

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleen and Cawood held this **3rd day of February 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 nine (9) 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**

022-02-2025
PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner
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**

Regular meeting held January 13th, 2025
023-02-2025
PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti
And, resolved unanimously that the January 13th, 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Special meeting held January 19th, 2025
024-02-2025
PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti
And, resolved unanimously that the January 19th, 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Angela Giroux inquired about the meeting on January 28th at the MRC Pontiac with Charles Lepoutre.

Angela Giroux also spoke about the quote in The Equity from the Mayor. She recommends that Pro-Mayor Squitti represent the Municipality at the next MRC Pontiac meeting.

Complaint Regarding Comments Made by an MRC Pontiac Employee Resolution

WHEREAS a comment made by an employee of the MRC Pontiac during the meeting of January 28th, in the presence of all the Mayors, called into question the credibility and expertise of an individual;

025-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously the Council formally submit an official complaint regarding this matter.

Adopted

8. ADMINISTRATION

MRC Pontiac Report

Quote Traffic Logic

026-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that the quote for the contract of three (3) years be approved in the amount of \$2,400 before applicable taxes.

Adopted

Cellphone Coverage

WHEREAS access to reliable communication services is essential for public safety, emergency response, and economic development;

WHEREAS many small rural communities, including ours, experience little to no cellular coverage, making it impossible to contact emergency services (911) in times of need;

WHEREAS Bell and other telecommunications providers are in the process of removing copper wire infrastructure, leaving residents without traditional landline services unless they have access to fiber-optic networks, which are not universally available;

WHEREAS the absence of both reliable cellular coverage and landline services poses a significant risk to residents, particularly vulnerable populations, in emergency situations;

WHEREAS the provincial government has previously launched financial programs to support the expansion of broadband internet to underserved rural communities;

027-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, unanimously resolved;

THAT the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood urges the provincial government to establish a financial assistance program specifically aimed at supporting cellular providers in the installation of cell towers and network infrastructure in underserved rural areas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT this program should be modeled after the existing broadband expansion initiatives, ensuring that all residents—regardless of geographic location—have access to reliable communication services for both daily use and emergency situations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of MAMH, our local Member of the Provincial Parliament, The MRC Pontiac and other municipalities in the province of Quebec.

Adopted

Chemin de la Sérénité

028-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that Council approves the name for Chemin de la Sérénité. The municipality will be registering this new road with *Toponomie du Québec*.

Adopted

Gibson Estates

This item will be tabled until next month. Council is requesting more information to make a decision.

Tanner Estates

This item will be tabled until next month. Council is requesting more information to make a decision.

Resolution Regarding the Calculation of Municipal Taxes

WHEREAS municipal taxes should not be calculated solely based on the evaluation of buildings and land;

WHEREAS various factors can impact the taxes charged to a property, including the services provided (e.g., waste collection), distance from the municipal office, and whether the property is located on a municipal road, private road, or provincial road;

WHEREAS Charles Lepoutre, Accredited Evaluator, has presented that multiple factors influence property taxation;

WHEREAS the municipality aims to be proactive in this initiative and take a leadership role in implementing a new calculation method known as the **Right of Way (ROW) method**;

029-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously:

THAT the municipality will begin developing a database to collect and manage pertinent information on each individual property to ensure a more equitable and comprehensive taxation system.

Adopted

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS, AND PROCEEDINGS REGARDING THE LEGAL SITUATION WITH THE MRC PONTIAC

WHEREAS the Municipality is currently engaged in a legal situation with the MRC Pontiac concerning the payment of the 2024 shares;

WHEREAS it is necessary to ensure that the Municipality is adequately represented in all communications, discussions, meetings, negotiation and proceedings related to interest of the Municipality;

030-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Darryl Mayer
And, resolved unanimously

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorizes **Mayor Carl Mayer, Pro-Mayor Sidney Squitti, and the Director General Isabelle Cardinal** to represent the Municipality in all communications, discussions, meetings, negotiations, and legal proceedings pertaining to the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood including but not limited to the legal situation with the MRC Pontiac;

THAT **Mayor Carl Mayer, Pro-Mayor Sidney Squitti, and the Director General Isabelle Cardinal** be empowered to act in the best interests of the Municipality, report to the Council as necessary, and take all reasonable measures required to address this matter.

Adopted

9. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of December \$84,084.42

031-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner
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 paid for the month of January \$98,835.66

032-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux
And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$98,835.66 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of January \$18,254.89

033-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$18,254.89 be approved.

Adopted

10. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE & COMMUNICATION & HR

Councillors Mona Giroux and Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti reported that the committee met and reviewed the Finances for January and Visa for the last quarter of 2024.

Communication committee will be meeting on Monday, March 10, 2024, to review the Newsletter and pamphlet providing information regarding the request for a reassessment. Public information session will be in March with the evaluator Charles Lepoutre.

11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT

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

034-02-2025

Modification to the Renovation By-Law

*****Motion of Notice given by Councillor Bergeron*****

12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY

Councillors Guy Bergeron, Darryl Mayer & James Giroux

13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN

Councillors Sidney Squitti & Guy Bergeron

Upcoming Meeting, date to be advised.

14. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner & Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti report that the Municipality is preparing for the start of the Summer Camp and are looking for staff 16 and older.

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

Councillors Mona Giroux, Sidney Squitti and Guy Bergeron

Councillor Squitti report that the Carnival organized by the DLRA was a success made \$2,135.88.

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. CORRESPONDANCE

17.1 Bethany Hall Cellphone Coverage

17.2 Request for Donation know Lions

All donations were cut from the 2025 Budget however the municipality would like to show support to the Low and District Lions Club by donating a municipal hat, t shirt and a bottle of wine for the Sweetheart auction.

18. QUESTION PERIOD

Denise Renaud expresses her concerns regarding the subdivision of Gibson Estates and the humid spot in that area.

Angela Giroux inquires about the ROW.

Maggie Earley inquires about infrastructure put in place from the Municipality for the Developments.

Courtney Heeney inquires about by-laws regarding development.

035-02-2025

Subdivision By-Law

*****Motion of Notice given by Councillor Squitti*****

Denise Renaud explained her situation regarding cellular coverage and Bell Fibe internet.

19. MISCELLANEOUS

Councillor Jim Giroux request that signs be installed at HHMP for kids at play near the snowmobile trail.

I, Isabelle Cardinal, Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood do hereby certify there are sufficient funds to cover the following resolutions: 026-02-2025; 031-02-2025; 032-02-2025 and 033-02-2025.

ADJOURNMENT

036-02-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Adopted



Carl Mayer, Mayor



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