

MUNICIPALITÉ DE RAPIDES-DES-JOACHIMS

AGENDA

Ordinary session of May 9, 2024

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution

2.1 Adoption of the agenda of May 9, 2024

Moved by:

Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED adopted the agenda of May 9, 2024

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT (if applicable)

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution

4.1 Adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2024

Moved by:

Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council adopts the minutes of the ordinary session held on April 11, 2024

5. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

5.1 Mayors report

5.2 Youth Councillor report

5.3 **DG Report**

Following the Director General meeting on April 18th :

- Sargent Yves Martineau from the SQ advised that the godfather program would no longer be running in municipalities. They are extremely short staffed and unfortunately the program is unable to continue due to this. He assured us that a cruiser would eventually show up, but that all calls to the SQ will be based on level of priority. He also spoke on how mental health is a growing concern in the Pontiac and how lengthy the procedure is when receiving a call of this nature. He suggests that all municipal offices be equipped with 2 locking doors and an emergency button to ensure office staff safety. If staff is threatened, they are asked to take a video to serve as solid evidence if the case needs to go to court.
- Modernization of selective collection:
The agreement between the MRC and Éco Entreprise Québec (EEQ) is expected to begin in 2025. This agreement is only for recycling. How will this affect our municipality? It will only affect the administration department. Employees will still be conducting door-to-door pickup and bringing the collection to our transfer site. The MRC will be responsible for organizing the transportation from our transfer site to the final destination and the Municipality will bill the MRC for all expenses related to the recycling collection, who will then bill EEQ. 100% of recycling expenses are expected to be reimbursed, however we will no longer receive the RECYC-Quebec grant each year.
- The 2024 land sale will be held on September 12th. This sale could be the last opportunity to collect municipal taxes due since 2022 through this procedure given the applicable three (3) year limitation period.
- Bill 50 on civil security: Regional civil security plans are going to be mandated by the Quebec government. New guidelines will be coming out in the next few months. We will have to keep our plan updated and send it to the MRC so they can keep the regional plan

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up to date. The fire safety cover plan, which was adopted earlier this year, will also have to be updated.

- Urban planning: The MRC hired a firm who is currently working alongside Jason Durand on a new urban plan. This will eventually mean the adoption of new urban by-laws such as zoning, subdivision, construction, etc. This is anticipated to be a 2-year process.
- The new flood zone maps are at a stand still and the Ministry of Public Security claims it could be years before the new maps are released. No government agencies can seem to agree on the distance between water and lots, around dams, etc. It is a lengthy and complicated procedure.
- Stephanie Hebert with tourism and culture at the MRC present a potential grant opportunity for community projects. This is something other MRCs are doing and it aims to engage citizens, giving them an opportunity to submit their own community-based projects to the municipality, which would then go to public consultation. This is something the municipality would have to budget for, and the MRC would disperse funds according to the number of approved projects.
- New housing legislation (PL31): Rachel Soar-Flandé with the MRC presents this new superpower legislation, which allows municipalities to fast track zoning changes to allow the development of affordable housing within the urban perimeter.
- Evaluation department: the municipality can expect to receive their evaluation update within the next month. The deadline set to receive assessment information is the end of June, so that the evaluation department can finalize everything and have it included in the new assessment role for 2025.
- There are 3 new family doctors in the Pontiac who will be starting in October and 2 more who will be starting by the end of 2024-beginning of 2025. There will be no more waitlists for family doctors in the Pontiac come 2025.

6. CORRESPONDANCE (10 minutes)

7. TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

8. FOLLOW-UP

8.1 DRDCF Grant Application #24-005

The Municipality has been approved for a \$1,400 grant from the Deep River and District Community Foundation for the grand opening of the splashpad on June 22, 2024.

8.2 Groupe Boisvert Construction

New contract with electrician has been signed. 10 LED streetlight bulbs are ordered and will be installed shortly after they come in.

8.3 Municipal Park Closure

New grass is growing nicely and the park will be open again soon.

8.4 Public Works equipment

Riding mower is fixed and ready for the season. All other parts and supplies including PPE have been purchased.

