

Province of Quebec  
Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Office in Chapeau.

At which were present his Worship Mayor Donald Gagnon, Councillors Neil Maloney, Corey Bissonnette, Chrissy Ann Payne, Dustin Denault, Jacques Fleury and Louis Schryer.

Director General, Alicia Jones, is present.

**1. Opening of meeting**

Mayor Gagnon welcomes everyone and declares the meeting to be open.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

076-19/06 Moved by Louis Schryer to accept the agenda as presented.  
Adopted

**3. Conflict of interest (if applicable)**

None.

**4. Adoption of minutes**

077-19/06 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be amended and adopted.  
Adopted

**5. Visitors**

None.

**6. Mayor's MRC report**

The Mayor gives a verbal report.

**7. Committee reports**

**Public Security**

Councillor Fleury, Chair of the Public Security committee, gives a verbal report.

The Fire Chiefs Report is received.

078-19/06 **Tender results – Purchase of a new tanker**  
The results for the public tender for the purchase of a new tanker truck for the Pontiac Ouest Fire Department are as follows:

Camion Hélie	259 827,98 \$
BattleShield	325 278,07 \$

WHEREAS the amounts of the submitted tenders are well above the amounts budgeted for this purchase;

WHEREAS the Municipality, with the flooding of 2019, is experiencing several overages and unexpected expenses, which put serious strain on the global budget;

WHEREAS the Pontiac Ouest Fire Department purchases must be approved by other Councils, as outlined in the Agreement;

It is therefore moved by Corey Bissonnette and resolved that this Municipality not accept any tenders at this time, and that the issue of fire trucks be returned to the Pontiac Ouest Committee for further discussions.

Adopted

079-19/06 Public Inquiry – Water Levels

WHEREAS the spring floods of 2017 and 2019 have flooded and threatened the Municipality of Chichester and the neighbouring Municipalities more ferociously than ever before;

WHEREAS the ratepayers within this Municipality have several questions and great doubts about the management of dams and the regulation of the Ottawa River;

WHEREAS the answers received to questions from the public about the causes of the extreme levels of the spring flood of 2019 remain unclear;

WHEREAS the levels of the Ottawa River in 2019 greatly exceeded the 100-year flood elevation levels and, in fact, reached unprecedented record levels;

WHEREAS the Municipality must ensure the safety of its residents;

It is therefore moved by Neil Maloney and resolved unanimously:

- To request that the relevant political authorities launch an independent public inquiry to determine if the partners and stakeholders responsible for the management and regulation of the waters of the Ottawa River did indeed perform their roles according to the rules established.
- To request that the competent authorities in the field send to the Municipalities of the Outaouais the safety assessment reports of all the dams regulated along the Ottawa River
- That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, to the Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, to the Minister of Families and responsible for the Outaouais, the Pontiac MNA, the Pontiac Federal MP, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities, the MRC Pontiac and all its Municipalities.

Adopted unanimously

080-19/06 Permit Fees – Flood victims

Moved by Louis Schryer that this Municipality waive any applicable permit fees for construction, renovation and demolition to any properties affected by the flooding.

Adopted

Roads & Environment

Mayor Gagnon, Chair of the Roads & Environment committee, gives a verbal report.

081-19/06 Guard rails – Nephin Line

Moved by Corey Bissonnette that the guard rails along the Nephin Line be removed completely and that the edges of the road be widened and cleaned.

Adopted

082-19/06 Repairs to Municipal Truck  
Moved by Neil Maloney to approve that Director General proceed with necessary repairs to the Municipal truck up to a maximum expense of \$3,000.  
Adopted

**Planning & Development**

Councillor Maloney, Chair of the Planning & Development committee, gives a verbal report.

**Administration & Finance**

Councillor Schryer, Chair of the Administration & Finance committee, gives a verbal report.

083-19/06 Coverage Cyberattacks  
Moved by Neil Maloney that this Municipality approve the additional insurance coverage, with our insurer MMQ, required for security against cyberattacks and to authorize the Director General to complete the necessary documentation.  
Adopted

084-19/06 DWKS Donation  
Moved by Jacques Fleury that this Municipality donate \$200 for the annual DWKS Scholarships.  
Adopted

**Leisure, Recreation, Tourism & Marketing**

Councillor Payne, Chair of the Leisure, Recreation, Tourism & Marketing committee, gives a verbal report.

**Cycloparc PPJ**

The item is tabled until the MRC Pontiac makes its recommendations.

085-19/06 Waterfront Project  
Moved by Louis Schryer to proceed with a request for quotes for the several project items discussed for the waterfront project, and to authorize the Director General to hire the contractors as required.  
Adopted

**8. Questions from the public**

None.

**9. Presentation of accounts**

086-19/06 Moved by Louis Schryer that the bills be paid according to the list distributed.  
Adopted

**10. Reading of correspondence**

None.

**11. Varia**

Not required.

**12. In camera session**

087-19/06 Moved by Chrissy Payne that Council proceed to continue the meeting in camera, at 8:15pm.

Adopted

088-19/06 Moved by Neil Maloney that Council return to the meeting in progress, at 8:20pm.

Adopted

089-19/06 Employee #001

Moved by Corey Bissonnette that this Municipality remove the driving privileges from employee #001, and that the Director General discuss other staffing issues with him, as discussed.

Adopted

**13. Date of next meeting**

090-19/06 Moved by Chrissy Payne that the next regular Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Adopted

**14. Closing of meeting**

091-19/06 Moved by Corey Bissonnette that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25pm.

Adopted

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Director General / Secretary-Treasurer

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Mayor

I, Donald Gagnon, Mayor, certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to the signature by me of all the resolutions it contains, according to section 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.

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