MUNICIPALITÉ DE RAPIDES-DES-JOACHIMS

AGENDA

Ordinary session of June 13th, 2024

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2.1 Adoption of the agenda of June 13, 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 May 9, 2024

5. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

5.1 Mayor's report

5.2 **DG report**

Next DG meeting at the MRC on Thursday, June 20th at 8:30AM. The DG will join the meeting virtually/in-person and the municipal office will be closed. A public notice will be posted.

6. CORRESPONDANCE (10 minutes)

Presentation 6.1 OPG – Presentation of new project
Discussion 6.2 Letter to council from cottage owners on Harrington
Discussion 6.3 Letter to council from Denise Racine

7. TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Resolution 7.1 **DRAFT BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-0502 RESPECTING THE ADOPTION OF THE FEES AND REGULATIONS FOR CAMPING MCCONNELL**

WHEREAS a notice of motion was given by Kelsey Daly during a regular meeting of the municipal council, that was held on May 9, 2024 to the effect that this by-law be drafted and submitted for adoption;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims signed two (2) leases with the Minister of natural resources, wildlife and parks, on September 2nd 2003, being lease N° 700 243 000 and lease N° 700 243 001;

WHEREAS the agreement stipulates that the Minister leases to the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims, exclusively for commercial camping purposes, the land hereinafter designated and described, with a total area of approximately 65,550 square metres:

- Canton Aberdeen, Rang III, Lot 34
- Canton Aberdeen, Rang III, Lot 35
- Canton Aberdeen, Rang III, Lot 35, Parcel 6

WHEREAS it is necessary to regulate the management of Camping McConnell as well as the collection of all campground related fees;

CONSIDERING that the GST and QST has been included in the pricing of all campground related fees since 2021;

WHEREAS all Camping McConnell related fees are outlined in Appendix 'A' which forms an integral part of this by-law and may be revised and amended by the municipal council from time to time;

WHEREAS at the opening of this sitting, copies of the by-law were made available to the public;

THEREFORE, it is moved by_____, that the council of the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims authorizes that draft By-Law Number 2024-0502 was read and adopted this 13th day of June, 2024 and will be presented for final adoption at the regular sitting of council on July 11, 2024.

8. FOLLOW-UP

8.1 **Derelict Buildings**

The owners of the 2 properties who received letters of non-compliance have both contacted the building inspector to put plans in place to rectify the situation.

8.2 **Campground Truck**

The GMC is at Mike Cochranes Garage; Awaiting quote on repairs.

8.3 **Municipal Dock Project**

Ottawa Valley Docks will soon be installing the new municipal docks at the lower waterways.

8.4 **Part-time Program Assistant Job Offer – NHSP**

No applications were received for the position.

Resolution 8.5 **NO-PARKING SIGNS**

CONSIDERING the high cost of shipping from Signel Services and the lack of resources to acquire road signs locally;

WHEREAS Amazon has french and english no-parking signs for under $25 each and offers free shipping;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council approves and authorizes the purchase of one 7" by 10" french no-parking sign and one 7" by 10" english no parking sign for a maximum of $50.00.

9. ROADS

Resolution 9.1 **COLD PATCH**

WHEREAS municipal roads with potholes need to be repaired;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council approves the expense of 3 tonnes of cold patch at a maximum expense of $600 and authorizes public works employee to use the F-250 and trailer to go pick up the cold patch at H&H Construction Inc. in Petawawa and charge it to the municipal account.

10. DUMP & GARBAGE

10.1 **Spring pickup report**

The spring pickup started on Monday, May 27th and took 5 days for employees to complete; 2 part-days (rain days) with 2 employees and 3 full days with 4 employees and 2 trucks.
4 full bins were sent out:

Date	**Cost** *(including tax)*	**Weight** *(Metric Tonnes)*
May 28th	$677.42	2.06 MT
May 30th	$1,335.09	2.22 MT & 1.84 MT
May 31st	$509.71	1.55 MT
Total:	**$2,522.22**	**7.67 MT**

11. TOWN HALL

Discussion 11.1 **Major Repairs Required**

It was recently brought to council's attention that mold was suspected due to water damage created by water infiltration through the roof. Samples were sent to a lab soon after only to confirm that there are indeed mold spores throughout the ceiling. Service Sinistre Outaouais, a disaster and restoration company who specializes in mold, was then brought in to conduct further testing and perform an inspection of the entire building. Their results concluded that the mold was spreading throughout the ceiling and that asbestos was also present. The air quality tests revealed that the hall was not a safety risk to workers or the public at this time, however the problem still needs to be addressed in a timely manner. They provided the council with a $187,107.95 quote and action plan for the demolition of the ceiling, followed by the decontamination of the entire building. The action plan involves quarantining each room off and doing them one by one, so offices can still safely be used during part of the project. Following that, the roof will need to be properly repaired and vented and a new ceiling installed. Council has been advised that no quote can be provided for these last 2 repairs until the ceiling is out and the damage can be properly assessed. The municipality currently has $313,554.00 in Gas Tax funds that can be put towards all repairs relating to the realisation of the pre-approved 'Town Hall Roof Project', but the work would have to be completed by December 31st, 2024, to receive the money from the Gas Tax.

12. MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Resolution **12.1 SALE OF 1996 GMC K25**

CONSIDERING the deadline for receiving sealed bids for the sale of the GMC K25 was Thursday May 23rd at 4:00 pm;

WHEREAS the highest bid received was from Pat Stewart for $1,500.00 plus $75.00 QST payable upon transfer to the SAAQ;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT the municipal council authorizes the director general, Alana Bowes, to sign the ownership of the 1996 GMC K25 over to Pat Stewart, following payment, on behalf of the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims;

13. CIVIL PROTECTION

14. ACTION PLAN

15. URBANISM & ZONING

Discussion 15.1 Trailers on residential lots

16. RECREATION & CULTURE

16.1 **Folklore show with Marc Audette on Friday, June 14th at 7pm**
Free event funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP). A late lunch will also be provided

Discussion 16.2 **Splash pad grand opening, Doug Rousselle memorial and St-Jean Baptiste celebrations on Saturday, June 22nd**

Discussion 16.3 **Splashpad – Open for the season**
Hours of operation and duration to be discussed.

17. CAMPGROUND & PICNIC AREA

Resolution? 17.1 **REQUEST TO RENT WEEKEND SITE FOR 2 MONTHS**

WHEREAS a request has been received by a local worker to rent one of the weekend sites for the months of July and August;

CONSIDERING all seasonal sites are full;

CONSIDERING this would leave the campground with one (1) weekend site for those 2 months;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council (*approves or declines*) the request;

If approved---------- **AND RESOLVED THAT** they be charged the monthly site rental fee, as indicated in the 2024 Camping McConnell price list, for each month;

If approved---------- **AND RESOLVED THAT** the total amount for July and August is $1,800, taxes included;

If approved---------- **AND RESOLVED THAT** half the amount be paid upfront, and the other half be paid before the month of August;

17.2 **Septic tanks**
Both septic tanks at the campground have been pumped by P&G Pumping.

18. STREET LIGHTS & ENVIRONMENT

19. BUILDING INSPECTOR
19.1 1 new renovation permit issued

20. MISCELLANEOUS

Resolution 20.1 **DG MEETING**

WHEREAS the next DG Meeting is at the MRC on Thursday, June 20th at 8:30am;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT Alana Bowes will attend the DG meeting (*virtually or in-person*);

AND RESOLVED THAT the municipal office will be closed and a public notice will be posted.

Resolution 20.2 **SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS**

CONSIDERING two (2) summer student positions need to be filled;

WHEREAS interviews were held on Tuesday, June 11th and recommendations have been given to council;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council hires _____ for the position of Administrative Assistant in the municipal office;

AND RESOLVED THAT council hires _____ for the position of Public Works;

AND RESOLVED THAT both students will earn the hourly wage of $15.75/hour;

AND RESOLVED THAT both successful applicants begin work on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, for the duration of eight (8) weeks.

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20.3 **INTER-PROVINCIAL MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT REQUEST**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2004, the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Quebec signed a health agreement entitled Asymmetrical Federalism that respects Quebec's jurisdiction, which allows for the existence of agreements and arrangements adapted to Quebec's specific situation;

WHEREAS Quebec's health care system is based on the principles of universality, accessibility, comprehensiveness, portability and public administration;

CONSIDERING the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims is isolated from the rest of the Pontiac as well as from the rest of the province of Quebec;

CONSIDERING the nearest hospital and drug store is located approximately 20 km east, in Deep River, Ontario;

CONSIDERING the ongoing hospital capacity crisis in Gatineau and Hull, Quebec;

WHEREAS residents of Rapides-des-Joachims requiring emergency procedures and surgeries are transported to Ottawa hospitals, such as the Ottawa General Hospital and CHEO;

WHEREAS the public plan does not cover prescription drugs purchased outside Québec. Thus, persons who obtain their drugs outside the province are not entitled to a reimbursement from RAMQ;

Moved by: Stephany Rauche
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT the municipal council of Rapides-des-Joachims formally requests that both the provincial and federal governments work together to revise the existing agreement between Ontario and Quebec health care and medical services to provide universal and accessible healthcare in Ontario and to reduce the financial burden imposed on Quebec residents;

AND RESOLVED THAT the council also requests that more Ontario pharmacies conclude agreements with RAMQ, particularly those near the Deep River and Ottawa hospitals;

AND RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the following parties for support: MRC de Pontiac, all municipalities located in the Pontiac, André Fortin, Sophie Chatel, the Centre Intégré de Santé et de Services Sociaux de l'Outaouais, the Régie de l'Assurance Maladie du Québec, the Minister of Health and Social Services in Québec, the Minister of Health of Ontario, the Minister of Health of Canada and Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau.

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20.4 **CALL FOR TENDER –**

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DECONTAMINATION OF TOWN HALL

WHEREAS the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims needs to submit a call for tender between $133,800.00 and $334,399.00 for the decontamination of mold and asbestos at Town Hall;

WHEREAS council authorizes director general, Alana Bowes, to act on behalf of the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims and post a public call for tender on the SEAO website;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT a public call for tender will be posted as well as a public notice and bids will be accepted electronically through the SEAO and in person at town hall during regular hours.

21. QUESTION PERIOD (15 minutes)

22. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution 22.1 Approval of expenses list between May 7, 2024 and June 10, 2024

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT Council approve and authorize the payment of expenses for the period between May 7, 2024 and June 10, 2024 for the amount of $58,368.92

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

Resolution 22.2 **DG VACATION REQUEST**

WHEREAS the director general requests one week of vacation on the week of August 4th 2024;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT the municipal office will be closed from Monday August 5th to Friday August 9th, 2024, apart from Tuesday, August 6th;

AND RESOLVED THAT the building inspector will be at the office Tuesday August 6th, open to the public from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm;

AND RESOLVED THAT a public notice will be posted;

AND RESOLVED THAT regular office hours will resume on Monday August 12th, 2024;

23. IN CAMERA

24. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

Resolution 24.1 Close the meeting of June 13, 2024