9. ROADS

10. DUMP & GARBAGE

10.1 Spring Pickup

Flyers have been sent out providing information to citizens regarding the spring pickup, scheduled for May 27th and 28th

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11. TOWN HALL

12. MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

13. CIVIL PROTECTION

14. ACTION PLAN

15. URBANISM & ZONING

16. RECREATION & CULTURE

Discussion

16.1 Splashpad Grand Opening

17. CAMPGROUND & PICNIC AREA

**17.1 NOTICE OF MOTION OF DRAFT BY-LAW NUMBER
2024-0502 RESPECTING THE ADOPTION OF THE FEES
AND REGULATIONS FOR CAMPING MCCONNELL**

A **NOTICE OF MOTION** is given by Kelsey Daly to the effect that it will be presented at the next sitting, draft by-law number 2024-0502 respecting the adoption of the fees and regulations for Camping McConnell for the 2025 season

Resolution

17.2 DEAD TREES AT CAMPGROUND

CONSIDERING a few dead trees have been flagged at the campground;

WHEREAS the condition of the trees poses a public safety concern to campers and workers;

Resolution

17.3 CAMPGROUND TRUCK (GMC) – REPAIRS

WHEREAS the GMC is in need of general maintenance and repairs;

CONSIDERING the employees are unable to perform the maintenance and repairs required;

18. STREET LIGHTS & ENVIRONMENT

18.1 Street light will be repaired in 6-8 weeks

19. BUILDING INSPECTOR

- 19.1 1 garage permit issued
- 19.2 1 renovation permit issued
- 19.3 1 demolition permit issued

Resolution

20. MISCELLANEOUS

20.1 ENERGY FROM WASTE PROJECT

WHEREAS new information has been presented to members of the public at information sessions held in the Pontiac regarding the EFW project and the proposed incinerator;

WHEREAS members of council as well as the public are concerned about the long-term environmental effects resulting from the project;

Moved by: Stephany Rauche
Seconded by: _____

AND RESOLVED THAT the municipal council of Rapides-des-Joachims rescinds their Resolution N° 20230601-08 supporting the establishment of an energy-from-waste facility in the Pontiac until further

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information can be provided in regards to the long-term environmental effects this project will have on the Pontiac.

Resolution

20.2 EQUILIBRATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL

CONSIDERING the upcoming triennial roll for 2025, 2026 and 2027;

CONSIDERING the recommendation of this process by the evaluator who observed significant discrepancies between the value levels and that of the selling prices within the municipality;

WHEREAS the work carried out within the framework of the equilibration will allow a recovery of the values on the roll and will promote the maintenance of tax fairness;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT the municipal council of Rapides-des-Joachims proceeds with the equilibration of the assessment roll for the next triennial roll 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Resolution

20.3 2024 SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS

WHEREAS the Municipality has been approved for two (2) summer student positions this year;

WHEREAS both positions have been posted on the bulletin board as well as on the municipal website and facebook page;

CONSIDERING the hourly wage is established at \$15.75 in compliance with the Municipality’s *Salaries and Wage Scale*;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT the deadline to receive applications is set to Thursday, June 6th at 5:00PM.

20.4 OPG Project – Preliminary Stages

OPG has come forward with a draft project that would allow the re-opening of the hiking trails near the Joachims bridge. The Project would require the installation of a fence along the dangerous waterway of the Ottawa River. The project still has to be approved and authorized by the government, however OPG is seeking councils’ opinion. Project drawings have been given to each council member.

21. QUESTION PERIOD (15 minutes)

22. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution

22.1 Approval of expenses list between April 9, 2024 and May 6, 2024

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT Council approve and authorize the payment of expenses for the period between April 9, 2024 and May 6, 2024 for the amount of \$43,537.48

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CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF CREDIT

I, Alana Bowes, the undersigned Clerk-Treasurer, in accordance with Article 961 of the Quebec Municipal Code, certify line of credit with the Municipality has sufficient funds for these expenditures

Clerk-Treasurer

23. IN CAMERA

- 23.1 Town Hall Inspection
- 23.2 Camping McConnell
- 23.3 Lot Maintenance Standards

24. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

- 24.1 Close the meeting of May 9, 2024 at:

Resolution