorum is maintained during said meeting;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Township of Gore wishes to act in order to ensure order and decorum during its council meetings;

WHEREAS the Council deems it appropriate to adopt a by-law to this effect;

WHEREAS a notice of motion and the presentation of the present by-law were given by Councillor Alain Giroux at the regular meeting of February 3, 2020;

WHEREAS a copy of the by-law was given to the members of council 72 hours prior to the meeting where this by-law is presented for adoption;

WHEREAS copies of the by-law were made available to the public at the beginning of the meeting;

WHEREAS the Mayor presented the by-law in accordance with the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1).

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

SECONDED BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT by-law number 235 concerning the internal rules for the management of municipal council meetings be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2020-03-036

ADOPTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 236 DECREERING APPLICABLE RATES FOR CASES WHERE EXPENSES ARE INCURRED ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE

WHEREAS the *Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers (RLRQ, c.T-11.001)* allows the Municipality to decree, by way of a by-law, the rates for cases when expenses are incurred on behalf of the Municipality;

WHEREAS the Council believes that decreeing such rates is beneficial to the administration's efficiency;

WHEREAS a notice of motion and the presentation of the present by-law were given by Councillor Anik Korosec at the regular meeting of February 3, 2020;

WHEREAS a copy of the by-law was given to the members of council 72 hours prior to the meeting where this by-law is presented for adoption;

WHEREAS copies of the by-law were made available to the public at the beginning of the meeting;

WHEREAS the Mayor presented the by-law in accordance with the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1).

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT by-law number 236 decreeing applicable rates for cases where expenses are incurred on behalf of the Municipality of the Township of Gore be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2020-03-037

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR LOTS 5 318 354 AND 5 318 356 IN FAVOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE

WHEREAS the municipality has accepted a donation of two (2) lots, identified by lot numbers 5 318 354 (role number 4864-20-1824) and 5 318 356 (role number 4864-21-2156), offered free of charge by the Estate of Mr. Gérald St-Jean through his executor, Mr. Gilles St-Jean, and under the terms of paragraph 10.15 of Mr. Gérald St-Jean' Will;

WHEREAS the Estate of Mr. Gérald St-Jean will pay the taxes due on the respective properties as well as the fees associated with the transfer of property titles;

WHEREAS the Council considers that these lots could be used for future community projects.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO ACCEPT the proposal concerning the donation of the two (2) lots, numbers 5 318 354 and 5 318 356, given by the Estate of Mr. Gérald St-Jean;

TO ISSUE a charitable receipt in the amount of \$ 2 300 for lot 5 318 354 and in the amount of \$ 4 300 for lot number 5 318 356;

TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign all relevant documents ensuring the transfer of property titles.

CARRIED

2020-03-038

AWARDING OF A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE HEATING SYSTEM IN THE PARK BUILDING AND THE DAY CARE CENTER - 2020-2021

WHEREAS the maintenance contract for the heating system in the park building and at the Day Care Centre situated at 45 Cambria Road has expired and needs to be renewed;

WHEREAS Refrigeration Locas Inc. has sent a service offer.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO AWARD the contract for the maintenance of the heating system in the park building and at the Day Care Center to "Refrigeration Locas Inc" for the period between February 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021, inclusively, according to the conditions stipulated in the contract.

CARRIED

AWARDING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF DIESEL FUEL

Subject removed from the agenda

2020-03-039

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH A CALL FOR TENDERS REGARDING CORRECTION WORK TO THE SECTION OF BRAEMAR ROAD NEAR THE ADDRESSES 129 AND 131 *(modified by resolution 2020-03-058)*

WHEREAS, by resolution 2019-11-272, the municipality awarded a contract for professional services regarding the corrections to the profile of Braemar Road to the firm BSA Groupe Conseil;

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to carry out work to correct the profile of Braemar Road between civic numbers 129 and 131 in order to increase road safety of this sector;

WHEREAS the municipality must proceed with a public call for tenders for the said roadwork.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO AUTHORIZE the Assistant General Manager to proceed with a public call for tenders regarding road work correcting the profile of Braemar Road between civic numbers 129 and 131;

TO ASSIGN this expense to budget code 03-310-02-000 entitled "*Affectation - chemin*".

CARRIED

2020-03-040

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONCERNING CONCERTS TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore wishes to continue to offer a series of concerts in the Holy Trinity Church as was done in the past with great success by members of the church community;

WHEREAS the main objective behind providing these concerts is to maintain and promote the community life enriched by these events as well as to provide reliable support for the upkeep and maintenance of the Holy Trinity Church;

WHEREAS the one year trial period regarding Municipal management of the concerts has expired;

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of both parties to establish the rules and responsibilities needed to ensure the fair and proper use of the facilities as well as the longevity of the concert series;

WHEREAS the General Manager presented the terms of the agreement to the members of Council.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

AND **RESOLVED** unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO AUTHORIZE the General Manager to sign the agreement with the Holy Trinity Church Management Committee concerning concerts to be held in the church as presented.

CARRIED

2020-03-041

APPOINTMENT OF A DESIGNATED PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE MRC'S RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO WATERWAYS

WHEREAS the RCM of Argenteuil has exclusive jurisdiction over all waterways within its territory since January 1, 2006 as per section 103 of the *Act respecting municipal powers* (chapter C-47.1);

WHEREAS section 104 of the same Act states that RCM adopts by-laws to regulate any matter relating to the flow of water from a watercourse, including crossings, obstructions and nuisances;

WHEREAS section 105 of the Act states that "any employee designated for that purpose by the RCM may immediately withdraw obstructions from a watercourse which prevent or impede the normal flow of water" from the moment when the RCM is made aware of an obstruction that threatens the safety of persons or property;

WHEREAS section 108 of the Act states that an agreement can be concluded between the RCM and a local municipality within its territory regarding the enforcement, invoicing and management of work related to waterways;

WHEREAS that in 2006, such an agreement was signed between the RCM of Argenteuil and the Municipality of the Township of Gore;

WHEREAS, by virtue of this agreement, the municipality must notify the RCM of its choice of employee or employees who perform the function of designated person(s) according to section 105 of the Act;

WHEREAS on August 14, 2013, the Council of the RCM adopted a policy and procedures for the management of waterways under the jurisdiction of the RCM of Argenteuil;

WHEREAS on June 1, 2015, the RCM adopted by-law number 82-15 governing matters relating to the drainage of waterways within the territory of the RCM of Argenteuil;

WHEREAS under this policy and by-law, the RCM and the municipalities define the designated person(s) for emergencies regarding waterways who will exercise the powers under section 105 of the Act and those of the designated official(s) under the watercourse by-law;

WHEREAS it is important to designate a person or persons to exercise the powers defined in the intermunicipal agreement between the municipality and the RCM of Argenteuil.

IT IS **MOVED BY**: Councillor Alain Giroux

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND **RESOLVED** unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO DESIGNATE Ms. May Landry, Environment and Sustainable development inspector, as:

- "Person responsible for emergencies regarding waterways" who exercises the powers of a designated person within the meaning of article 105 of the Municipal Powers Act (chapter C-47.1).
- "Designated official regarding the watercourse by-law" who oversees the application of the by-law as provided for in the municipal agreement signed with the RCM of Argenteuil and in accordance with section 108 of the Municipal Powers Act (chapter C-47.1).

CARRIED

2020-03-042

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE LOCAL ROAD NETWORK - SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: FINANCIAL REPORT

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore is aware of the terms and conditions regarding the Specific improvement project component of the Assistance Program for the local road network;

WHEREAS financial report form V-0321 has been duly completed;

WHEREAS the work carried out or the inherent costs are eligible under this programme;

WHEREAS the road network for which a request for financial assistance has been granted is under municipal jurisdiction and eligible under the Assistance Program for the local road network.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO APPROVE expenses in the amount of \$ 20,602.29 relating to the improvement work and eligible inherent costs mentioned on financial report form V-0321, in accordance with the requirements of the *ministère des Transports du Québec*.

CARRIED

2020-03-043

RESIGNATION OF MR. MAXIME ASSELIN AS URBANISM INSPECTOR – SPECIAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2020, Mr. Maxime Asselin tabled his resignation, which will come into effect on March 20, 2020, with the General Manager.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO RECEIVE Mr. Maxime Asselin's resignation;

TO THANK Mr. Maxime Asselin for the services he has provided to our municipal organization.

CARRIED

MODIFICATION TO MRS. TAMMY HALL'S JOB DESCRIPTION

Subject removed for the agenda

JOB POSTING FOR A RECEPTIONIST

Subject removed from the agenda

TABLING OF THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

During the month, we delivered 11 permits as follows:

- 2 renewals for new construction permits
- 2 septic installation permits
- 1 subdivision permits
- 6 certificates of authorization (2 of which are residential tree cutting).

TABLING OF THE FIRE SAFETY SERVICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

The secretary-treasurer tables to the Council the report prepared by the Director of the Fire Safety Service detailing the activities of the service for the month of February 2020.

2020-03-044 APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

WHEREAS Council members have taken note of the report dated March 2, 2020 regarding the invoices and salaries paid in February 2020 and the invoices to be paid for the month of March 2020.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

SECONDED BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO APPROVE the accounts and salaries paid for the month of February 2020 and the accounts payable totaling 761 069.49\$ and authorize their payment;

THAT the report dated March 2, 2020 be annexed to the minutes to form an integral part thereof.

CARRIED

2020-03-045

MANDATE TO THE UNION OF QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES TO PURCHASE FUEL IN BULK

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore has received a proposal from the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) to set up, on its behalf and on behalf of several other interested municipal organizations, a buying group for the publication of a public tender for the bulk supply of different fuels (gasoline , diesel and heating oil);

WHEREAS articles 29.9.1 of the Act on the cities and towns and 14.7.1 of the Municipal Code:

- Allow a municipal organization to conclude an agreement with the UMQ aimed at the purchase of materials;
- State that the rules governing the awarding of contracts by a municipality apply to contracts awarded under this section and the UMQ agrees to abide by these rules;

- Specify that this contracting process is subject to the UMQ Contract Management Policy for its consolidation agreements adopted by the UMQ Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore wishes to participate in this group purchase to obtain fuel (gasoline, diesel and heating oil) in the quantities needed for its activities and according to the rules laid down in the tender document prepared by the UMQ.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the preamble is an integral part hereof as if recited in full;

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Gore join in the group purchase put in place by the UMQ for the period of March 30, 2020 to March 31, 2022 to ensure its supply of different fuels (gasoline, diesel and heating oil) necessary for the activities of our municipal organization

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Gore understands that a contract with a duration of two (2) years plus an option to renew for a maximum period of one (1) year, was granted on February 22, 2019 according to the terms provided for in the tender document and applicable law;

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Gore entrusts the UMQ with the power to benefit or not of the renewal option provided for in the contract and to make the decision on its behalf;

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Gore undertakes to complete for the UMQ, within the deadline, the letter of application for membership and technical registration form that will provide the expected annual quantities of various types of fuels;

THAT considering that the UMQ has already issued contracts with various suppliers / contractors, the Municipality of the Township of Gore undertakes to respect the terms of this contract as if it had contracted directly with the supplier to whom the contract will be awarded;

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Gore agrees to pay the UMQ a management fee based on the amount of fuel required by our municipal organization. It is understood that the UMQ:

- will charge participants a quarterly management fee of \$0.0055 (0.55 cents) per litre purchased by UMQ members and \$0.0100 (1.0 cents) per litre purchased from non UMQ members;
- may charge to participants with very low volumes, a minimum annual management fee of \$200.00.

CARRIED

REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES TO SET ASIDE FUNDS FROM CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE NATURAL SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS the fight against climate change has two action components, namely the mitigation component which aims at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the adaptation component which prepares communities to become more resilient to the changes taking place;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Insurance Bureau of Canada estimate in a recent report that climate adaptation costs municipalities \$ 5.3 billion a year;

WHEREAS several scientific studies like those coordinated by the Ouranos consortium on regional climatology and adaptation to climate change are working to identify regional adaptation options, which offer flexibility to respond to different types of climate risks;

WHEREAS nature-based climate solutions both reduce our GHG emissions and adapt to these growing changes by helping both communities and ecosystems to become more resilient;

WHEREAS natural solutions to counter climate change are often less expensive, more durable and offer multiple environmental, social and economic benefits compared to engineering and technological solutions;

WHEREAS many economic studies such as the one on the ecological capital of Greater Montreal by the Suzuki Foundation raise the urgency of investing to preserve the ecological services provided by natural environments;

WHEREAS the vast majority of climate change and environmental protection funding programs prioritize projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage engineering and technology options to compensate for urban imperatives wishing to restore degraded environments;

WHEREAS the funds available in the fight against climate change to promote preventive actions for the conservation and protection of natural environments are negligible and insufficient for the multitude of municipal demands;

WHEREAS the Township of Gore as well as a multitude of Canadian municipalities are making numerous efforts to find the funding necessary to acquire, protect and enhance certain natural environments on their territory which play a crucial role in terms of natural assets to fight against climate change;

WHEREAS the efforts of rural Canadian municipalities are unsuccessful and ineffective since existing government funding programs find it difficult to recognize the admissibility of projects offering natural solutions;

WHEREAS the Township of Gore notes that this issue is the same everywhere in small Canadian municipalities and that they ardently wish to contribute to solutions to face the climate emergency;

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Alain Giroux
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the Council of the Township of Gore ask the Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to adapt the various programs to fight climate change to make eligible projects with natural solutions to fight climate change.

