

JANUARY 7, 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 **Tuesday, January 7, 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 Secretary-treasurer, Sarah Channell are also present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

2020-01-001 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

WHEREAS the following subject is added to varia:

- Resolution to contest Bill n°48: An Act mainly to control the cost of the farm property tax and to simplify access to the farm property tax credit

WHEREAS the following subject is removed from the agenda:

- Amendment of resolution 2019-10-253 concerning the management of the snow removal of certain private streets

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Clark Shaw

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO ADOPT the agenda of the present meeting as modified.

CARRIED

2020-01-002 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2019

WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting held December 2, 2019 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 Shirley Roy
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held December 2, 2019 be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

2020-01-003 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS the minutes of the special budget meeting held December 12, 2019 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 Anik Korosec
SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Giroux
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the minutes of the special budget meeting held December 12, 2019 be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

2020-01-004 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.

WHEREAS the minutes of the special meeting held December 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. 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 Shirley Roy
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the minutes of the special meeting held December 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. be 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:

- Subjects for the spring edition of the Gore Express
- Problems arising from short term leasing of cottages
- Misuse of the parking at the municipal rest area
- By-law 234 regarding the closure of certain municipal roads

DEPOSIT OF THE LIST OF CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$25,000 FOR THE 2019 FINANCIAL YEAR

The list of contracts exceeding \$25,000 is shown in Appendix A of the minutes of this meeting and forms an integral part thereof. This report is presented in accordance with article 961.4 of the Municipal code of Québec (RLRQ c C-27.1).

(<https://www.cantondegore.qc.ca/en/publications/documents> "Contract Management")

2020-01-005 SHORT-TERM CONCORDANCE RESOLUTION CONCERNING A BOND ISSUANCE LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 5 542 000 TO BE REALIZED ON JANUARY 21, 2020

WHEREAS in accordance with the following loan by-laws and in the amounts indicated for each of them, the Municipality of the Township of Gore wishes to issue a series of bonds, one bond per effective maturity date, for a total amount of \$ 5 542 000, to be realized on January 21, 2020 and divided as follows:

Loan by-law #	\$ amount
164	\$ 261 900
177	\$ 106 600
165-1	\$ 315 400
194	\$ 4 858 100

WHEREAS the loan by-laws must be amended accordingly;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 1st paragraph of Article 2 of the Act respecting municipal debts and loans (RLRQ, chapter D-7), for the purposes of this issuance of bonds for loan by-laws 164, 177, 165-1 and 194, the Municipality of the Township of Gore wishes to issue bonds on a shorter term than what was originally approved for each of the said by-laws.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

THAT the loan by-laws indicated in the 1st paragraph of the preamble be financed by bonds, in accordance with the following:

1. the bonds, one per effective maturity date, will be dated January 21, 2020;
2. interest will be payable semi-annually, on January 21st and on July 21st of each year;

3. the bonds will not be redeemable before their maturity, however, they may be redeemable with the consent of the bond holders in accordance with the Act respecting municipal debts and loans (RLRQ, chapter D-7);
4. the bonds will be registered under the *Service de dépôt et de compensation CDS inc. (CDS)* and will be deposited with the CDS;
5. the CDS will act on behalf of its members as a book-entry agent, a bondholder agent, a payment agent and an agent responsible for transactions conducted for its members, as outlined in the protocol agreement signed between the minister *des Affaires municipales du Québec* and the CDS;
6. the CDS will transfer the funds in accordance with the legal requirements of the bond. For this purpose, the Council authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the required document under the Canadian banking system entitled "authorization for the pre-authorized debit plan for businesses";
7. the CDS will make capital and interest payments to the bond holders by way of electronic transfers of funds and, as such, the CDS will withdraw the required sums directly from the following account:

C.D. D'ARGENTEUIL
570, RUE PRINCIPALE
LACHUTE, QC
J8H 1Y7

THAT the bonds be signed by the Mayor and the Secretary-Treasurer. The Municipality of the Township of Gore, as permitted by law, has authorized the CDS to act as a financial authenticating agent and the bonds will come into effect only after they have been authenticated;

THAT, as with regards to the annual amortization of capital stipulated for the year 2026 and the following, the prescribed term for the loan by-laws 164, 177, 165-1 and 194 be shorter than previously approved, that is to say, five (5) years (from January 21, 2020) instead of the prescribed term for the said amortizations, each subsequent issue being for the balance or a portion of the balance due on the loan.

CARRIED

2020-01-006 ACCEPTANCE OF A BID FOR LOAN FINANCING BY BOND ISSUANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 5 542 000, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BORROWING BY-LAWS 164, 177, 165-1 AND 194

WHEREAS in accordance with loan by-laws 164, 177, 165-1 and 194, the Municipality of the Township of Gore wishes to issue a series of bonds, one bond per maturity;

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore requested, using the "Auction and publication of results of debt securities issued for municipal financing purposes" system, bids for the sale of a bond issuance, dated January 21, 2020 in the amount of \$ 5 542 000;

WHEREAS following a public call for proposals for the sale of a bond issuance as indicated above, the minister of Finances received three corresponding proposals, all in accordance with article 555 of the Cities and Towns Act (RLRQ, chapter C-19) or article 1066 of the Municipal Code of Quebec (RLRQ, chapter C-27.1) and of the resolution adopted by virtue of the said article.

