

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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 February 5, 2024, at 7 p.m.**

ARE PRESENT :

Councillors : Daniel Leduc, Sakina Khan, Alain Giroux, Shirley Roy, Anik Korosec and Anselmo Marandola forming a quorum and presided over by the Mayor, Scott Pearce.

The General Manager, Mrs. Julie Boyer, and the Clerk-treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Channell are also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The mayor calls the present meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2024-02-026

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

WHEREAS the following subject was added to varia on the agenda.

- Renewal of the gas tax program and Quebec's contribution (2024 to 2028) – negotiations between the governments of Quebec and Canada : 2nd resolution

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Daniel Leduc

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO ADOPT the agenda of the present meeting as modified.

CARRIED

2024-02-027

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 15, 2024

WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting held January 15, 2024, 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 Sakina Khan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held January 15, 2024, are approved as submitted.

CARRIED

2024-02-028

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 18, 2024

WHEREAS the minutes of the special meeting held January 18, 2024, 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 Anselmo Marandola

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

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

THAT the minutes of the special meeting held January 18, 2024, are approved as submitted.

CARRIED

SUBJECTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

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

- Annual tax increases ;
- Location of water tests samples done by the municipality.

NOTICE OF MOTION, PRESENTATION AND TBLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW NUMBER 259 CITING OF TRINITY CHURCH AND TRINITY CEMETERY AS HERITAGE PROPERTIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE

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

THAT the citation refers to the Holy Trinity Church building, including certain structures inside the Church, located at 2 Cambria Road and its cemetery, known and designated as lot 5 317 936 of the Quebec cadastre, in Gore.

THAT the reasons for the citation are:

- To ensure the conservation of Holy Trinity Church, which, since its construction in 1859, has been emblematic of the landscape of the Township of Gore and forms, with its cemetery, an ensemble of high heritage value ;

- To enhance and preserve Holy Trinity Church, which was built to the architectural designs of the Montreal firm of Hopkins & Hopkins, erected with local stones by local artisans and residents, and has maintained a high level of authenticity and integrity since its construction ;
- To ensure the preservation of Holy Trinity Cemetery, which is in the public interest as part of the historic heritage of the Township of Gore and the Village of Lakefield ;
- To highlight the urbanistic importance of the Holy Trinity Church and Cemetery as mentioned in the municipality's Master Plan (R-213-01).

THAT the following elements are essential to the immovable:

- The exterior envelope of Holy Trinity Church including its stone cladding, bell tower, entrance, stained glass windows, tin roof, and any other exterior architectural or structural elements ;
- The entire cemetery adjacent to the church, bounded in part by the lake and a wooden fence, including all headstones and any other architectural features. The fence itself is excluded from the citation; however, its replacement must respect the architectural character of the site ;
- Items inside the church as defined within the by-law in Appendix B ;
- The land around the Church as defined in the by-law in Appendix A, excluding the portion of Cambria Road's cadaster.

THAT the by-law will come into effect the day the special notice regarding the by-law is sent to the owner of the immovable.

THAT any interested person will be able to speak and be heard by the Local Heritage Committee in accordance with the notice that will be given for this purpose.

THAT this notice of motion replaces and annuls the notice of motion regarding the same subject given on November 13, 2023.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 264 ON MUNICIPAL CULVERTS AND DITCHES AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAW 261 DECREERING THE TAXATION, COMPENSATION AND PRICING RATES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Sakina Khan that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW NUMBER 264 ON MUNICIPAL CULVERTS AND DITCHES AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAW 261 DECREERING THE TAXATION, COMPENSATION AND PRICING RATES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR** will be adopted.

Councillor Sakina Khan tables draft **BY-LAW NUMBER 264** at the present meeting.

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

The mayor presents the draft by-law in accordance with the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1).

NOTICE OF MOTION AND TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 265 THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION ON IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Anselmo Marandola that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW NUMBER 265 THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION ON IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE** will be adopted.

Councillor Anselmo Marandola tables draft **BY-LAW NUMBER 265** at the present meeting.

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

The mayor presents the draft by-law in accordance with the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1).

2024-02-029

ADOPTION OF BY-LAW 240-04 MODIFYING BY-LAW 240-03 REGARDING THE RULES AT LAKE BEATTIE PARK

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Township of Gore wishes to adopt a by-law aimed at ensuring the cleanliness, tranquility and safety of Lake Beattie Park ;

WHEREAS this by-law is complimentary to existing by-laws that are currently enforced in public spaces within the territory of the Township of Gore ;

WHEREAS a notice of motion and the presentation of the present by-law were given by Councillor Anik Korosec at the special meeting of Council on January 18, 2024 ;

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 before the present meeting ;

WHEREAS the Mayor presented the by-law to the people in attendance.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sakina Khan

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

THAT by-law 240-04 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2024-02-030

ADOPTION OF THE FIRST DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING A SPECIFIC PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATION OR OCCUPANCY OF A BUILDING (PPCMOI) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE, UNDER BY-LAW NUMBER 248 AND CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 11 RACINE STREET, LOT 5 081 657 IN ZONE VI 6 (PPCMOI 2023-03)

WHEREAS the municipality received a request for a PPCMOI concerning the construction of a new single-family residence at 11 rue Racine, on lot 5 081 657 in zone VI-6 ;

WHEREAS the municipality has received a favorable recommendation, with conditions, from the planning advisory committee who examined the file at their October 25, 2023, meeting ;

WHEREAS the Council had asked that the concerns outlined in resolution 2023-11-325 be addressed before proceeding ;

WHEREAS the applicant has submitted a modified project responding to the Council's concerns ;

WHEREAS the municipality has received the building plans for this project from Dessin Design, Architecture, dated 2024-01-23 and submitted under file number 070-19, with the title "11 rue Racine, Gore, modification des balcons" ;

WHEREAS the municipality has received the certificate of implantation for the project known under file number 202380MB1, minutes 3522 and produced by Mr. Carl Lejeune, surveyor for the firm AG 360 ;

WHEREAS the construction project aims to allow:

- The house to be placed at a minimal distance of 3.7 meters from the front property line instead of at a minimal distance of 12 meters as required in zoning grid VI-6 of zoning by-law 214 ;
- The house to be placed at a minimal distance of 1.5 meter from the back property line instead of at a minimal distance of 8 meters as also required in zoning grid VI-6 of zoning by law 214 ;
- The balcony to be placed at a minimal distance of 2.4 meters from the front property line instead of at of at a minimal distance of 6 meters as required by the application of article 61 of zoning by-law 214 ;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council deems it appropriate to accept the construction project, under certain conditions.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Daniel Leduc

SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

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

THAT the Municipality adopts the first draft resolution concerning a specific project for the concerning the construction of a new single-family residence to replace the original structure at 11 rue Racine, on lot 5 081 657 in zone VI-6, which aims to:

- Authorize the construction of the house at a minimal distance of 3.7 meters from the front property line ;

- Authorise the construction of the house at a minimal distance of 1.5 meter from the back property line ;
- Authorise the construction of the balcony at a minimal distance of 2.4 meters from the front property line.

ON THE CONDITION THAT THE OWNER:

- Respects all elements presented in the plan for this project presented by Dessin Design, Architecture, dated 2024-01-23 and submitted under file number 070-19, with the title “11 rue Racine, Gore, modification des balcons ”;
- Respects the certificate of implantation known under file number 202380MB1, minutes 3522 and produced by Mr. Carl Lejeune, surveyor for the firm AG 360 ;
- Deposits a financial guarantee equal to the amount set out in article 33 of by-law 248 associated to the total cost of the project presented by the PPCMOI ;
- Demolishes the shed extension to respect the 2 m setback from the rear property line ;
- In accordance with the above-mentioned plans, ensure that the shrubs planted have a minimum height of 180 cm and that the trees planted have a diameter of at least 5.0 cm.

THAT the work be fully completed within 12 months of the coming into effect of this PPCMOI.

THAT any building that deviates from the criteria established by this PPCMOI be demolished within a maximum time period of 6 months from the date the notice issued by the designated official noting the derogatory element(s) was sent.

CARRIED

2024-02-031

ADOPTION OF THE INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES FOR TAX ARREARS

WHEREAS the provisions of article 981 of the Municipal Code allow the municipality to set an interest rate on tax arrears by resolution.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Sakina Khan
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy
 AND RESOLVED unanimously by councillors (6):

THAT the interest rate applicable to all accounts past due on January 1st, 2024, and on 2024 tax arrears, 2024 mutation taxes and 2024 municipal service rate is set at 1.17 % per month which is equivalent to a yearly rate of 14 %.

CARRIED

2024-02-032

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR LOT 5 318 197 IN FAVOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE – DONATION BY MR. ROGER OUMET, MUNICIPAL PARK SECTOR

WHEREAS the municipality accepts a donation of the land identified by lot number 5 318 197 (roll number 4668-88-5109) offered free of charge to the municipality ;

WHEREAS the Council considers that this lot, which is among other lots already owned by the municipality situated near the municipal park on Cambria Road, could be useful to the municipality ;

WHEREAS the municipality of the Township of Gore has agreed to write off the taxes and back taxes due on the property ;

WHEREAS the municipality agrees to pay all the notary fees necessary to carry out the transfer of this title, as described in the email from Mrs. Isabelle Breton, notary dated January 25, 2024, concerning this file.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Sakina Khan
SECONDED BY: Councillor Daniel Leduc
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO ACCEPT the proposal given by Mrs. Rachel Ouimet concerning the donation of the land identified by lot 5 318 197 ;

TO WRITE OFF the taxes and back taxes due on lot 5 318 197 ;

AUTHORIZE the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to sign all relevant documents for the transfer of the property's title.

CARRIED

2024-02-033

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR LOT 5 081 781 IN FAVOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE – DONATION BY “INVESTISSEMENTS DENSA LTEE”, CHEMIN DU LAC DES FILLES

WHEREAS the municipality accepts a donation of land, identified by lot number 5 081 781 (roll number 4969-92-1273) offered free of charge by Densa Investments Ltd.;

WHEREAS Densa Investments Ltd is paying the notary fees for the transfer of this title ;

WHEREAS Council considers this lot of value to the Municipality for the development of future trails.

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

TO ACCEPT the proposal given by Investissements Densa Ltee concerning the donation of the land identified by lot 5 081 781;

AUTHORIZE the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to sign all relevant documents for the transfer of the property's title.

CARRIED

2024-02-034

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR LOT 5 755 978 IN FAVOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE – DONATION BY “INVESTISSEMENTS DENSA LTEE”, CHEMIN DU LAC DES FILLES

WHEREAS the municipality accepts a donation of land, identified by lot number 5 755 978 (roll number 5069-12-0969) offered free of charge by Densa Investments Ltd ;

WHEREAS Densa Investments Ltd is paying the notary fees for the transfer of this title ;

WHEREAS Council considers this lot of value to the Municipality for the development of future trails.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO ACCEPT the proposal given by Investissements Densa Ltée concerning the donation of the land identified by lot 5 755 978 ;

AUTHORIZE the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to sign all relevant documents for the transfer of the property's title.

CARRIED

2024-02-035

REQUEST FOR MINOR DEROGATION NO 2024-01: RUE TOUR DU LAC, LOT 6 541 933

WHEREAS a request for a minor derogation was made regarding the construction of a new single-family home on lot 6 541 933 situated on du Tour du Lac Street. The request aims to allow for a corner of the proposed house to be at a 18.8 meters from the front property line instead of the required minimum of 20m in zone VI-16 ;

WHEREAS the steep slope at the back of the property makes it impossible to instal a septic system without having to do major work within the steepest area of the slope while respecting the 20-meter front margin ;

WHEREAS the members of the PAC studied the documents presented and recommend that the minor derogation be accepted. They noted that the derogation allows the septic system to be placed further from the lake. The proposed location of the home minimizes the project's overall impact on the environment ;

WHEREAS a public notice was given on January 19, 2024, in accordance with the law ;

WHEREAS the Council has received a copy of the request as well as the committee's recommendation and declares having studied it ;

WHEREAS the floor is given to those present at the meeting.

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

THAT the preamble forms an integral part of this resolution ;

TO ACCEPT the recommendation deposited by the Planning Advisory Committee;

TO AUTHORIZE the minor derogation 2024-01.

CARRIED

2024-02-036

PIIA 2024-01 : DU TOUR DU LAC STREET, LOT 6 541 933

WHEREAS a permit request has been submitted regarding the construction of a new single-family home on lot 6 541 933 situated on du Tour du Lac Street ;

WHEREAS this request is subject to the provisions of by-law 218 relating to site planning and architectural integration (PIIA) ;

WHEREAS the members of the Planning Advisory Committee studied the request and believe that the project meets the applicable evaluation criteria detailed in by-law 218 ;

WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee has given a favorable recommendation conditional to the acceptance of the minor derogation requested for this project ;

WHEREAS Council has accepted minor derogation 2024-01 regarding this project at the present meeting.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Daniel Leduc
SECONDED BY: Councillor Sakina Khan
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the preamble forms an integral part of this resolution.

THAT the Council accepts the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee.

THAT the PIIA 2024-01 regarding the construction of a new single-family home on lot 6 541 933 situated on du Tour du Lac Street be accepted according to the recommendation adopted by the Planning Advisory Committee during its January 18, 2024, meeting.

