Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held January 11th, 2021 at 7:00pm, by videoconference and closed to the public due to the current pandemic restrictions in effect.

At which were present, 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**

001-21/01 Moved by Louis Schryer to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

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

None.

**4.Adoption of minutes**

002-21/01 Moved by Neil Maloney that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7th, 2020 be adopted.

Adopted

003-21/01 Moved by Dustin Denault that the minutes of the Special meeting held to adopt the 2021 Budget, on December 14th, 2020 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.

004-21/01 *Amendments to Intermunicipal agreement for emergency Rescue*

WHEREAS the 3 Fire safety services of the MRC Pontiac will be ready to offer water rescue service on their territory;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac coordinated water rescue training for all FSS on its territory;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac wishes to develop a water rescue program for all of its municipalities;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac has adopted a local protocol for intervention in isolated areas and has been coordinating this rescue service for several years;

WHEREAS the municipalities of the MRC Pontiac have an intermunicipal agreement related to this service;

WHEREAS the terms of the water rescue program closely resemble those of an isolated rescue;

WHEREAS it would benefit all municipalities to sign a common intermunicipal agreement to ensure quality service and to standardize work methods during interventions, throughout the territory;

WHEREAS it is appropriate to integrate the water rescue terms with that of rescue in an isolated environment;

THEREFORE, It is moved by Councillor Chrissy Ann Payne and resolved that the Municipality of Chichester accepts the modifications proposed by the MRC of Pontiac to the intermunicipal agreement for isolated environment rescue to incorporate water rescue;

IN ADDITION, the Municipal Council authorizes the Mayor to sign any document related to this agreement on behalf of the municipality.

Adopted unanimously

***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 Insepctor’s report is received.

***Administration & Finance***

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

005-21/01 *Harrington Community Centre*

Moved by Jacques Fleury to approve the annual contribution to the Harrington Community Centre for an amount of $1,000.

Adopted unanimously

006-21/01 *Upper Pontiac Sports Complex*

Moved by Louis Schryer to approve the annual contribution to the Upper Pontiac Sports Complex for an amount of $5,000.

Adopted unanimously

007-21/01 *Annual support - Résidence Meilleur*

Moved by Neil Maloney to approve the annual contribution to Résidence Meilleur, for an amount of $2,500, representing year 4 of 10, ending in year 2027.

Adopted unanimously

008-21/01 *Memberships – FQM & ADMQ*

Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to approve the expenses for the 2021 annual memberships, and possible conferences, for FQM & ADMQ and to authorise the DG to attend the 2021 events.

Adopted unanimously

009-21/01 *Pontiac Journal Ad Budget 2021*

Moved by Jacques Fleury to approve the Pontiac Journal Advertising Budget presented, with the removal of the 2 items, as discussed.

Adopted unanimously

010-21/01 *Summer Student Grant*

Moved by Dustin Denault that this Municipality approve the application and request for funding from the Federal Summer Student Program for 2 (two) students, and to approve that the Director General sign all required documents.

 Adopted unanimously

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

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

**8. Questions from the public**

None.

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

011-21/01 Moved by Louis Schryer that the bills be paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

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

- None.

**11.** **Varia**

 None.

 **12. In camera session**

012-21/01

Moved by Jacques Fleury that the session continues in camera, at 7:50pm.

Adopted

013-21/01

Moved by Louis Schryer to return to the meeting in progress, at 7:55pm.

Adopted

014-21/01 *Legal retainer 2021*

Moved by Neil Maloney to approve the retainer fees for legal services for the year 2021, with Me Nerio de Candido, with the legal firm Beaudry-Bertrand, as discussed.

Adopted

015-21/01 *Hiring – Municipal Inspector*

Moved by Louis Schryer to approve the hiring of Samuel Danis as Municipal Inspector, in conjunction with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, as discussed.

Adopted

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

016-21/01 Moved by Louis Schryer that the next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 8th, 2021.

Adopted

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

017-21/01 Moved by Dustin Denault that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00pm.

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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