

MAY 26, 2021

Minutes of the special meeting of the Township of Gore's Municipal Council held **IN CAMERA** as authorized by Order No. 2020-004 and 2020-029 by the Minister of Health and Social Services. The meeting is held on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7 p.m.** by means of telephone and video conferencing.

ARE PRESENT BY MEANS OF TELECOMMUNICATION:

Councillors: Donald Manconi (audio conference), Clark Shaw (audio conference), Alain Giroux (videoconference), Shirley Roy (videoconference) and Anselmo Marandola (videoconference) forming a quorum and presided over by the Mayor, Scott Pearce (videoconference).

Councillor Anik Korosec is absent.

The Assistant General Manager, Dominique Aubry and the Secretary-treasurer, Sarah Channell are also present by way of videoconferencing.

CALL TO ORDER

The mayor calls the present meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

2021-05-135 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

AND **RESOLVED** unanimously by Councillors (5):

TO ADOPT the agenda of the present meeting as presented.

CARRIED

2021-05-136 WAIVING OF THE OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

WHEREAS the Secretary-treasurer confirms that the members of council received, by email, the notice convening this special meeting;

WHEREAS each member of council had confirmed their attendance or absence by email or by telephone;

WHEREAS Councillor Anik Korosec confirmed her presence at the meeting but had to cancel a few minutes before the start of the meeting;

WHEREAS this method of convening a special meeting does not comply with the requirements stated within the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1) but is considered by the council to be an effective and safe means of convening a meeting in times of pandemic;

WHEREAS the agenda presented during the convocation is the same as that adopted previously.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shirley Roy

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

THAT the council states and confirms that the notice of meeting has been notified to the members of the council who are not present at the opening of the meeting as required by article 153 of the Municipal Code of Quebec (C-27.1);

THAT the members of council present, unanimously waive the notice of meeting which should have been presented prior to this meeting;

THAT the members of the council unanimously consent that the subjects presented in the agenda as adopted by resolution 2021-05-135 be discussed and treated at the present meeting.

CARRIED

2021-05-137

AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD THIS COUNCIL MEETING IN CAMERA

WHEREAS Order number 2020-004 and 2020-029 from the Minister of Health and Social Services allows the Council to sit in camera and authorizes its members to take part, deliberate and vote at a meeting by any means of communication;

WHEREAS it is in the public's interest and it is to protect the health of the population, the members of the Council and the municipal officers that this meeting be held in camera and that the members of the council and the municipal officers be authorized to attend, take part, deliberate and vote by means of videoconferencing.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Donald Manconi

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (5):

TO AUTHORIZE the present meeting to be held in camera and to authorize the members of the council and the municipal officers to participate by telephone conferencing or by videoconferencing.

TO ALLOW this meeting to be recorded and published on the Municipality's web site so that any interested person can watch it.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION AND TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 240-1 REGARDING THE RULES FOR LAKE BEATTIE PARK

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Clark Shaw that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW 240-1 REGARDING THE RULES FOR LAKE BEATTIE PARK** will be adopted;

Councillor Clark Shaw tables draft **BY-LAW 240-1 REGARDING THE RULES FOR LAKE BEATTIE PARK** at the present meeting;

Copies of the draft by-law are made available to the public on the Municipality's Web site before the meeting;

Mr. Scott Pearce, Mayor, presents the draft by-law to the members of council and staff present.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 241-1 AMENDING BY-LAW 241 DECREEEING THE TAXATION, COMPENSATION AND PRICING RATES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Shirley Roy that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW 241-1 AMENDING BY-LAW 241 DECREEEING THE TAXATION, COMPENSATION AND PRICING RATES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR** will be adopted;

Councillor Shirley Roy tables draft **BY-LAW 241-1 AMENDING BY-LAW 241 DECREEEING THE TAXATION, COMPENSATION AND PRICING RATES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR** at the present meeting;

Copies of the draft by-law are made available to the public on the Municipality's Web site before the meeting;

Mr. Scott Pearce, Mayor, presents the draft by-law to the members of council and staff present.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 242-1 AMENDING BY-LAW 242 ESTABLISHING THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH-FUND PAYABLE UPON ISSUANCE OF A NEW BUILDING PERMIT

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Anselmo Marandola that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW 242-1 AMENDING BY-LAW 242 ESTABLISHING THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH-FUND PAYABLE UPON ISSUANCE OF A NEW BUILDING PERMIT** will be adopted;

Councillor Anselmo Marandola tables draft **BY-LAW 242-1 AMENDING BY-LAW 242 ESTABLISHING THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH-FUND PAYABLE UPON ISSUANCE OF A NEW BUILDING PERMIT** at the present meeting;

Copies of the draft by-law are made available to the public on the Municipality's Web site before the meeting;

Mr. Scott Pearce, Mayor, presents the draft by-law to the members of council and staff present.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 243 REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ROADS

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Anselmo Marandola that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW 243 REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ROADS** will be adopted;

Councillor Anselmo Marandola tables draft **BY-LAW 243 REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ROADS** at the present meeting;

Copies of the draft by-law are made available to the public on the Municipality's Web site before the meeting;

Mr. Scott Pearce, Mayor, presents the draft by-law to the members of council and staff present.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND TABLING OF DRAFT BY-LAW 244 GOVERNING ACCESS TO LAKE BARRON AND THE BOAT LAUNCH OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Alain Giroux that, at a subsequent meeting of the council, **BY-LAW 244 GOVERNING ACCESS TO LAKE BARRON AND THE BOAT LAUNCH OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE** will be adopted;

Councillor Alain Giroux tables draft **244 GOVERNING ACCESS TO LAKE BARRON AND THE BOAT LAUNCH OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GORE** at the present meeting;

Copies of the draft by-law are made available to the public on the Municipality's Web site before the meeting;

Mr. Scott Pearce, Mayor, presents the draft by-law to the members of council and staff present.

2021-05-138

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WORK TO CAMBRIA ROAD

WHEREAS a price was requested for the improvement work to Cambria Road which included the price for machinery, aggregate, transport and the disposal of the removed asphalt.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Shirley Roy
SECONDED BY Councillor Anselmo Marandola
AND **RESOLVED** unanimously by councillors (5):

TO GRANT the contracts for the improvement work to Cambria Road to *Michel Prévost Transit* for the machinery and to *David Riddell Excavation/Transport* for the supply and transport of the aggregate and removed asphalt to *Groupe Foucault's* quarry;

THAT the machinery and labor costs necessary to perform the work will be billed by the hour;

THAT this work will be carried out for a maximum amount of \$ 90,000 including taxes.

CARRIED

2021-05-139 AWARDING OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A MULTI-ZONE WALL-MOUNTED HEAT PUMP FOR THE OFFICES AND CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE FIRE STATION

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore requested quotes for the purchase and installation of a heat pump with sufficient power to ensure the air conditioning of the two offices and the conference room located in the fire station building;

WHEREAS two bids were submitted;

WHEREAS the Assistant General Manager has submitted his recommendation to Council.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Alain Giroux
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (5):

THAT the Municipality award the contract for the purchase and installation of a "triple" wall-mounted heat pump for the two offices and the conference room of the fire station to the company "Réfrigération Locas" for the amount of \$ 8 617.38, taxes included.

Réfrigération Locas is the lowest bidder.

CARRIED

2021-05-140 ALLOCATION OF A SPECIAL BUDGET FOR HIRING SUPERVISORS FOR LAKE BEATTIE PARK

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to hire people to occupy the posting of supervisor at Lake Beattie Park;

WHEREAS the presence of supervisors is necessary in order to welcome users, explain the regulations, ensure the safety and cleanliness of the premises and act as a resource person for the municipality;

WHEREAS the Municipality estimates that it needs between 1 and 3 supervisors to ensure a continued presence during the summer 2021 scheduled opening hours;

WHEREAS an additional budget of \$ 30 000 is requested for this project.

IT IS **MOVED** BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola
SECONDED BY: Councillor Clark Shaw
AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (5):

TO AUTHORIZE an additional budget of \$ 30 000 for the hiring of supervisors at Lake Beattie Park;

TO ALLOCATE an amount of \$30 000 from the unallocated accumulated surplus for this project.

CARRIED

2021-05-141

HIRING OF A PARK SUPERVISORS FOR LAKE BEATTIE PARK

WHEREAS the Municipality has posted a job offer regarding supervisor positions for the Lake Beattie Park;

WHEREAS the General Manager is receiving candidates and would like the ability to hire people quickly.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (5):

TO AUTHORIZE the hiring of one to three people as Lake Beattie Park Supervisors;

TO AUTHORIZE the General manager to sign the necessary documents regarding the hiring of these employees.

CARRIED

2021-05-142

HIRING OF AN INSPECTION AGENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT – MR. ILIAS HADER

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of Gore hires an environmental intern every summer to ensure the follow up of its files during this very busy period;

WHEREAS the General Manager has submitted her recommendation for this year's candidate to the members of Council.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (5):

TO AUTHORIZE the hiring of Mr. Ilias Harder as an inspection agent for the Environment Department;

TO APPOINT Mr. Ilias Harder as a designated officer responsible for the general application of all by-laws applying to the Municipality and to issue permits and certificates;

TO AUTHORIZE Mr. Ilias Harder to issue any necessary fines under the by-laws applying to the Municipality;

TO AUTHORIZE the General manager to sign the necessary documents regarding the hiring of this employee.

CARRIED

2021-05-143

SALARY BONUS FOR INCREASED WORKLOAD

WHEREAS certain departments are seeing an unprecedented increase in their workloads due to the boom in the real-estate and construction markets;

WHEREAS this phenomenon is present throughout the Laurentians and makes it very difficult to hire addition employees to lighten the workload and ensure the proper treatment of request affecting these departments;

WHEREAS Council would like to recognise the hard work, loyalty and devotion of the employees that have seen their workload increase consistently and dramatically since the fall of last year;

WHEREAS the members of Council have identified the affected employees.

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Giroux

AND **RESOLVED** unanimously by Councillors (5):

TO AWARD a 5 % salary bonus to the employees named by council whose workload has seen a significant increase since last year;

TO AUTHORIZE payment of the bonus.

CARRIED

2021-05-144

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 Donald Manconi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (5):

TO DESIGNATE Mr. Dominique Aubry, Assistant General Manager, 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).

TO REPEAL resolution 2020-04-041.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

The Mayor invites the public to send in their questions directly to the Municipality.

2021-05-145

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anselmo Marandola

AND RESOLVED unanimously by Councillors (5):

TO CLOSE the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

CARRIED