1 - FINANCIÈRE BANQUE NATIONALE INC.

\$ 196 000	2,00000 %	2021
\$ 200 000	2,05000 %	2022
\$ 204 000	2,05000 %	2023
\$ 209 000	2,10000 %	2024
\$ 4 733 000	2,15000 %	2025

Price: 98,46000

Cost: 2,49762 %

2 - VALEURS MOBILIÈRES DESJARDINS INC.

\$ 196 000	2,00000 %	2021
\$ 200 000	2,00000 %	2022
\$ 204 000	2,00000 %	2023
\$ 209 000	2,10000 %	2024
\$ 4 733 000	2,15000 %	2025

Price: 98,00800

Cost: 2,60086 %

3 - VALEURS MOBILIÈRES BANQUE LAURENTIENNE INC.

\$ 196 000	2,00000 %	2021
\$ 200 000	2,00000 %	2022
\$ 204 000	2,10000 %	2023
\$ 209 000	2,15000 %	2024
\$ 4 733 000	2,25000 %	2025

Price: 98,18241

Cost: 2,65715 %

WHEREAS the cost calculations indicate that the bid submitted by FINANCIÈRE BANQUE NATIONALE INC. is the most advantageous;

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anik Korosec

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

THAT the preamble form an integral part of the present resolution as if reproduced here in full;

THAT the bond issuance, in the amount of \$ 5 542 000, for the Municipality of the Township of Gore be awarded to the firm FINANCIÈRE BANQUE NATIONALE INC.;

THAT a request be made to the latter to mandate the CDS for the book entry of this issuance;

THAT the CDS act on behalf of its members as a book-entry agent, a bond-holder agent, a payment agent and an agent responsible for transactions conducted for its members, as outlined in the protocol agreement signed between the minister *des Affaires municipales du Québec* and the CDS;

THAT the CDS will transfer the funds in accordance with the legal requirements of the bond, and for this purpose, the Council authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the required document under the Canadian banking system entitled “authorization for the pre-authorized debit plan for businesses”;

THAT the mayor and the secretary-treasurer be authorized to sign the bonds referred to in this issuance, one bond per due date.

CARRIED

2020-01-007

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO SHARE THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE’S DIRECTOR OF FIRE SAFETY SERVICES WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WENTWORTH

WHEREAS the municipalities of the Township of Gore and the Township of Wentworth each have Fire Safety Services;

WHEREAS the municipalities wish to share the services of the Township of Gore’s Director of Fire Safety Services (DSSI) and fix the terms surrounding such an agreement in accordance with articles 569 and the following of the Municipal Code of Quebec (RLRQ c C-27.1);

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

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

TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor and the General Manager to sign the agreement to share the Municipality of the Township of Gore’s Director of Fire Safety Services with the Municipality of the Township of Wentworth

CARRIED

2020-01-008

AWARDING OF A CONTRACT TO “COUR À BOIS” FOR THE PLAY STRUCTURE AT THE MUNICIPAL PARK

WHEREAS the municipality has reserved funds in its 2020 budget to improve the municipal park located at 45 Cambria Road;

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to offer play structures that enhance the natural aspect of the territory while challenging the young residents who use the park;

WHEREAS the General Manager requested a price from the company “Cour à Bois”;

WHEREAS the council has received the recommendation of the General Manager.

IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Donald Manconi
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO AWARD the contract for the play structure at the municipal park to the company "Cour à Bois" for an amount of \$ 59 586.94, taxes included.

CARRIED

2020-01-009 AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH A CALL FOR TENDERS BY INVITATION FOR THE MARKING OF ROAD SURFACES FOR THE YEAR 2020 WITH RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR 2021, 2022 AND 2023

WHEREAS the municipality wishes to receive tenders for services relating to the marking of certain paved roads belonging to the municipality for the year 2020.

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

TO AUTHORIZE the Assistant General Manager to proceed with a call for tenders by invitation for work regarding the marking of certain paved roads belonging to the municipality for the year 2020.

