

MARCH 8, 2021

NOTES

Detailed report of the sitting of council held March 8, 2021 of the council of the Municipality of Grosse Ile.

The Mayor welcomes the council members present and declares the sitting in session at 6:30 p.m. on March 8, 2021 at which time there is quorum.

The following persons are present:

Mayor: Rose Elmonde Clarke

Councillors: Nancy Clark
Felicia Clarke
Miles Clarke
Jessica Goodwin

Director General: Janice Turnbull

Councillors Steve Clarke and Marlene Boudreau are absent.

The following proposed resolution, by Councillor Jessica Goodwin, is read and, as this is required by law due to the current regulations in place for the COVID-19 pandemic, accepted in its entirety by the members of council without discussion.

CLOSED SESSION OF THE SITTING OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS public health order number 2020-177 issued on March 13, 2020 declared a state of health emergency throughout the province of Quebec for an initial period of ten (10) days;

WHEREAS subsequent public health orders extend this state of health emergency until March 12, 2021;

WHEREAS public health order number 2020-029, dated April 26, 2020, from the Minister of Health and Social Services, stipulates that when the law requires that a meeting must be public, it must be publicized as soon as possible by any means which allows the public to know the content of the discussions between the participants and the result of the deliberations of the members;

WHEREAS any municipal council may hold their meetings «*in person*» provided that the public health guidelines can be respected, particularly those concerning social distancing and hygiene however, the public is not permitted to attend;

WHEREAS in order to protect the health of the population; the members of council and municipal officers have decided that this sitting be a closed session and that the members of council and municipal officers be authorized to be present and to take part, deliberate and vote in person in the community conference room where the two (2) meter social distancing measure can be respected;

THAT the members of council hereby accept that this sitting of council is a closed session, and the members of council and municipal officers may participate in person in the community conference room where the two (2) meter social distancing measure can be respected.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following agenda is presented by the Mayor, Rose Elmonde Clarke, who also asks if any members wish to add any items.

Councillor Felicia Clarke proposed that the following agenda be adopted.

1. Opening of the sitting
 - 1.1 Welcome word by the chair
 - 1.2 Closed session of the sitting of council
 - 1.3 Adoption of the agenda
 - 1.4 Adoption of the minutes
 - 1.5 Correspondence
2. Administrative acts of council
 - 2.1 Administrative updates
 - 2.1.1 Accounts paid
 - 2.1.2 Maritime Community Regional Files – Updates
3. Legislative acts of council
 - 3.1 Triennial Investment Plan
 - 3.2 Sale for non-payment of municipal taxes
 - 3.3 Programme d'aide à la voirie locale – Sous-volet – Projets particuliers d'amélioration par circonscription électorale – 2021 Roadworks Grant
 - 3.4 2021 Municipal elections – Voting by mail
 - 3.5 Repeal Resolution R2019-127 – TECQ – Gas Tax Program 2019-2023
 - 3.6 Repeal Notification N2019-141 – Notice of Motion – Loan Bylaw 2019-011 – Professional services
 - 3.7 TECQ – Gas Tax Program 2019-2023
 - 3.8 TECQ 2019-2023 – Call for tenders – Professional services – Plans and specifications – chemin Wide
4. Varia
5. Question period
6. Close

Agreed by the members present.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The members of council received a copy of, and declare having read, the minutes of the regular sitting of council held on February 8, 2021.

All members agree that the minutes reflect a true account of the decisions taken by council.

The following resolution is proposed by Councillor Jessica Goodwin:

To adopt the minutes of the regular sitting of council which was held on February 8, 2021.

Agreed by members present

CORRESPONDENCE

The Mayor addresses the correspondence. The members of council confirm receiving a copy of, and having reviewed, the list of correspondence.

The list is officially deposited in the registry.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

The DG informs the members of council that there is no business arising from correspondence to address at this sitting.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

ACCOUNTS PAID

Councillors confirm receiving and reviewing the list of bills paid since the last sitting of council prior to the sitting. Councillor Jessica Goodwin asks if the bill for the laptop is actually more than one. The DG responds that yes, in fact, it is for two laptops including programs and accessories. No other interventions are made.

Councillor Miles Clarke proposes to approve the accounts paid for the month ending February 28, 2021 for an amount of \$65, 765.92, this list is deposited in the register of accounts paid.

Agreed by members present

MARITIME COMMUNITY REGIONAL FILES

UPDATE BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Rose Elmonde Clarke, reviewed the items on the agenda for the next sitting of the council of the Maritime Community to be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 and updated the members of council accordingly.

No interventions are made.

LEGISLATIVE ACTS OF COUNCIL

TRIENNIAL INVESTMENT PLAN

The Director General presents the modified triennial investment plan to council members.

Councillor Miles Clarke proposes:

THAT the triennial investment plan be adopted as presented.

