



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Council Chambers
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6pm

Members Present:

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Ronald Garbutt, Malcolm Lamothe, Gisèle Pageau, Denny Sharp, Dean Wenborne

Members Excused:

Officials Present:

Marc Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk
Tom Ng, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Carlie Zwiers, Executive Assistant
Alain McCann, Chief Building Official

Guests:

5 Members of public

1. Call to order and roll call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda (*and Additions if applicable*)

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Gisele Pageau

Resol. 2018- 131

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following amendment to the agenda be approved as presented:

That Item 10.1 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Lamothe be placed as a Discussion at Item 6.1.4.

Carried

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 132

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillors Malcolm Lamothe and Gisèle Pageau declared a pecuniary interest at Item 9.3.2; they are members of the Club Richelieu.

4. Delegations (NIL)

5. Resolution to resolve into Committee

Moved By Mike Bigras and Seconded By Gisele Pageau

Resol. 2018- 133

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now go into Committee of the Whole to consider delegations, reports and correspondence for consideration.

Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councillor Gisèle Pageau chaired the Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. Reports and Items for Consideration

6.1 General Government

6.1.1 Report - Canada Day Event

The Executive Assistant presented the report and informed Council on the schedule of events of the Canada Day Festivities.

6.1.2 Report - Fitness Centre Update

The Executive Assistant presented the report and an update on the administration of the Community Fitness Centre and the need to replace equipment; a By-law will be adopted to authorize the Lease Agreement for the purchase of equipment at the June 20th Regular Council Meeting.

6.1.3 Resolution to pass a By-law to authorize a Funding Agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

The CAO presented the report included in the agenda package and informed that the deadline to provide AMO with the By-law to authorize the Funding Agreement for the transfer of Main Streets Revitalization Initiatives funds from AMO is June 20, 2018. The potential eligible projects will be further discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2018- 134

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-33, being a by-law to authorize a Funding Agreement for the transfer of Main Streets Revitalization Initiatives funds from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.1.4 Disbursement Reports, Motion submitted by Councillor Malcolm Lamothe

The Notice of Motion (included in the agenda package) submitted by Councillor Malcolm Lamothe was moved as a Discussion Item to allow for an open discussion; the Motion's purpose is to allow Council to monitor finances by having a monthly detailed trial balance report that would include each budget account, the current balance, the current list of expenditures, the supplier and the amount incurred.

The CAO and the Treasurer informed that the current financial reporting to Council includes Monthly Disbursement Reports (which includes a list of all expenditures and amounts) and Quarterly Budget vs Actual Reports (which includes each budget account, the budgeted amount and the current balance).

Based on several comments from Council and since the upgraded software, Staff have been working on different formats to improve the transparency of financial reporting to Council; a trial format was scheduled for the next quarterly report due at the July 18th meeting. However, the report might not meet the extent of detail as required by the proposed Motion.

Following discussion, Council generally agreed to wait for the new formatted Quarterly Budget vs Actual Report scheduled to be reported in July and that a Detailed Trial Balance Report also be presented at the same time for comparison, then the Notice of Motion could be deliberated at a subsequent meeting.

6.2 Finance (NIL)

6.3 Public Works & Environment Services (NIL)

6.4 Community Services

6.4.1 French River Public Library Board Report

Councillor Gisèle Pageau, member of the Board, presented a monthly report.

6.5 Emergency Services and Public Safety (NIL)

6.6 Development & Planning

6.6.1 Presentation of the Draft Building By-law

The Chief Building Official presented the draft by-law and the new Fee Schedule that will standardize regulations throughout the Shared Building and By-law Department; the By-law will be adopted at the June 20th meeting.

6.7 Correspondence (NIL)

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Claude Bouffard resumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

7. Verbal Motion to return into the Regular Meeting

Moved by: Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2018- 135

THAT the Committee rise and report.

8. Consideration of the adoption of recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Gisele Pageau

Resol. 2018- 136

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the actions taken in Committee of the Whole in considering delegations, reports and correspondence be confirmed by this Council.

Carried

9. Consent Agenda

The following motion was presented to adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda:

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Denny Sharp

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Items of the Consent Agenda under Sections 9.1, 9.3, 9.4 and receives the Items under Sections 9.2.

Resol. 2018- 137

Carried

Item 9.3.2 was taken out of the Consent Agenda to allow debate.

9.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2018- 138

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the following minutes as presented:

Regular Council Meeting held May 16, 2018

Carried

9.2 Minutes Received (NIL)

9.3 Items for Consideration or Information

9.3.1 Monthly Disbursements Report

The total disbursements reported for the month of April 2018 was in the amount of \$ 1,464,620.76.

9.3.2 Item was separated from the Consent Agenda to allow debate.

9.3.3 Resolution to declare a community event of municipal significance

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2018- 139

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the Canada Day Event being held July 1, 2018 at the Noëlville Community Centre as community event of municipal significance.

Carried

9.3.4 Resolution to approve the annual financial contribution of \$150 towards the 2018 École St. Antoine 8th Grade Graduation

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2018- 140

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the annual financial contribution of \$150 to École St. Antoine for the 2018 8th Grade Graduation prizes for students.

Carried

9.4 By-laws

9.4.1 Member Agreement with reThink Green

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Denny Sharp

Resol. 2018- 141

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-34, being a by-law to authorize a Green Economy North / Smart Green Communities Member Agreement with reThink Green be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Item separated from the Consent Agenda to allow debate

9.3.2 Resolution to declare a community event of municipal significance

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Mike Bigras

Resol. 2018- 142

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the Family Ball Tournament hosted by Club Richelieu Rivière des Français being held on August 10-12, 2018 as community event of municipal significance.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Name: Councillors Malcolm Lamothe and Gisèle Pageau

Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not participate on this Item.

10. Notices of Motion

Item 10.1 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Lamothe was placed as a Discussion at Item 6.1.4

11. Announcement and Inquiries

Bob Armstrong, thanked Council for their service to the people of French River and acknowledged that their roles are difficult and challenging and that many personal sacrifices are made when becoming a local politician and that more people should really try to understand what it's like to be in that role.

12. Closed Session

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2018- 143

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be closed as authorized in the Municipal Act pursuant to Section 239 (2) (a) "the security of the property of the municipality or local board" with respect to an update on the terms of the Agreements with the French River Rapids, to section 239 (2) (c) "proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land" with respect to a proposed land acquisition and to section 239 (2) (d) "labour relations or employee negotiations" with respect to a performance evaluation of a senior employee.

Carried

Moved By Gisele Pageau and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2018- 145

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the open session reconvenes at 8:10 p.m.

Carried

As a result of the Closed Session, the Mayor reported that the Agreement negotiations with the Rapids are ongoing, that a resolution will be brought forward at the June 20th meeting relating to a land acquisition and that the Interim Fire Chief will be formally appointed as Fire Chief at the June 20th meeting.

Councillor Mike Bigras declared a pecuniary interest in Closed Session and left during the subject discussion; he is the father of the Interim Fire Chief.

13. Adjournment

Moved By Ron Garbutt and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2018- 146

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-35, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River at a meeting held on June 6, 2018 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Moved By Dean Wenborne and Seconded By Malcolm Lamothe

Resol. 2018- 147

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK