Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held May 10th, 2021 at 7:00pm, by videoconference and closed to the public due to the current pandemic restrictions in effect.

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

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**

061-21/05 Moved by Louis Schryer to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

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

None.

**4.Adoption of minutes**

062-21/05 Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12th, 2021 be adopted.

Adopted

**5.** **Visitors**

Meeting is closed to the public.

The Director General declares having received no prior questions.

**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 presented.

***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.

The Municipal Inspector’s report is received.

063-21/05 *Properties for clean-up*

Moved by Neil Maloney that the following unclean properties be issued a final notice, with next steps including legal action: 5886-19-6063, 5787-16-2243 (lot # 6073232), 5787-61-5356, as discussed.

Adopted

064-21/05 *Land for resale*

Moved by Jacques Fleury to sell the following properties to the adjacent neighbors for a cost of $500 each: 6071931, 6071596, 6071741 as discussed; and to authorize the Director General to sign all required documentation.

Adopted

065-21/05 *Private road names*

Moved by Louis Schryer that the following road names be recognized by the Municipality as private roads currently in use on their territory, without recognizing any legal responsibility of ownership nor maintenance; and that list be sent to the Commission de Toponymie Quebec for their official registration:

* Chemins Dirty Dozen, Deer, Riverside, Duck Lane, Gaudette, Squirrel Point Lane, Linus Hearty, Suds Lane, Earl Lepine, Picard

Adopted

066-21/05 *Municipal Road names*

Moved by Neil Maloney that the following road names be recognized by the Municipality as municipal roads and that list be sent to the Commission de Toponymie Quebec for their official registration:

* Chemins du 3e Rang, Birch Creek, Chapeau-Sheenboro (MTQ), Chapeau-Waltham (MTQ), Chichester, Conroy, de l’Église, Fleury, Fort William, Gagnon, Jennings, Malone, Maloney, McGuire, Nephin, Ancien Nichabau, Nichabau, Pembroke, Poirier, Poupore Swamp, Smith, Trois-Côtes, Venasse.

Adopted

***Administration & Finance***

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

067-21/05 *Properties listed for Land sale 2021*

Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne that the Director General proceed to sell all the properties within the municipality whose property taxes have not been paid, at the land sale of the MRC Pontiac scheduled this September 9th, 2021, and this, according to the requirements of article 1022 of the Municipal Code of Quebec; and to authorize the DG to act and bid on behalf of the Municipality on the day of the sale.

Adopted

068-21/05 *Assessment Roll 2022*

Moved by Neil Maloney that this municipality approve that the work of balancing its assessment roll for the 2022 Roll and to request that the MRC Pontiac also approve this rebalancing.

Adopted

069-21/05 *Summer students’ postings*

Moved by Louis Schryer to approve the job postings for 2 summer students, as discussed, and to authorize the Mayor and Director General to coordinate and conduct the interviews.

Adopted

***Leisure, Recreation, Tourism & Marketing***

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

070-21/05 *Ottawa River markers – Chichester*

WHEREAS the navigational river markers were removed many years ago and never re-installed along the Ottawa River from Chichester towards the Culbute locks;

WHEREAS there has been significant development along the waterfront properties located on the Ottawa River between Chichester and L’Isle-aux-Allumettes;

WHEREAS there has been a substantial increase to watercraft traffic in recent years;

WHEREAS the lack of sufficient navigational markers/buoys along the Ottawa River is a serious issue for public security;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester has requested, on multiple occasions, the re-installation of these river markers along the Ottawa River from the Chichester dock towards the Culbute locks;

WHEREAS the most recent response from the Canadian Coast Guard was that the installation of only 1 additional marker was being recommended;

THEREFORE, it is moved by Dustin Denault and unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Chichester make a formal request to the Canadian Coast Guard and request the support from the neighbouring municipalities, the MRC Pontiac, and the Federal MP Will Amos, to support the re-installation of the original number of river markers along the Ottawa River from Chichester to the Culbute locks.

Adopted

**8. Questions from the public**

None.

**9.** **Presentation of accounts**

071-21/05 Moved by Neil Maloney that the bills be paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

**10.** **Reading of correspondence**

None.

**11.** **Varia**

072-21/05 *Shortage of local doctors*

WHEREAS there have been concerns by the residents of this Municipality regarding the current state of the health care services in the region, including but not limited to the shortage of family doctors;

WHEREAS the proximity of quality health care services is important for the well-being of the population;

Therefore, it is moved by Jacques Fleury that this Municipality make a formal request to the CISSSO that there be continued efforts to increase the number of the family doctors for this Municipality and that their services by made available through the CLSC Chapeau.

Adopted

**12. In camera session**

Not required.

**13.** **Date of next meeting**

073-21/05 Moved by Louis Schryer that the next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 7th, 2021.

Adopted

**14.** **Closing of meeting**

074-21/05 Moved by Neil Maloney that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20pm.

Adopted

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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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