MUNICIPALITÉ DE RAPIDES-DES-JOACHIMS

AGENDA

Ordinary session of March 13, 2025

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2.1 Adoption of the agenda of March 13, 2025

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED adopted the agenda of March 13, 2025

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT *(if applicable)*

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution 4.1 Adoption of the minutes of the special meeting held on February 7, 2025

Resolution 4.2 Adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 20, 2025

5. MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

5.1 Mayors Report
5.2 DG Report

6. CORRESPONDANCE *(10 minutes)*

6.1 **Letter from Pontiac Bursaries – Donation Request**
Pontiac Bursaries is a community organization who supports and motivates Pontiac students to pursue a post-secondary education by awarding $1,000 bursaries. Last year, they awarded 40 bursaries of $1,000 each.

Draft Resolution ***WHEREAS*** *Pontiac Bursaries is currently requesting donations to be put towards 2025 bursaries that are awarded to local Pontiac students;*

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT *council authorizes a donation of $_____ made to Pontiac Bursaries.*

7. TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Resolution 7.1 **GAS TAX PROJECT N°04**

WHEREAS The municipality has read the Guide to the terms and conditions for the payment of the government contribution under the Gas Tax Program and the Quebec Contribution (TECQ) for the years 2019 to 2024;

WHEREAS The municipality must comply with the terms and conditions of this guide that apply to it in order to receive the government contribution that was confirmed in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the guide that apply to it;

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality undertakes to be solely responsible and to hold harmless the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec as well as their ministers, senior officials, employees and agents from any and all liability for claims, demands, losses, damages and costs of any kind based on an injury inflicted on a person, the death of that person, damage to property or loss of property attributable to a deliberate or negligent act resulting directly or indirectly from investments made through the financial assistance obtained under the 2019-2024 TECQ program;

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality approves the content and authorizes the sending to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the attached work program version N°04 and all other documents required by the Ministry in order to receive the government contribution confirmed to it in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality undertakes to meet the minimum capital asset threshold imposed on it for the entire five years of the program;

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality undertakes to inform the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of any changes that will be made to the work program approved by this resolution.

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality hereby certifies that the work program version N°04 herewith includes true realized costs.

Resolution

7.2 **GAS TAX PROJECT N°05**

WHEREAS The municipality has read the Guide to the terms and conditions for the payment of the government contribution under the Gas Tax Program and the Quebec Contribution (TECQ) for the years 2024 to 2028;

WHEREAS The municipality must comply with the terms and conditions of this guide that apply to it in order to receive the government contribution that was confirmed in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the guide that apply to it;

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality undertakes to be solely responsible and to hold harmless the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec as well as their ministers, senior officials, employees and agents from any and all liability for claims, demands, losses, damages and costs of any kind based on an injury inflicted on a person, the death of that person, damage to property or loss of property attributable to a deliberate or negligent act resulting directly or indirectly from investments made through the financial assistance obtained under the 2024-2028 TECQ program;

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality approves the content and authorizes the sending to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the attached work program version N°05 and all other documents required by the Ministry in order to receive the government contribution confirmed to it in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality undertakes to meet the minimum capital asset threshold imposed on it for the entire five years of the program;

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality undertakes to inform the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of any changes that will be made to the work program approved by this resolution.

AND RESOLVED THAT The municipality hereby certifies that the work program version N°05 herewith includes true realized costs.

Resolution

7.3 **DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS following the adoption of draft By-Law 2023-124, it is necessary to create and maintain a demolition applications committee;

WHEREAS in accordance with Article 148.0.3 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (chapter A 19.1), The council must establish a committee to authorize applications for demolition and to exercise any other powers conferred on it by this chapter;

WHEREAS this committee shall be composed of three council members designated by the council for one year. Their term is renewable.

WHEREAS the following councillors are currently on the demolition applications committee;

1. Kelsey Daly
2. Stephany Rauche
3. Ann Gagnon

THEREFORE, it is

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT the council of Rapides-des-Joachims designates the following councillors for the Demolition Application Committee:

1.
2.
3.

AND RESOLVED THAT council will review the committee at the regular sitting of council in December of 2025.

Resolution

7.4 **MUNICIPAL VEHICLES – PLATE RENEWAL**

WHEREAS it is necessary to renew the registration on all municipal vehicles through the SAAQ;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the Director General, Alana Bowes, to sign and pay, for and in the name of the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims, all documents and fees relating to the registration renewal of the following vehicles:

- 2016 Ford F-250;
- 2006 GMC Sierra;

8. FOLLOW-UP

8.1 **2025 Property tax bills & correspondence**

Property tax bills were sent out on Friday, February 28th along with the respective notices of assessment, a notice advising taxpayers of an upcoming office closure and another notice accompanied by corresponding application forms for registration on the list of electors for all non-residents relating to this year's general municipal election on November 2, 2025. These forms allow non-residents who own property in Rapides-des-Joachims the opportunity to register themselves (sole owner) or designate one owner (co-ownership) on the list of electors or the referendum list. The application for registration on the list of electors or power of attorney remains valid until it is replaced or withdrawn. If you want to replace or withdraw an existing application or power of attorney, please contact the returning officer, Alana Bowes.

8.2 **New Horizons for Seniors Program**

No news yet on whether the Municipality was approved for the NHSP grant yet. I have been advised by their team that we would hear by the end of March.

9. ROADS

Resolution 9.1 **NO PARKING SIGNS**

CONSIDERING By-Law S.Q. 2023-01 concerning parking enforceable by the Sûreté du Québec;

WHEREAS the municipality does not currently have any no parking signs on Chemin Dumoine leading to the ZEC;

WHEREAS council deems it appropriate, essential, and in the public interest to install such signs;

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the purchase of one (1) bilingual no parking sign to be installed on Chemin Dumoine leading to the ZEC Rapides-des-Joachims;

AND RESOLVED THAT *the no parking sign be installed and enforced from November to April and between the hours of 7pm and 10am*

10. DUMP & GARBAGE

10.1 **Battery Recycling Depot**

The 'Recycle Your Batteries, Canada!' Program, powered by Call2Recycle, has sent the Municipality a battery collection box for the collection and recycling of household batteries. The recycling box is currently located in the municipal office as it has to be stored in a cool, dry location where it can be closely monitored. **Please note that the program does NOT accept car batteries.**

11. TOWN HALL

11.1 **Town Hall Remediation 2024-RDJ-04**

The work on Town Hall is now complete and offices are open to the public again. The project took a total of 6 months to complete which included mold and asbestos removal, the insulation and repair of the roof, new ceilings and LED lighting throughout the building, the re-wiring of the electrical throughout the building as well as a fresh coat of paint. The total cost of the project came to $725,567.87; The 2019-2024 Gas Tax covered $343,383.11 and

the remaining $382,184.76 is being covered under the 2024-2028 Gas Tax. This leaves the Municipality a total of $149, 460.24 to use for another project eligible under the 2024-2029 Gas Tax.

Discussion

11.2 **Additional Expenses 2024-RDJ-04**
Following the completion of project 2024-RDJ-04, Service Sinistre has requested that the Municipality pay the difference in electrician costs that were required to complete the re-wiring of the building in conformity with the law.

11.3 **Municipal Office Closure**
The municipal office will be closed the week of March 30th, with the exception of Tuesday, April 1st where the municipal building inspector will be in office from 9am-12pm an 1pm-3pm. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday April 8th. A notice has been sent out with each property tax bill to advise residents of the office closure.

12. MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

13. CIVIL PROTECTION

14. ACTION PLAN

15. URBANISM & ZONING

16. RECREATION & CULTURE

16.1 **Upcoming NHSP activities:**

- Stepping Stone Workshop with Juby Jewels being held at the Community Center on March 18th at 11am
- Yoga classes with Priscilla from Intentions Wellness are being held throughout March at Town Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Saturdays at 10am.

17. CAMPGROUND & PICNIC AREA

18. STREET LIGHTS & ENVIRONMENT

18.1 The streetlights have been repaired.

19. BUILDING INSPECTOR

20. MISCELLANEOUS

21. QUESTION PERIOD *(15 minutes)*

22. ADMINISTRATION

Resolution

22.1 Approval of expenses list between February 11, 2025 and March 10, 2025

Moved by:
Seconded by:

AND RESOLVED THAT Council approve and authorize the payment of expenses for the period between February 11, 2025 and March 10, 2025 for the amount of $81,607.14

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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 Employees

24. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

Resolution 24.1 Close the meeting of March 13, 2025