Agreed by members present

SALE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAXES

Councillor Jessica Goodwin proposes:

THAT a list of all tax accounts in arrears shall be forwarded to the Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine;

THAT the Director General, Janice Turnbull, be hereby mandated to act on behalf of the Municipality of Grosse Ile during the sale of property for non-payment of municipal or school taxes, in order to acquire any of the abovementioned properties if necessary.

Agreed by members present

PROGRAMME D'AIDE À LA VOIRIE LOCALE – SOUS-VOLET – PROJETS PARTICULIERS D'AMÉLIORATION PAR CIRCONSCRIPTION ÉLECTORALE – 2021 ROADWORKS GRANT

Councillor Nancy Clark proposes:

THAT the Director General, Janice Turnbull, be hereby delegated to submit a funding request for an amount of \$30, 000.00 within the framework of the *Programme d'aide à la voirie locale, Sous-*

volet - Projets particuliers d'amélioration par circonscription électorale in order to carry out roadworks on chemin Shore.

Councillor Miles Clarke opposed
Agreed by all other members present

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS VOTING BY MAIL

- under the provisions of article 582.1 of the *Act Respecting Elections and Referendums in Municipalities*, the minister may, by regulation, determine the manner in which a person is entered as an elector or qualified voter on the list of electors or referendum list in a capacity other than that of a domiciled person and may exercise the right to vote by mail;
- under the provisions of article 659.4 of the *Act Respecting Elections and Referendums in Municipalities*, a resolution must be passed no later than July 1st of the calendar year in which a general election is to be held or, in the case of a by-election, not later than the fifteenth day after the day on which the council is informed of the polling date. In the case of a referendum poll, the resolution must be made during the sitting of the council during which the polling date is to be set. The same rules apply to a resolution passed to annul a previous resolution.

Councillor Felicia Clarke proposes:

TO use voting by mail for any person entered on the list of electors or referendum list as an elector or qualified voter in a capacity other than that of a domiciled person during any poll.

Agreed by members present

REPEAL RESOLUTION R2019-127 - TECQ GAS TAX PROGRAM 2019-2023

Councillor Miles Clarke proposes:

THAT Resolution R2019-127 – TECQ – Gas Tax Program 2019-2023 be hereby repealed.

Agreed by members present

REPEAL NOTIFICATION N2019-141 - NOTICE OF MOTION LOAN BYLAW 2019-011 – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Councillor Felicia Clarke proposes:

THAT Notification N2019-141 – Notice of Motion – Loan Bylaw 2019-011 – Professional services be hereby repealed.

Agreed by members present

TECQ – GAS TAX PROGRAM 2019-2023

- the Municipality has familiarized itself with the Guide regarding the Terms of payment of the government contribution within the Programme de la taxe sur l'essence et de la contribution du Québec (TECQ) for the years 2019 to 2023;
- the Municipality must respect the terms of this guide in order to receive the governmental contribution that was confirmed in a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Councillor Nancy Clark proposes:

THAT the Municipality agrees to respect the terms of the guide that apply to the Municipality;

THAT the Municipality agrees to be the sole responsible body and releases the Canadian and Quebec Governments, their ministers, administrators, employees and delegates of any responsibility regarding claims for liability, damages, losses or costs of any kind that may be associated with injury or death of any person or for loss or damage to any immovable by a deliberate or negligent act resulting, directly or indirectly, from investments carried out with funds from the TECQ 2019-2023 program;

THAT the Municipality approves the content and agrees to send, to the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, the enclosed work plan number 1, file number 1101042, regarding the aforementioned program as well as any other documentation required by the Ministry in order to receive the governmental contribution that was confirmed by letter from the Ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation;

THAT the Municipality commits to reach the minimum capital threshold imposed on them for the five (5) years of the program;

THAT the Municipality agrees to inform the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation of any modifications that may be carried out to the schedule and work plans approved by this present resolution.

THAT the Municipality certifies by this present resolution that the enclosed schedule of works number 1, file number, 1101042, includes the true incurred costs and reflects the cost estimates of the work which is admissible.

Agreed by members present

**CALL FOR TENDERS TECQ 2019-2023
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS – CHEMIN WIDE**

The DG informs the councillors present:

- that the municipality makes an annual investment to the preservation of chemin Wide in order to maintain access for the population;
- considering the slope of the hill, gravel gets washed away after every rain storm;
- the product used during snow removal for the purpose of de-icing also disintegrates the structure of the road and leaves it being «mucky» and difficult to access;
- service providers, such as waste removal and fuel trucks are unable to climb the hill due to the condition of the road and therefore, refuse to use the road during the winter months;
- several single-family dwellings have been constructed on chemin Wide in the past few years;

Councillor Felicia Clarke proposes:

THAT the Director General, Janice Turnbull, be hereby authorized to proceed with a public call for tenders for professional services in order to prepare the plans and specifications and the supervision of work as well as the estimated costs of the work to carry out major road improvements on chemin Wide.

Agreed by members present

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions are asked as no members of the public are permitted to attend the sitting which is a closed session following the recommendations and measures set forth by the government regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

CLOSE

The session is closed on a motion from Miles Clarke at 7:55 p.m.