

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood held this **3rd day of September 2024**, 10 chemin 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 six (6) 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. **Declaration – Use of the Language of Choice**  
The Declaration of use of language was read by Mayor Mayer.
- 3. **Approval of Agenda**

137-09-2024  
**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**  
And, resolved unanimously that the agenda be approved with additions.

**Adopted**

- 4. **Declaration of Decorum**  
The declaration of Decorum was read by Councillor Squitti.
- 5. **Declaration of interest or conflict**  
No declaration of interest or conflict
- 6. **Approval of the Minutes**

**Regular meeting held August 6th, 2024**

138-09-2024  
**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**  
And, resolved unanimously that the August 6th, 2024, minutes be approved with modifications.

**Adopted**

**Business arising from Minutes.**

- 7. **QUESTION PERIOD**  
Presentation by Angela Giroux, Chair of the Evaluation Task Force addressing the By-Law for the MRC Pontiac for the Calculation of the share
- 8. **ADMINISTRATION**

**MRC Pontiac Report**  
Slaughterhouse  
Terry Fox in Shawville

**Adoption of By-Law 2024-013 Civic Number in Subdivision**  
139-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**

And, resolved unanimously that the 2024-013 By-Law for Civic Numbers in Subdivision be adopted as presented.

**Adoption By-Law 2024-014 Trailer in new subdivision**  
140-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the 2024-014 By Law for Trailers be adopted as presented.

**Adopted**

**Resolution Requesting Compensation from the MRC Pontiac for the Shares of the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood**

- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood has experienced a significant financial burden due to the application of the *comparative factor* in the calculation of its shares with the MRC Pontiac;
- WHEREAS** this issue of charging MRC shares based on the comparative factor was first raised in 2022, when the Municipality of Chichester experienced a doubling of its contributions due to this factor;
- WHEREAS** the financial burden created by the comparative factor has disproportionately impacted smaller municipalities such as Alleyn and Cawood, putting additional strain on the local budgets;
- WHEREAS** the Municipal Council had to cut services in order to budget the extra \$176,000 in shares in order not to raise taxes and financially impact the ratepayers;
- WHEREAS** the evaluation for the municipality according to the new 2025 triennial role is \$143,894,900 which would result in an amount of \$150,657.96 for shares for 2024;
- WHEREAS** the MRC Pontiac has accumulated a surplus over the years, which could be used to provide financial relief to the affected municipalities;
- WHEREAS** the MRC Pontiac has recently allocated \$200,000 from the surplus to the maintenance of the roads in the TNO;

**THEREFORE,**

141-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood formally requests that the MRC Pontiac compensate the Municipality with a portion of the accumulative surplus to offset the financial burden caused by the comparative factor. We are asking that the difference between the amount invoiced: \$289,148 and the amount with the new role:

\$150,657.96 be reimbursed, for a total reimbursement of \$138,490.04;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood urges the MRC Pontiac to reconsider the formula used to calculate shares by adopting the by-law presented by the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood which would remove the comparative factor. This bylaw takes into consideration the disproportionate impact the current calculation has on smaller municipalities, to ensure a more equitable distribution of financial responsibility in the future.

**Adopted**

**ADMQ Conference**  
142-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**

And, resolved unanimously that Director General, Isabelle Cardinal, participate in the ADMQ Conference on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Adopted**

**National Assembly**  
143-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality will cover the cost of travel, hotel and meals for Director General, Isabelle Cardinal and Task Force Members Yann Baillargeon and Julie Vaux to go in person to the National Assembly when the Petition will be presented by Andre Fortin.

**Fire Cover Agreement with Kazabazua**  
144-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood received the resolution #2024-08-161 of the Municipality of Kazabazua regarding the renewal of the Fire Coverage Agreement. The committee members for the municipality of Alleyn and Cawood are Mayor, Carl Mayer, Director General, Isabelle Cardinal and 2 councillors.

**Adopted**

**Offer of Purchase Generator – Municipality Kazabazua**  
145-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood accept the offer from the Municipality of Kazabazua for the purchase of the generator for the amount of \$12,500. The Municipality of Kazabazua will be responsible for the moving of the generator.

**Adopted**

**Purchase of Generator**

146-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality will be purchasing a generator that will work on the tractor. The budget for this purchase will be \$15,000.

**Adopted**

**9. FINANCE**

**Accounts paid for the month of August: \$124,877.04**

147-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$124,877.04 be approved.

**Adopted**

**Accounts payable for the month of August: \$42,727.24**

148-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$123,733.89 be approved.

**Adopted**

**Petty Cash for the month of August: \$186.60**

149-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Darryl Mayer**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of petty cash for August 2024, in the amount of \$186.60 be approved as presented.

**Adopted**

**10. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE, COMMUNICATION & HUMAN RESOURCES**

*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 Visa statement for the month of June. The Human Resources will be added to the portfolio. Currently preparing a newsletter to give an update regarding the evaluation situation and explain how ratepayers will be able to look up their 2025 assessment.

**11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT**

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

Councillor Squitti presented the report for the committee. A report was presented to Council showing a total of 148 permit so far this year. In the last month a total of 15 permits were issued. Inspector meeting in the Pontiac is coming up. A total of \$30,000 was invoiced for Mutations. Also, working on collecting data from the lake testing and issuing civic numbers to every lot in subdivisions.

**12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY**

*Councillors Guy Bergeron, Darryl Mayer & James Giroux*  
Meeting coming in the next few weeks to get organized for snowplowing season

**13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN**

*Councillors Sidney Squitti & Guy Bergeron*

Councillor Squitti and Councillor Bergeron gave a report. Outhouses have been received, continuing the renovations in library and council room, cement in basement, HHMP parking finalized this week. MOB road needs work however it is passable. Will form an Association MOB next year.

**14. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH**

*Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner & Sidney Squitti*

Councillor Squitti presented the report for the committee. The Summer Camp is now over, we had a successful year. We are currently planning the grand opening of the library.

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

*Councillors Mona Giroux, Sidney Squitti and Guy Bergeron*

Councillor Mona Giroux informed Council and the public that Bethany Hall is having a Thanksgiving supper on October 14. The Senior's Christmas supper will be on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Councillor Squitti informed the Council and the public that the DLRA will not be hosting a mud run this year and that the George Lake Association support the petition.

**16. NEW BUSINESS**

**17. CORRESPONDANCE**

**Request of reimbursement for replacement of culvert**

150-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality reimburse the cost of the work for the replacement of a culvert that was damaged by municipal equipment in the amount of \$1,281.42 to Cindy Bertrand.

**Adopted**

**18. QUESTION PERIOD**

Angela Giroux inquired about the music festival  
Denise Renaud inquired about the subdivision  
Maggie Holmes asked if the municipality could install additional speed limit signs on Cawood Ouest.

**19. MISCELLANEOUS**

**I, Isabelle Cardinal, Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood do hereby certify there are sufficient funds to cover the following resolutions: 142-09-2024, 143-09-2024, 146-09-2024, 147-09-2024, 148-09-2024 and 150-09-2024**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

151-09-2024

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Adopted**



**Carl Mayer, Mayor**



**Isabelle Cardinal, Director General  
and Secretary Treasurer**