THAT this resolution repeals resolution 2024-01-009 concerning PIIA 2023-61 regarding the same subject.

CARRIED

2024-02-037

MANDATE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF THE REPAIRS TO CAMBRIA ROAD

WHEREAS resolution 2023-03-111 awards the contract for the provision of professional engineering services for the Cambria Road rehabilitation project to the firm « l'Équipe Laurence » ;

WHEREAS the project is scheduled for the summer of 2024 ;

WHEREAS the Assistant General Manager recommends that the firm « l'Équipe Laurence » carry out the supervision of the work according to the service offer submitted on January 11, 2024.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Daniel Leduc

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO MANDATE the firm « l'Équipe Laurence » to supervise the rehabilitation work on Cambria Road as required and at the request of the Assistant General Manager, according to the service offer submitted on January 11, 2024, for a maximum amount of \$123,023.25, taxes included ;

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

CARRIED

2024-02-038

AWARDING OF A CONTRACT TO PRODUCE A 24'X20' ALPINE LODGE-RUSTICATE

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to proceed with the accommodation project at Beattie Lake Park in view of the success achieved with the prospector tents and shelters project ;

WHEREAS the product "Alpine Chalet 24' x 20" by Rusticate has been chosen to improve the accommodation offer and accommodate a greater number of visitors at once.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Daniel Leduc

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sakina Khan

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO AWARD the contract for the production and installation of a "24' x 20", Alpine Cabin" to the "Rusticate" company for a total sum of \$117 274.50, taxes included.

TO CHARGE the expense to budget item "03-310-37-000" concerned by the costs of the forest accommodation project at Beattie Lake Park subsidized by the Tourism Industry Recovery Assistance Program.

CARRIED

2024-02-039

AWARDING OF A CONTRACT REGARDING BEAVER POPULATION CONTROL AND WATERWAY MANAGEMENT FOR 2024

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to renew the contract for beaver population control and waterway management within the territory of the Municipality of the Township of Gore for the year 2024 ;

WHEREAS the Assistant General Manager made his recommendation.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO AWARD the contract for beaver population control and waterway management for the year 2024 to "Contrôle animalier Marcel Gauthier" for the sum of \$ 16 000.00 taxes included and according to the conditions negotiated with the Assistant General Manager ;

TO APPOINT Mr. Marcel Gauthier as a designated official, for the purposes of the general application of the by-laws that apply to his contract granting, having the property inspection rights granted to a person so designated ;

TO AUTHORIZE the Assistant General Manager to sign the documents required for hiring.

CARRIED

2024-02-040

PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM)

WHEREAS the annual conference of the FCM will be held in Calgary from the 6th to the 9th of June 2024.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Daniel Leduc

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor, Scott Pearce to attend the 2024 FCM Annual Conference;

TO SPECIFY that the cost of accommodations, travel and meals will be paid by the municipality.

CARRIED

2024-02-041

ANNUAL FEDERATION OF QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES (FQM) CONGRESS

WHEREAS the 2024 annual conference of the FQM will be held from September 26th to the 28th at the Quebec Conference Center.

WHEREAS the members of council deem it important that the municipality participates at this conference.

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

TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor, Mr. Scott Pearce, as well as two other members of the council and the General Manager, Mrs. Julie Boyer, to participate in the FQM's 2024 annual conference and for the costs for accommodations, travel and meals be paid by the municipality.

CARRIED

2024-02-042

AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PROFESSIONAL CONGRESSES AND FORUMS

WHEREAS employee participation at conferences and seminars relevant to their function has been provided for in the 2024 municipal budget ;

WHEREAS participating in these activities is an important way to keep staff members aware of changes and developments in their respective fields and provide the training and networking opportunities necessary to ensure their professional development.

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

TO AUTHORIZE employee participation at the 2024 conferences and seminars according to the following table:

Activity	Number of Participants
Congrès de l'association des directeurs Municipaux du Québec (ADMQ)	2
Colloque de l'association des directeurs Municipaux du Québec (ADMQ)	2
<i>Corporation des officiers municipaux en bâtiment et en environnement du Québec (COMBEQ)</i>	1

TO SPECIFY that the costs of accommodation, travel and meals incurred during participation in conferences and seminars are paid by the municipality.

CARRIED.

2024-02-043

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: FISH STOCKING OF ROGER

WHEREAS the "Association des propriétaires du lac Roger" submitted a request for financial aid for the fish stocking of their lake ;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore has foreseen financial aid for lake associations in its annual budget ;

WHEREAS the "Association des propriétaires du lac Roger" will submit an invoice regarding this project giving right to financial aid.

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

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Gore awards a financial aid to the “Association des propriétaires du lac Roger” for the fish stocking of their lake upon receipt of the corresponding invoice. The amount of the financial aid is calculated at 50 % of the invoice presented and limited to a maximum of \$ 1 000.

CARRIED

2024-02-044

PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE « ARGENTEUIL SEED » PROJECT

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to participate in Phase II of the *Argenteuil Seed Project* ;

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

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Gore adhere to Phase II of the Argenteuil Seed Project.

THAT a contribution of \$150 is sent to the *Société d'horticulture d'Argenteuil (SHA)* to help with the organisation of this phase of their project.

CARRIED

TABLING OF THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANVIER 2024

During the month, we delivered 7 permits as follows:

Amount delivered	Type
1	Tree cutting - vacant lot
1	Secondary Building larger than 20m2
1	Secondary Building less than 20 m2
1	New construction
2	+ 5000 \$ Renovation (repair or modification)
1	Subdivision
7	TOTAL

TABLING OF THE FIRE SAFETY SERVICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

The clerk-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 January 2024.

2024-02-045

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

WHEREAS Council members have taken note of the report dated February 5, 2024, regarding the invoices and salaries paid in January 2024 and the invoices to be paid for the month of February 2024.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

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

TO APPROVE the invoices and salaries paid in January 2024 and the invoices to be paid for the month of February 2024 totaling 695 392.34 \$ and authorize their payment ;

THAT the report dated February 5, 2024, be annexed to the minutes to form an integral part thereof.

CARRIED

2024-02-046

RENEWAL OF THE GAS TAX PROGRAM AND QUEBEC'S CONTRIBUTION (2024 TO 2028) – NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF QUEBEC AND CANADA : 2nd RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the governments of Quebec and Canada are currently conducting negotiations for the renewal of the Gas Tax Program and Quebec's Contribution (TECQ) for the period 2024 – 2028 ;

WHEREAS this program is essential to the carrying out of important projects in Quebec communities ;

WHEREAS despite the significant sums allocated to this program, these remain insufficient and must be increased to take into consideration the increase in the costs of projects ;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has asked the federal government to double its investments in this program and to provide for an indexation of 3.5% per year ;

WHEREAS the FQM and its members have been asking for several years that the “Gas Tax Program and the Quebec Contribution” (TECQ) allow the financing and implementation of projects planned and decided by Quebec municipalities, in the sense that municipal building projects (garages, city halls, fire stations, etc.) and work on containment structures (dams, etc.) are eligible for this program ;

WHEREAS accountability for projects is cumbersome for municipalities ;

WHEREAS negotiations must be concluded quickly to ensure implementation at the beginning of 2024 and to allow municipalities to plan investments in their budgets ;

WHEREAS the sums granted to this program must be free from any new obligation or condition to ensure success.

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

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Gore request that the Governments of Quebec and Canada :

- Rapidly conclude a new federal-provincial agreement for the renewal of the “Gas Tax Program and Quebec Contribution” (TECQ) for the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028 ;
- Increase the amounts available to Quebec municipalities and provide for an annual increase in the envelope for the duration of the agreement to cover increased costs ;
- Refrain from adding additional accountability demands, obligations or conditions to municipalities applying the program ;
- Enable financing of municipal building projects, dam work and municipally owned wharves and included them in the definition of eligible work.

TO TRANSMIT a copy of the resolution to :

- The Minister of Finance of Quebec, Mr. Éric Girard ;
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs of Quebec, Mrs. Andrée Laforest ;
- The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Canada, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland ;
- The Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser ;
- The Minister of Transport and Lieutenant of Quebec, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez ;
- The Member National Assembly for Argenteuil, Mrs. Agnès Grondin ;
- The Member of Parliament for Argenteuil-La Petite-Nation Mr. Stéphane Lauzon ;
- The *Fédération québécoise des municipalités* ;
- The *Federation of Canadian Municipalities*.

CARRIED

SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

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

- The PPCMOI and why a minor derogation could not have been requested in its place ;
- Procedures for the execution of pre-emption rights ;
- The welcome tax and how to request that a property be evaluated after construction work is complete ;
- In the library how to showcase the painting created by various artists in the community ;
- The reasoning behind charging interest on municipal tax arrears ;
- Property sale auction versus sales under judicial supervision ;
- Fish stocking of lakes ;
- How to request an amendment to the zoning by-law to reduce restrictions on buildings protected by acquired rights.

2024-02-047

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Sakina Khan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO CLOSE the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED

PROPOSED