

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood held this **13th day of January 2025**, 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 (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 Director General, Isabelle Cardinal.
- 3. **Approval of Agenda**

001-01-2025

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 Bergeron
- 5. **Declaration of interest or conflict**
No declaration of interest or conflict
- 6. **Approval of the Minutes**

November 12, 2024

002-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux
And, resolved unanimously that the November 12, 2024, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

December 16, 2024

003-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron
And, resolved unanimously that the December 16, 2024, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

December 23, 2024

004-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti
And, resolved unanimously that the December 23, 2024, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Angela Giroux inquires about the By-Law adopted by the MRC Pontiac regarding the calculation of the shares and the interest.

8. ADMINISTRATION

MRC Pontiac Report

Pecuniary Interest of Council

Postponed to the following Council meeting

Update – Emergency Measures Plan

005-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that the Emergency Measures Plan has been updated.

Adopted

Calendar of Meetings for 2025

006-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the calendar of meetings for 2025 is approved as presented:

Monday, January 13, 2025
Monday, February 3, 2025
Monday, March 3, 2025
Monday, April 7, 2025
Monday, May 5, 2025
Monday, June 2, 2025
Monday, July 7, 2025
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Monday, October 6, 2025
Monday, November 3, 2025
Monday, December 1, 2025

Adopted

Resolution for Réseau Biblio – Councillor

007-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the Councillors responsible for the library portfolio are Councillor Mona Giroux, Squitti and Tanner.

Adopted

Offer of services Cain Lamarre

Resolution was adopted at the November Council meeting

2025 Taxation

008-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the installments for payment of the 2025 taxation year are April 15th, June 15th, August 15th and October 15th. The interest charge will be 8% annually.

Adopted

Resolution Requesting the Revision of School Boundaries for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood

WHEREAS The residents of the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood are currently limited by existing school board boundaries when selecting educational institutions for their children, which restricts access to certain desired schools;

WHEREAS The Western Quebec School Board and Commission Scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l’Outaouais oversee the placement of boundaries that impact access to English and French education for our municipality's students;

WHEREAS The Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood seeks to provide equitable access to education by allowing families the opportunity to send their children to:

- 1. The English school in the Pontiac, under the Western Quebec School Board; and
- 2. The French school in the Pontiac, under Commission Scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais;

WHEREAS The schools in these locations offer specialized programs, such as Firefighter 1 and Welding, which can directly support and enhance local community development, particularly addressing the municipality’s current shortage of firefighters;

009-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti
And, resolved unanimously;

THAT the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood formally request that the Western Quebec School Board and Commission Scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais collaborate to revise the existing school board boundaries to include Alleyn and Cawood within the catchment areas of the English school in Shawville and the French school in Otter Lake and Fort-Coulonge.

Be it further resolved

THAT this revision will ensure that students from Alleyn and Cawood can access programs that align with community needs, providing them with opportunities to contribute to vital services, such as firefighting and skilled trades, thereby strengthening the municipality as a whole.

Adopted

Resolution Requesting Municipal Affairs to Accept an Alternative Calculation for Mutation Tax in the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood

WHEREAS the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood is required, as per the *Act Respecting Duties on Transfers of Immovables*, to calculate the basis of imposition for transfer duties shall be the greatest of the following amounts:

- 1. the amount of the consideration furnished for the transfer of the immovable;
- 2. the amount of the consideration stipulated for the transfer of the immovable;
- 3. the amount of the market value of the immovable at the time of its transfer.

- WHEREAS** the standardized comparative factor currently applied results in inflated and unrealistic municipal evaluations, which do not **accurately reflect the true market value of properties;**
- WHEREAS** this discrepancy places an undue financial burden on ratepayers, who are taxed on inflated property values that are not representative of **actual market conditions;**
- WHEREAS** fairness and equity should be paramount in the administration of municipal taxation to ensure ratepayers are not unfairly penalized due to systemic issues in the evaluation process;

010-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously:

- THAT** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood formally requests that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs accept the use of the highest price between the municipal evaluation and the sale price, adjusted for the realistic comparative factor, when calculating the mutation tax;
- THAT** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood urges Municipal Affairs to review the standardized comparative factor to ensure it aligns more closely with market realities and supports equitable taxation practices.
- THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, local representatives, and any relevant bodies for consideration and action.

Adopted

9. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of November

011-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$62,037.51 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts paid for the month of December

012-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of December 2024 in the amount of \$84,084.42 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of November

013-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Darryl Mayer

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$110,060.12 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of December

014-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of December 2024 in the amount of \$85,361.79 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of November
015-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the list of petty cash for November 2024, in the amount of \$186.90 be approved as presented.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of December
015-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the list of petty cash for December 2024, in the amount of \$186.90 be approved as presented.

Adopted

10. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE & COMMUNICATION & HR
Councillors Mona Giroux and Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti presented the report for the Finance, Administration, and HR Portfolio. The invoices for the month have been reviewed for the months of December and January.

11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT
Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner, Sidney Squitti & Darryl Mayer

The Director General provided a brief report; preparations are underway for the lake water testing documentation and the review of the renovation by-law.

12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY
Councillors Guy Bergeron, Darryl Mayer & James Giroux

13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN
Councillors Sidney Squitti & Guy Bergeron

14. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH
Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner & Sidney Squitti

Sheila is currently following training to the library.

15. ASSOCIATIONS (Seniors, Bethany Hall, Churches, Cenotaph, Cottages, and Recreation)
Councillors Mona Giroux, Sidney Squitti and Guy Bergeron

Councillor Squitti invites the community to celebrate the upcoming Carnival on January 25th! Enjoy a full day of fun-filled activities, including a magician, face painting, and a cash canteen. At the park, take part in skating, sliding, and cross-country skiing.

In the evening, the festivities continue with live entertainment by *The Midnight Ramblers*, a 50/50 draw, and raffles for the *Basket of Cheers* and a *Box Social*.

We also encourage community members to contribute by donating a box or an item for the *Basket of Cheers*.

Councillor Bergeron informs the public that Bethany Hall is temporarily pausing the receiving of donations as they have received a large volume recently. They would like time to organize everything before accepting more. Thank you all for your generosity! The thrift shop is doing very well.

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. CORRESPONDANCE

Request of donation by the Kazabazua Volunteer Fire Fighters

This request will be tables for three months.

Cindy Peck, Light at Creekside Lane

The Director General will have a meeting with the ratepayer in order to resolve the issue.

18. QUESTION PERIOD

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: 011-01-2025; 012-01-2025; 013-01-2025; 014-01-2025; 015-01-2025;

20. ADJOURNMENT

016-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Adopted



Carl Mayer, Mayor



Isabelle Cardinal, Director General and Secretary Treasurer