

Province of Quebec
Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held February 4th, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Office in Chapeau.

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

Absent were councillors Bissonnette and Payne.

1. Opening of meeting

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

2. Adoption of agenda

014-19/02 Moved by Louis Schryer to accept the agenda as presented .
Adopted

3. Conflict of interest (if applicable)

None.

4. Adoption of minutes

015-19/02 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the minutes of the last regular meeting will be adopted at an ulterior meeting.
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.

016-19/02 Training for first responders
It is moved by Jacques Fleury that this municipality accepts to pay its share of the cost to train 12 first responders in partnership with the municipalities of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes and Sheenboro, conditionally to the fact that the other two partners are on board .

Adopted

Roads & Environment

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

Planning & Development

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

017-19/02 Support for an application to the CPTAQ

Moved by Neil Maloney, that this Municipality supports an application for authorization from the CPTAQ to do other than agriculture, in this case gravel pit operations, on part lot 5 in Range I on an area of 4.8 hectors; this operation will not affect agricultural activities in the sector; this municipality does acknowledge that there exist elsewhere on its territory, areas zoned for this type of operation.

Adopted

Administration & Finance

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

018-19/02 Membership CHIP FM

Moved by Jacques Fleury that this municipality renew its membership with CHIP Radio in the amount of \$120.00.

Adopted unanimously

019-19/02 Moved by Dustin Denault to approve a letter of support towards the Chapeau Recreation Association in reference to it seeking financial funding.

Adopted

020-19/02 Moved by Jacques Fleury to retain the services of Mtre Nério De Candido as legal advisor for this municipality for 2019 as per the service offer presented.

Adopted

021-19/02 Moved by Neil Maloney that a by-law pertaining to minor variances will be introduced at an ulterior meeting.

Adopted

022-19/02 Opposition to the Quebec Firearms Registration Act

WHEREAS the former Premier of Quebec, Mr. Philippe Couillard forced the creation of the SIAF (Service d'immatriculation des armes à feu du Québec) registration by not allowing the free vote of his deputies in June 2016;

WHEREAS the act for the registration of non-restricted firearms in Quebec came into force on January 29, 2018, stating that firearms must be registered by the end of January 2019;

WHEREAS the implementation of this registry (\$ 17 million for the establishment and \$ 5 million annually for the operation) does not provide any concrete security measures to combat the importation, manufacture and possession of illegal weapons;

WHEREAS the SIAF tends to demonize firearms and honest owners with the required federal permits, but completely ignores criminals procuring weapons on the black market;

WHEREAS on December 20, 2018, one month before the deadline, 82% of Quebec's weapons (1.6 million) were still not registered; WHEREAS the SIAF project is likely to suffer the same fate as the Canadian Firearms Registry (from \$ 2 million to \$ 2 billion), given the weak results so far;

WHEREAS abandoning the registry would release significant amounts that could be put to much better use (in mental health, for example);

CONSEQUENTLY, it is moved by Regional Councillor Mr. Beauregard and resolved **THAT** the MRC Pontiac supports the Municipality of the Township of Potton invite the other municipalities of Quebec to ask the deputies, the Minister of Public Security of Quebec and the Prime Minister to backtrack on the law on the registration of firearms without restriction ;

THAT the Regional Council expresses its solidarity with hunters, sports shooters, collectors and citizens who consider this register intrusive and ineffective; **THAT** the Council requests the Government of Quebec to concretely support initiatives against the importation, manufacture and possession of illegal weapons;

THAT the Regional Council proposes to the Government of Quebec to put in place necessary information and education programs to stop the stigmatization of firearms and the demonization of their owners.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, the Minister of Public Security of Quebec, the municipalities of the MRC Pontiac and MNA Mr. André Fortin.

Adopted

Leisure, Recreation, Tourism & Marketing

Councillor Payne, Chair of the Leisure, Recreation, Tourism & Marketing committee, being absent, councillors Maloney and Denault give a verbal report.

8. Questions from the public

None.

9. Presentation of accounts

023-19/02 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the bills be paid according to the list distributed with a clarification to the MRC invoice for 2019 shares.

Adopted

10. Reading of correspondence

None.

11. Varia

None.

12. In camera session

Not necessary.

13. Date of next meeting

024-19/02 Moved by Neil Maloney that the next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday March 11th 2019.

Adopted

14. Closing of meeting

025-19/02 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40pm.
Adopted

Interim Director General, Sec. Treas.

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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