MUNICIPALITÉ DE RAPIDES-DES-JOACHIMS

AGENDA

Ordinary session of January 9, 2025

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
2.1 Adoption of the agenda of January 9th 2025

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT *(if applicable)*

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES
4.1 Adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 12, 2024

4.2 Adoption of the minutes of the special meeting held on December 19, 2024

5. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
5.1 Mayors report

6. CORRESPONDANCE *(10 minutes)*
6.1 Christmas Card to Council
6.2 Skating Rink
It has been suggested by a volunteer that the snowblower be stored in the municipal garage along with the gas can, for easier access to the well and pump inside the rink shack.

7. TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

7.1 **NOTICE OF MOTION OF BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-0109 DECREEING THE TAX RATE, TARIFFICATION AND THE IMPOSITION OF TAXES FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR**

A NOTICE OF MOTION is given by _____ to the effect that it will be presented at the present sitting, Draft By-law number 2025-0109 decreeing the tax rate, tariffication and the imposition of taxes for the 2025 fiscal year.

The draft By-law number 2025-0109 is filed and copies of the draft By-law have been made available to the public.

7.2 **DRAFT BY-LAW 2025-0109 RESPECTING THE IMPOSITION OF THE RATES OF PROPERTY TAX AND SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND THE CONDITIONS OF COLLECTION**

WHEREAS under section 244 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (L.R.Q., c, F-2.1), the municipality may fix several rates of the general property tax according to the categories to which belong evaluation units;

WHEREAS the content of article 252 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (L.R.Q., c, F-2.1), the Municipality can fix the number of installments;

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

WHEREAS it is necessary to impose and levy, by way of direct taxation on the taxable property within the (city) municipal territory and within the limits established by law, any sums of money necessary to cover operating and investing expenses or for any special purpose whatsoever within the limits of its powers;

WHEREAS a notice of motion given by _____ at this regular council sitting held on January 9, 2025 to the effect that the present draft By-Law be presented for adoption;

WHEREAS the council is considering By-Law No. 2025-0109 imposing the tax rate for the 2025 fiscal year;

THEREFORE, it is
Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT the municipal council of Rapides-des-Joachims enact the following:

7.3 **BY-LAW 2024-12 DECREEING THE REMUNERATION OF THE ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

WHEREAS the Act respecting the remuneration of municipal elected officials (RLRQ c. T-11.001) determines the powers of the council in setting remuneration;

WHEREAS by-law 2020-12-2 currently governs the remuneration of municipal elected officials;

WHEREAS the council wishes to adopt a new regulation relating to the remuneration of council members;

WHEREAS remuneration will be paid no later than 5 working days after the date of the municipal council sitting;

WHEREAS a notice of motion to present this by-law for adoption was given by Stephany Rauche at the regular sitting of council on December 12, 2024;

WHEREAS the draft By-Law 2024-12 was adopted at the regular sitting of council on December 12, 2024;

WHEREAS public notice was given on Friday, December 13, 2024 by the Rapides-des-Joachims Town Clerk, in accordance with article 9 of the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers;

WHEREAS this by-law comes into force retroactively from January 1, 2025;

Moved by: Stephany Rauche
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, INCLUDING THE VOTE OF THE MAYOR, THAT By-Law 2024-12 be adopted as follows:

7.4 **REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS TO THE DONATION AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY**

CONSIDERING The donation and sponsorship policy N°2022-04 requires that pre-approved annual donations be reviewed by council every 3 years;

WHEREAS councillor Stephany Rauche makes a motion to increase the annual Santa Claus parade donation from $100 to $200;

CONSIDERING this donation is put towards buying Christmas gifts for children in the village;

Moved by: Stephany Rauche
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT the municipal council of Rapides-des-Joachims increase the pre-approved annual donation to the Santa Claus parade to $200;

AND RESOLVED THAT the donation and sponsorship policy N°2022-04 be amended to include this increase.

7.5 ADMINISTRATIVE TOLERANCE – BY-LAW 2024-0715

CONSIDERING By-law 2024-0715 pertaining to the use of recreational vehicles and trailers on the territory of the municipality states in Section 9 that every trailer as of the date of coming into force of this By-law will have a maximum of thirty (30) days to conform and failure to comply could result in penalties;

CONSIDERING the accumulation of snow and ice will make it difficult for trailer owners to comply with the storage specifications, specifically within the 8-meter setback;

WHEREAS the municipal building inspector, in conformity with section 8 of the above-mentioned by-law, has given his recommendation to postpone the enforcement provisions of by-law 2024-0715 until May 1, 2025;

WHEREAS the proposed administrative tolerance would still give property owners thirty (30) days to comply with the by-law, bringing the compliance deadline to May 31, 2025;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council *approves/or/declines* the above-mentioned administrative tolerance for by-law 2024-0715;

AND RESOLVED THAT all property owners with trailers will have until May 31, 2025 to conform with by-law 2024-0715.

7.6 GAS TAX LOAN – CAISSE DESJARDINS

WHEREAS the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims requests a temporary loan from the Caisse Desjardins des Rivières de Pontiac;

WHEREAS the amount of the loan is $531,645.00, for the total of the TECQ 2024-2028;

WHEREAS the municipality must assume payments due for the work carried out as part of the project;

WHEREAS the loan will be repaid when the municipality has received the subsidies linked to the TECQ program for the period 2024-2028;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the general director, Alana Bowes and the mayor, Lucie Rivet Paquette to sign the related documents on behalf of the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims.

8. FOLLOW-UP

8.1 **2024 Santa Claus Parade**
Review of current voting strategy and suggestions for this year

8.2 **Community Skating Rink**
The rink is open and flooded thanks to volunteers. The outdoor lights at the rink are set on a timer from 5pm-10pm, however there have been some issues with the timer.

9. ROADS

10. DUMP & GARBAGE

11. TOWN HALL

12. MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

13. CIVIL PROTECTION

14. ACTION PLAN

15. URBANISM & ZONING

16. RECREATION & CULTURE

17. CAMPGROUND & PICNIC AREA

18. STREET LIGHTS & ENVIRONMENT

19. BUILDING INSPECTOR

20. MISCELLANEOUS

20.1 **JOB POSTING – PUBLIC WORKS**

CONSIDERING a position is open for a seasonal public works labourer for the 2025 season;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council authorizes director general, Alana Bowes, to post the job offer as permanent, seasonal for 35 hours/week at $18.00/hour with a start date of April 28th, 2025;

AND RESOLVED THAT the successful candidate be subject to a 3-month probationary period.

20.2 **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**
Nomination: Mario Gravel for his ongoing volunteer work flooding the rink this year.

21. QUESTION PERIOD *(15 minutes)*

22. ADMINISTRATION

22.1 Approval of expenses list between December 10, 2024 and January 8, 2025

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT Council approve and authorize the payment of expenses for the period between December 10, 2024 and January 8, 2025 for the amount of $277,864.08

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 2025 DG Performance Evaluation

23.2 Tenant Follow-up

24. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

24.1 Close the meeting of January 9th 2025