CARRIED

2020-01-010 PAYMENT OF FINAL INVOICE NUMBER 4 REGARDING THE WILLIAMS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS council adopted resolution no. 2019-04-92 in order to award the contract for the construction of Williams Road to "Les Entreprises Claude Rodrigue inc." for the sum of \$ 849 080.03 taxes included;

WHEREAS the final invoice number 4 was submitted for the construction work regarding Williams Road;

WHEREAS the engineer responsible for the project, Mr. Jean-Michaël Dufort of *Équipe Laurence* has deposited his recommendation to pay the final invoice number 4;

WHEREAS the company "Les Entreprises Claude Rodrigue inc." is registered on the *Registre des entreprises non admissibles aux contrats publics (RENA)*;

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

TO AUTHORIZE the payment of final invoice number 4 in the amount of \$ 378 788.44, taxes included, for the construction work on Williams Road on the condition that "Les Entreprises Claude Rodrigue inc." provides the proof of payment of its subcontractors as well as the CNESST and CCQ certificates as indicated in article 17 of the specific administrative clauses (Section E) of the contract;

TO ISSUE the payment in the manner recommended by the municipality's attorneys following the registration of "Les Entreprises Claude Rodrigue inc." on the *Registre des entreprises non admissibles aux contrats publics (RENA)*;

TO SPECIFY that a retainer equal to 10% of the value of the work executed, equaling an amount of \$ 36 605.88, is applied as specified within the contract;

TO ASSIGN this expense to budget item 03-310-35-000 "AFF. - RUE WILLIAMS".

CARRIED

2020-01-011 MODIFICATION TO THE WORK CONDITIONS OF THE URBANISM INSPECTOR FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS the municipality must modify the working conditions of the Urbanism Inspector for special projects by reducing the number of weekly work hours corresponding to this position;

WHEREAS Mr. Maxime Asselin has occupied the position since March 2019.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO MODIFY the weekly number of hours for the position of Urbanism inspector for special projects, occupied by Mr. Maxime Asselin, to twenty-four (24) hours per week, and this, as of February 3, 2020.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION 2019-10-253 CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SNOW REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PRIVATE STREETS

Subject cancelled

2020-01-012 OFFICIAL SIGNATURES - S.A.A.Q.

WHEREAS every year, the municipal council must renew the proxy naming its representatives at the S.A.A.Q.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO AUTHORIZE Mrs. Diane Chales to sign all necessary documents with the S.A.A.Q. regarding all transactions related to all municipal vehicles.

CARRIED

TABLING OF THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019

During the month, we delivered 6 permits as follows:

- 01 renewal for new construction permit
- 01 septic installation permit
- 03 subdivision permits
- 01 certificate of authorization (0 of which are residential tree cutting).

TABLING OF THE FIRE SAFETY SERVICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019

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 December, 2019.

2020-01-013 APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

WHEREAS Council members have taken note of the report dated January 7, 2020 regarding the invoices and salaries paid in December 2019 and the invoices to be paid for the month of January 2020.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

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

TO APPROVE the accounts and salaries paid for the month of December 2019 and the accounts payable totaling \$ 643 143.75 and authorize their payment;

THAT the report dated January 7, 2020 be annexed to the minutes to form an integral part thereof.

CARRIED

2020-01-014 RESOLUTION TO CONTEST BILL N°48: AN ACT MAINLY TO CONTROL THE COST OF THE FARM PROPERTY TAX AND TO SIMPLIFY ACCESS TO THE FARM PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

WHEREAS Bill N°48, an *Act mainly to control the cost of the farm property tax and to simplify access to the farm property tax credit* was tabled at the National Assembly on November 5, 2019;

WHEREAS the application of the Bill will result in limiting the value of the agricultural property assessment roll;

WHEREAS the Bill has a significant and direct impact on municipal finances;

WHEREAS the Bill is a violation to municipal autonomy;

WHEREAS the Bill creates an inequity between municipal taxpayers;

WHEREAS to recover lost tax revenues, municipalities will need to apply greater tax rates to other classes of taxpayers;

WHEREAS the Bill favors integrators and therefore encourages an industrial farming model;

WHEREAS the Bill could, in the long term, contribute to the devitalization of farming communities and affect the occupation of Quebec as a whole;

WHEREAS this Bill does not promote the development of agricultural activities, a foundation of economic vitality for the regions of Quebec;

WHEREAS the government of Quebec should adopt policies that favor the occupation of its territory rather than adopt ill-advised reforms that negatively affect the development of its regions.

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:

- Expresses its disagreement with Bill N°48 in its present form;
- Requests that the government listens to the message presented by Quebec municipalities and commits to moving forward with municipalities in order to find a lasting solution to the issue surrounding agricultural taxation.

TO FORWARD a copy of this resolution to the members of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources of the National Assembly; the minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Mr. André Lamontagne, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ms. Andrée Laforest, to the Regional Minister responsible for the Laurentians, Ms. Sylvie D'Amours, to the member of Parliament for Argenteuil, Ms. Agnès Grondin, as well as to the Fédération québécoises des municipalities.

CARRIED.

SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

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

- Follow-up on the MRC's efforts to contest Orientation 10
- High speed internet access within the territory of the Township of Gore
- Snow removal on private roads
- Municipal surplus
- Court case concerning a gravel pit

2020-01-015

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (6):

TO CLOSE the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED.