MUNICIPALITÉ DE RAPIDES-DES-JOACHIMS

AGENDA

Ordinary session of February 13, 2025

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2.1 Adoption of the agenda of February 13, 2025

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED adopted the agenda of February 13, 2025

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT *(if applicable)*

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution 4.1 Adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 9, 2025

Resolution 4.2 Adoption of the minutes of the special meeting held on January 21, 2025

5. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

5.1 Mayors report

6. CORRESPONDANCE *(10 minutes)*

6.1 Letter to council from employee

7. TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Resolution 7.1 **ADOPTION OF 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 it is necessary to impose and levy, by way of direct taxation on the taxable property within the 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 was given by Kelsey Daly at the regular council sitting held on January 9, 2025 to the effect that the present By-Law be presented for adoption;

WHEREAS draft by-law 2025-0109 pertaining to the 2025 taxation rate and services was read and adopted at the regular council sitting held on January 9, 2025;

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

THEREFORE, it is
Moved by:
Seconded by:

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

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SECTION 1 INTERPRETATION

ARTICLE 1.1

Unless otherwise stated, the following terms and expressions have the meaning and application in this by-law ascribed to them in this section:

a) “Residential immovables” means any dwelling, house, apartment, private residence, cottage, summer home, or other location ordinarily occupied or intended for occupancy as a place of residence by one or more persons, whether or not the location is actually occupied;

b) “Commercial immovables” means any location in which an economic or administrative activity in matters of finance, trade, or services; a calling; an art; a profession; or any other activity constituting a means of profit, gain or livelihood, except an employment or charge, is carried out;

SECTION 2 GENERAL TAX RATE 2025

ARTICLE 2.1

That the general mill rate of $0.57 per $100 value stated in the evaluation role, be implemented for the 2025 fiscal year on all taxable immovables situated in the municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims.

SECTION 3 COMPENSATION – GARBAGE FEES

ARTICLE 3.1

In order to provide for the expenses related to the collection, transportation, and disposal of domestic and similar waste in the municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims, a compensation is imposed and levied for the 2025 fiscal year on all of the following units within the municipality:

a) Residential units: $0
b) Commercial units: $250

SECTION 4 INTEREST AND FEES

ARTICLE 4.1

From the time that the taxes are in arrears *(30 days)*, the unpaid balances will incur interest at the annual rate of 12%

ARTICLE 4.2

A $30 administrative fee shall be charged to the payer of a cheque or other form of payment to the municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims if that form of payment is denied by the financial institution.

SECTION 5 PAYMENT DATES 2025

ARTICLE 5.1

Debtors owing municipal taxes for 2025 have the right to pay in 3 equal installments:

a) The first of which represents 34% of the total and is due thirty (30) days after the tax bill is mailed

b) The second of which represents 33% of the total and is due ninety (90) days after the first installment

c) The third of which represents 33% of the total and is due sixty (60) days after the second installment

ARTICLE 5.2
To qualify for payment in installments, the debtor must receive a tax bill equal to or greater than $300 for each unit of assessment.

ARTICLE 5.3
If a payment is not made within the time limit, then only the amount of the overdue payment is immediately due and payable and bears interest.

The dates of the payments will be respectively:

- April 1st 2025
- July 1st 2025
- September 1st 2025

SECTION 6 COMING IN TO EFFECT
This by-law will come into force in conformity with the law

7.2 **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
All members of council have submitted their pecuniary interest forms during this regular sitting of council

8. FOLLOW-UP

8.1 **Skating Rink – Outdoor lights**
The electrician will be assessing the issue and providing a quote for repairs in the coming week.

8.2 **Temporary Loan for Gas Tax (TECQ 2024-2028)**
The municipality has been approved for the temporary loan for the TECQ grant through Caisse Desjardins. Documents have been signed by the mayor and the director general.

8.3 **Chainsaw Course – Public Works Employee**
The public works employee has successfully completed the Professional Chainsaw Operating course, held on January 23rd and 24th 2025. This two-day training program teaches Participants to fell and limb timber under a variety of conditions, using special techniques and felling aids when required. They learn to identify and practice dealing appropriately with various hazardous conditions associated with professional chainsaw operation.

9. ROADS

10. DUMP & GARBAGE

11. TOWN HALL

11.1 **Town Hall – Interior Reconstruction Work**
The remediation of Town Hall is still ongoing. Originally planned to be completed by February 21st 2025, as per the contract agreement, the uncovering of additional mandatory work such as the re-wiring of the building has brought the new anticipated completion date to the end of February-beginning of March.

12. MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

13. CIVIL PROTECTION

14. ACTION PLAN

15. URBANISM & ZONING

16. RECREATION & CULTURE

16.1 **Upcoming NHSP Activities – held at the Community Center**

- Floral Arrangement Workshop on February 18 at 6pm
- Glass Fusing Workshop on February 27 at 1pm
- Pysanky Egg Workshop on March 4 at 11am
- Garden Stepping Stone Workshop on March 19 at 1pm

17. CAMPGROUND & PICNIC AREA

Resolution 17.1 **2025 CAMPGROUND SEASON**

CONSIDERING By-Law 2024-0502 establishes the fees and regulations for Camping McConnel;

CONSIDERING Camping McConnell opens on the long weekend in May and ends on the long weekend in October;

WHEREAS the 2025 Camping McConnell season will begin on Friday, May 16, 2025 and end on Sunday, October 12, 2025;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council approves the 2025 season dates and authorizes director general, Alana Bowes, to notify all seasonal campers.

18. STREET LIGHTS & ENVIRONMENT

18.1 **Streetlights**

The electrician will be repairing the street lights in the coming week

19. BUILDING INSPECTOR

20. MISCELLANEOUS

Resolution 20.1 **RESCINDMENT OF JOB POSTING – PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS Resolution N°20240109-09 adopted at the regular council meeting held on January 9, 2025;

CONSIDERING the resolution approved a job opening for a seasonal public works labourer for the 2025 season;
CONSIDERING the job opening is no longer available due to a returning employee and budgetary restrictions;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council rescinds resolution N°20240109-09 for the public works seasonal position.

21. QUESTION PERIOD *(15 minutes)*

22. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution 22.1 Approval of expenses list between January 9, 2025 and February 10, 2025

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT Council approve and authorize the payment of expenses for the period between January 9, 2025 and February 10, 2025 for the amount of $40,251.60

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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

Alana Bowes
Clerk-Treasurer

23. IN CAMERA

23.1 DG Performance Evaluation 2025

23.2 Employees

24. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

Resolution 24.1 Close the meeting of February 13, 2025 at: