

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood, held this **2nd day of April 2024,** 10 Jondee, Danford Lake, Quebec, J0X 1P0.

PRESENT:	Mayor	Carl Mayer	
	Councillors	Susan Tanner	Guy Bergeron
		Sidney Squitti	James Giroux
		Mona Giroux	Darryl Mayer

The Director General, Isabelle Cardinal, and eight (8) guests were also present.

1. Opening of Meeting

Mayor Mayer acknowledges quorum and declares the meeting is officially opened at 6:30 P.M.

2. Approval of Agenda

052-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the agenda be approved with additions.

Adopted

3. Approval of the Minutes

Regular meeting held March 11th, 2024

053-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the March 11th, 2024, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public were concerned with the comparative factor showing on the notice of assessment sent with the 2024 tax bill. They had many questions regarding the process of the determination of this factor, the role of the Municipality in this process and what can the Municipality do in order to lower this factor.

5. ADMINISTRATION

MRC Report

Comparative Factor

WHEREAS The Municipal Council of Alleyn and Cawood is aware of the comparative factor of 3.7 and the effect this will have on the evaluations of property owners. This factor has been approved by MAMH (Ministère des affaires municipales et de l’habitation) and will be challenged.

WHEREAS The Municipal Council of Alleyn and Cawood has held discussions on how this factor will impact ratepayers in 2025 as the new triennial roll will be deposited at the Municipality.

- WHEREAS** The Municipal Council of Alleyn and Cawood has held discussions regarding lowering the mill rate significantly in order to balance the tax bill.
- WHEREAS** The Municipal Council will be publishing a Newsletter in order to inform ratepayers on this comparative factor and the procedure of the new triennial roll.
- WHEREAS** The Municipal Council encourages all ratepayers that are affected by this drastic increase in property assessment to email the Director General and explain how this will impact them. These emails will be part of the file that will be presented during meetings with different government agencies and assist the Municipality in challenging this increase.

54-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously;

THAT The Municipal Council will be requesting meetings with MP André Fortin, the MRC Pontiac evaluator Carl Provencher and MAMH to seek options and to challenge the increase evaluation.

THAT The Municipal Council will keep ratepayers informed by publishing Newsletters on our website and Facebook page.

Adopted

Adoption of By-Law 2024-005 Trailer

055-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the By-Law 2024-005 Trailer be adopted as presented to Council.

Adopted

Adoption of By-Law 2024-012 Remuneration of Elected Official

056-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the By-Law 2024-012 Remuneration of Elected Official be adopted as presented to Council.

Adopted

Modification of Tender Used Grader

057-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Darryl Mayer

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality will be publishing a call for tender for a used grader. Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope entitled **“Grader Tender”**:

Closing date: **no later than Wednesday, April 19th, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**

Bid opening date: **April 19th, 2024 at 3:15 p.m.**

Bid Submission Location: 10 chemin Jondee
Danford Lake, Qc
J0X 1P0

Adopted

6. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of March \$35,061.23

058-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$35,061.23 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of March: \$26,226.25

059-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$26,226.25 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of March: \$195.30

060-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Darryl Mayer

And, resolved unanimously that the list of petty cash for March 2024, in the amount of \$195.30 be approved as presented.

Adopted

I, Isabelle Cardinal, Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood do hereby certify there are sufficient funds to cover the following resolutions: 058-04-2024, 059-04-2024 and 060-04-2024

7. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE & COMMUNICATION

Councillors Mona Giroux and Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti presented the report of the Finance and Administration Committee to Council. The committee reviewed the bills for the month and reviewed the Newsletters regarding the Comparative Factor. The committee also worked on a few tax bills in order to predict the mill rate if these evaluations are in effect with the new triennial roll.

8. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner, Sidney Squitti & Darryl Mayer

Councillor Squitti presented the report of the Urbanism and Environment Committee. The Municipal Inspector presented a quarterly report to the committee regarding permit activity. The committee also worked on a few proposed By-Laws that will be coming up. An update was also given to the committee regarding the RSVL program for Summer 2025. The Municipal Inspector will be attending training in the months of April and May.

9. ASSOCIATIONS (Seniors, Bethany Hall, Churches, Cenotaph, Cottages, and Recreation)

Councillors Mona Giroux, Sidney Squitti and Guy Bergeron

10. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY

Councillors Guy Bergeron, Darryl Mayer & James Giroux

11. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN

Councillors Sidney Squitti & Guy Bergeron

Councillor Squitti presented the report for the Municipal Properties and Mont O'Brien Committee. The committee worked on finalizing the plan for the gym in the basement of the addition. The committee also worked on the plan for the development of Henry Heeney Memorial Park in order to finalize the work to be completed for the FFR 4 grant received from MRC Pontiac.

12. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner & Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti presented the report for the Summer Camp, Leisure, Library and Youth Committee. The committee reviewed the documentation included in the package for Summer Camp registration and the job descriptions. The committee also proposed to Council that for the month of August registration will be available on a weekly basis since registration numbers are usually lower than the month of July.

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. CORRESPONDANCE

15. QUESTION PERIOD

16. MISCELLANEOUS

17. ADJOURNMENT

061-04-2024

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Adopted



Carl Mayer, Mayor



Isabelle Cardinal, Director General and Secretary Treasurer