Province of Quebec

Municipality of Chichester

Regular meeting of the Chichester Municipal Council held April 12th, 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**

042-21/04 Moved by Louis Schryer to accept the agenda as presented and amended.

Adopted

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

None.

**4.Adoption of minutes**

043-21/04 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8th, 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. A Fire Ban is currently in effect due to the dry conditions.

***Roads & Environment***

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

044-21/04 *Tender – Surface Treatment 2021*

The results for the public tender 2021-ALLU-003 for the Surface Treatment projects, in conjunction with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, were as follows (total amounts):

*Bidder: Price:*

Entreprises Bourget: $284,707.30

Sintra (Franroc): $275,121.95

Moved by Neil Maloney to accept the lowest conforming bid, submitted by Sintra; and to authorize L’Isle-aux-Allumettes to manage the contract.

Adopted

045-21/04 *Tender – LED Streetlight upgrades*

The results for the tender, by invitation, 2021-CHI-001, for the LED upgrades of the municipal streetlighting network, were as follows:

Fleury Electrique: no bid submitted

Marengère électrique: no bid submitted

Vickers Power Services : $11,825.90 (plus tax)

Moved by Dustin Denault to accept the lowest bid for installation of new LED lights, lightheads only, by Vickers Power Services.

Adopted

046-21/04 *Gravel Application*

Moved by Louis Schryer to proceed with the major gravel application project on Birch Creek, Venasse, Malone Line; as discussed.

Adopted

047-21/04 *Sweeping*

Moved by Chrissy Payne to proceed with the road sweeping project, as per the quote presented.

Adopted

048-21/04 *Yellow Lines - tender*

Moved by Louis Schryer to proceed with the tender for the painting of yellow lines on approx. 5km of Old Nichabau road, as discussed.

Adopted

049-21/04 *Brushing – tender*

Moved by Dustin Denault to proceed with the tender, by invitation, of the brushing required along the municipal roads, with the specific details included in the documents, as discussed.

Adopted

050-21/04 *Cancel – Transfer Site Open House*

Moved by Chrissy Ann Payne to cancel the planned open house at the Transfer Site for April, due to the current pandemic restrictions; the event will be held at a later date.

Adopted

***Planning & Development***

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

The Municipal Inspector’s report is received.

***Administration & Finance***

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

The Director General confirms that an amount of $15,498 is received from the Ministry following our damages claim from the 2019 Flood.

051-21/04 *Road grant – local financing*

Moved by Louis Schryer to ratify the request for funding from the Local Road grant program for an amount of $50,000, and to authorize the Director General to complete and send all required documentation.

Adopted

052-21/04 *Support project – El Camino Farm*

Moved by Neil Maloney that this Municipality support, in principle, the cannabis project as presented by El Camino Farm, and to authorize the Director General to send a letter of support as discussed.

Adopted

053-21/04 *MTQ announcement- Major Road improvements*

WHEREAS the MTQ has made a recent announcement of 212M$ in planned road work projects across the Outaouais;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester, specifically the Chapeau-Waltham and Chapeau-Sheenboro roads, were not included in these plans;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Chichester has made several formal requests to the MTQ to have these roads repaired;

THEREFORE, it is moved by Jacques Fleury and resolved the Municipality express their disappointment that the Chapeau-Waltham and Chapeau-Sheenboro roads, on their territory, continue to be ignored and to remind the MTQ that their current state of disrepair is a major public security issue: including the poor condition of the asphalt, the narrow width of the surface and closeness to the shoulders; and to send this resolution to the local MNA André Fortin, to the Minister of Transportation, François Bonnardel, and the MNA responsible for the Outaouais Mathieu Lacombe.

Adopted

***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**

054-21/04 Moved by Louis Schryer that the bills be paid according to the list distributed.

Adopted

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

055-21/04 *Chapeau RA – Summer camp*

Moved by Chrissy Payne that this Municipality contribute $500 towards Chapeau RA for their summer day camp program, conditional on the camp being held.

Adopted

**11.** **Varia**

None.

**12. In camera session**

056-21/04 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the discussions proceed in camera, at 7:15pm.

Adopted

057-21/04 Moved by Louis Schryer to return to the meeting in progress, at 7:20pm.

Adopted

058-21/04 *Janitor contract*

Moved by Corey Bissonnette to approve the contract with Mr. Kenneth Fleury, in conjunction with the Municipality of L’Isle-aux-Allumettes, for the cleaning services at the Municipal Office, and to authorize the Director General to sign the contract.

Adopted

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

059-21/04 Moved by Jacques Fleury that the next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 10th, 2021.

Adopted

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

060-21/04 Moved by Louis Schryer that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25pm.

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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