CARRIED

2020-03-047

REQUEST TO THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT TO RESERVE FUNDS FROM CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE NATURAL SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS the fight against climate change has two action components, namely the mitigation component which aims at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the adaptation component which prepares communities to become more resilient to the changes taking place;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Insurance Bureau of Canada estimate in a recent report that climate adaptation costs municipalities \$ 5.3 billion a year;

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WHEREAS the efforts of rural municipalities in Quebec are unsuccessful and ineffective since existing government funding programs find it difficult to recognize the admissibility of projects offering natural solutions;

WHEREAS the Township of Gore notes that this issue is the same everywhere in small Quebec municipalities and that they ardently wish to contribute to solutions to face the climate emergency.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the council of the township of Gore ask the government of Quebec to adapt the various programs to fight climate change to make eligible projects with natural solutions to fight climate change.

CARRIED

2020-03-048

PURCHASE OF 5 TICKETS FOR THE «CENTRE D'ENTRAIDE» 2020 FUNDRAISER

WHEREAS the Centre d'entraide d'Argenteuil organizes a 2020 fundraiser;

WHEREAS Council wishes to offer their support.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Anik Korosec
SECONDED BY: Councillor Donald Manconi
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the municipality purchase 5 tickets at a cost of \$ 5 per ticket.

CARRIED

2020-03-049

PAYMENT FOR THE SNOW REMOVAL ON PRIVATE STREETS IN THE GRACE PARK AREA

WHEREAS the residents of several private streets in the Grace Park sector have made formal requests to the municipality for financial assistance regarding the snow removal of their streets and help with finding a snow removal service provider;

WHEREAS steps were jointly taken by the municipality and the Gore-Wentworth Owners Association to find a snow removal service provider;

WHEREAS the quotes provided to the Gore-Wentworth Owners Association by Déneigement Dion inc. for snow removal of certain private streets in the Grace Park sector were presented to the municipal council;

WHEREAS resolution 2019-11-276 confirms that the municipality will provide financial assistance to the Gore-Wentworth Owners Association for the snow removal of certain private streets in the Grace Park sector in accordance with requests received by residents and according to the quotes given by Déneigement Dion inc.;

WHEREAS the Gore-Wentworth Owners Association refuses to countersign the checks for the payment of snow removal services in the Grace Park Sector despite the fact that this association has awarded the contract to Déneigement Dion inc. and despite the fact that the municipality has granted financial assistance in the amount of the quote provided for snow removal;

WHEREAS by refusing to countersign the checks, the Gore-Wentworth Owners Association jeopardizes the snow removal service of the private streets and the renewal of financial assistance to the association;

WHEREAS Déneigement Dion inc. has still not been paid for the snow removal service it has been diligently performing since the start of winter.

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the municipality issues a full payment for the snow removal contract directly to Déneigement Dion inc., in the amount of \$ 22,995.01 taxes included, so that the snow removal services are paid for the work done for the 2019-2020 winter season.

CARRIED

2020-03-050

RENEWAL OF THE “RÊVE DE CAILLETTE” DAY CARE CENTER’S LEASE

WHEREAS the commercial lease between the Municipality of the Township of Gore and the “Rêve de Caillette” day care center ends in November 2020;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore greatly appreciates the proximity of the “Rêve de Caillette” day care center for Gore parents and wishes that Gore remains a pleasant area to raise children;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore wishes to renew the commercial lease with the “Rêve de Caillette” day care center for a minimum period of 5 years from November 2020 and authorizes the mayor, Mr. Scott Pearce and Mrs. Julie Boyer, the director general to sign the new lease;

WHEREAS the terms of renewal of the lease will be discussed before its expiry and that these terms will be similar to those currently in implemented.

IT IS MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the municipality formally agrees to renew the lease of “Rêve de Caillette” day care center for a minimum period of 5 years following its expiration.

CARRIED

SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

A second question period was held during which the following subjects were discussed:

- Repair's to Dawson's bridge
- Follow up on the construction issues regarding the day care centre
- Infrastructure Investments in 2020
- Grader

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IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Clark Shaw

AND **RESOLVED** unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO CLOSE the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

CARRIED.