

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood held this **12th day of January 2026**, 10 chemin Jondee, Danford Lake, Quebec, J0X 1P0.

PRESENT: Mayor Sidney Squitti
Councillors Jessica Cayer Guy Bergeron
Angela Giroux James Giroux
Mona Giroux Amanda Peck

The Director General, Isabelle Cardinal, and twelve (12) guests were also present.

1. Opening of Meeting

Mayor Squitti 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 Squitti

3. Approval of Agenda

001-01-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Angela Giroux

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 December 1st, 2025

002-01-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Angela Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the December 1st, 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Special meeting held December 22nd, 2025

003-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the December 22nd, 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

8. ADMINISTRATION

MRC Pontiac Report

Mayor Squitti gave her MRC report, and a copy will be attached to these minutes.

Municipal Report

Mayor Squitti gave her Municipal report, and a copy will be attached to these minutes.

Plowing of Balm of Gilead

004-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality will no longer provide snow removal services on **Balm of Gilead Road**. This decision is due to the fact that the resident who initially requested the road to be plowed no longer meets the requirements set out in the applicable municipal bylaw. As a result, snow removal services on this road have been discontinued in accordance with municipal regulations.

Adopted

Motion of Notice Snowplowing Bylaw

005-01-2025

*****Motion of Notice given by Councillor Jessica Cayer*****

Winter Carnival

006-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the Municipality will be hosting the 2026 Winter Carnival on January 31, 2026

Adopted

Presentation by the Mayor of the 150th festivities

FQM Congress

007-01-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Angela Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the Mayor, Councillor Jessica Cayer and Director General, Isabelle Cardinal attend the Congress this year. The Municipality will cover the fees of travel, accommodation, Congress registrations and food allocation.

Adopted

9. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of December: \$30,153.17

008-01-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Angela Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$30,153.17 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of December: \$53,170.52

009-01-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Amanda Peck

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$53,170.52 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of December: \$138.85

010-01-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the list of petty cash for the month of December 2025, in the amount of \$138.85 be approved as presented.

Adopted

10. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE & COMMUNICATION & HR

Councillors Jessica Cayer, Angela Giroux, Mona Giroux and Amanda Peck

Councillor Angela Giroux explained the financial verification process. It was noted that, at the February Council meeting, the accounts payable will be presented under the appropriate account names. Councillor Angela Giroux also presented a summary of the accounts paid and accounts payable.

Councillor Angela Giroux confirmed that the 2026 budget has been completed and is available on the municipal website. The mill rate has been set at 0.7432, representing a decrease. Council proceeded cautiously to avoid the need for a mill rate increase in the coming year.

It was also noted that approximately 100 ratepayers requested a reassessment. To date, 28 results have been received, all showing a decrease in property values. Council must therefore consider that tax reimbursements will be required for these ratepayers.

During the public question period, Denis Renaud asked whether the MRC Pontiac would also reimburse the Municipality for its share. The Mayor indicated that this matter will be addressed at the MRC Pontiac table.

A discussion with the public followed regarding property evaluations.

11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT

Councillors Jessica Cayer and Angela Giroux

Councillor Angela Giroux informed the public that a committee meeting will be held in the near future.

12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY

Councillors Guy Bergeron, Angela Giroux, James Giroux and Amanda Peck

Councillor James Giroux presented the committee report and advised that the transmission will be removed from the backhoe to determine the issue. Once the problem is identified, the mechanic will carry out the necessary repairs. He also noted that preparations are underway for a tender for the purchase of a new or used backhoe.

13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN

Councillors Jessica Cayer, Guy Bergeron and Amanda Peck

Mayor Squitti reported that the teeter-totter located at the park will be sold for \$1,700. The equipment is situated in the area where the new parkours equipment, purchased through a grant, will be installed.

14. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH

Councillors Jesscia Cayer and Amanda Peck

The Municipality is in preparation for the children's Camp for March break.

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

Councillors Guy Bergeron, Mona Giroux and Amanda Peck

Councillor Bergeron proposed changing the name of Bethany Hall.

Mayor Squitti explained the rationale for the proposed name change, noting that the building is no longer owned or governed by the Anglican church but was built by the community for the community. Removing religious affiliation supports the principle of separation between Church and State and increases eligibility for government grants. The building itself, the Committee that is responsible for the daily operation of the building and its community use will remain unchanged.

Mayor Squitti also highlighted that this initiative reflects modernization, the evolution of the community, and represents a new chapter, while ensuring the space continues to serve the community as it always has.

15 NEW BUSINESS

16. CORRESPONDANCE

17. QUESTION PERIOD

Denise Renaud inquired about suggestions that came out of the 150th anniversary meeting and how the Municipality plans to proceed.

Louise Morin asked about Mont O'Brien and whether a committee had been formed. The Mayor responded that a committee will be

established this spring. She also inquired about obtaining the email addresses of the new Councillors.

Claude Taillefer asked about access to Mont O'Brien.

Michelle Cracknell Peck asked questions regarding the Winter Carnival and inquired about the heritage inventory process being conducted by the MRC Pontiac.

Roger Johnson thanked Council for taking over the Community Hall.

18. MISCELLANEOUS

I, Isabelle Cardinal, Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Alveyn and Cawood do hereby certify there are sufficient funds to cover the following resolutions: 006-01-2026; 007-01-2026; 008-01-2026; 009-01-2026 and 010-01-2026.

19. ADJOURNMENT

011-01-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at **7:46 p.m.**

Adopted



Sidney Squitti, Mayor



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