

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood, held this **7th day of April 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 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. Declaration – Use of the Language of Choice**
The Declaration of use of language was read by Director General, Isabelle Cardinal.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**

050-04-2025

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**

Regular meeting held March 10th, 2025
051-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti
And, resolved unanimously that the March 10th 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes.

- 7. QUESTION PERIOD**
- 8. ADMINISTRATION**

MRC Pontiac Report
Pro-Mayor Squitti provided a report regarding the MRC Pontiac meeting. The report is annexed to these minutes.

Domaine Presley
052-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the Council is mandating Cain-Lamarre for the Domaine Presley file.

Adopted

Boundaries for School Bus

053-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And it was unanimously resolved that a working committee will be created to explore the expansion of the school bus boundaries. Meetings will also be requested with both school boards.

Adopted

RénoRégion

The municipality of Alleyn and Cawood is asking the Government of Quebec to urgently reconsider its decision

- WHEREAS** the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ) confirmed two days after the reading of the Quebec government's 2025-2026 budget that it is abandoning the RénoRégion program, an essential program to help the least fortunate homeowners in our communities, often seniors or single-parent families living in rural areas, to correct major defects in their modest residence;
- WHEREAS** this program has made it possible to keep several thousand people in their homes, in areas where the housing crisis is also raging, where there is no affordable housing or even less low-income housing;
- WHEREAS** there are more than a thousand families on the waiting lists of the Quebec RCMs;
- WHEREAS** on March 27, the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM) asked the Premier of Québec, Mr. François Legault, to take care of our most vulnerable citizens and families by urgently remedying the situation;
- WHEREAS** this request has remained unanswered and that the 24- and 36-unit modular apartment projects in a few Quebec cities promoted since then by the Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. France-Élaine Duranceau, cannot meet the needs of the regions;
- WHEREAS** although the RénoRégion program has cost the Quebec government less than \$18 million per year and represents only 0.0001% of overall expenditures, the Minister justifies this choice for reasons of sound management of public finances;
- WHEREAS** the average subsidy for the program is \$19,309, a fraction of the actual construction costs of the new housing units promoted by the Minister;
- WHEREAS** the FQM tabled a series of proposals last year, at the request of the SHQ, in order to increase the effectiveness of the program

and make it more accessible in order to better meet needs throughout Quebec;

- WHEREAS** the SHQ was to launch an enhanced version of the RénoRégion program following its consultations in 2025;
- WHEREAS** the abolition of this program harms the most vulnerable people in our communities.

054-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti
And, resolved unanimously that the municipal council of Allevyn and Cawood asks the Premier of Quebec, Mr. François Legault, and his Minister responsible for Housing, Ms. France-Élaine Duranceau:

- TO** **immediately RELAUNCH** the RénoRégion program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and to commit to ensuring its long-term funding;
- TO** **COMPLETE** the process of enhancing the program to ensure greater accessibility in all regions of Quebec.
- THAT** this resolution be transmitted promptly to:

- Mr. François Legault, Premier of Quebec
- France-Élaine Duranceau, Minister Responsible for Housing
- Mr. Eric Girard, Minister of Finance
- Sébastien Schneeberger, Member of the National Assembly for Drummond–Bois-Francis, Chair of the Committee on Planning and the National Assembly
- Ms. Virginie Dufour, Member of Parliament for Mille-Îles, Official Opposition Critic for Housing
- Ms. Christine Labrie, Member of Parliament for Sherbrooke, Second Opposition Group Critic for Housing
- Ms. Catherine Gentilcore, Member of Parliament for Terrebonne, Critic for the Third Opposition Group on Housing
- Mr. Jean Martel, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Société d'habitation du Québec
- Your Member of the National Assembly [insert name and riding]
- Mr. Jacques Demers, President of the Fédération québécoise des municipalités

Adopted

Subdivision By-Law
055-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron
And, resolved unanimously that the Subdivision By-Law be adopted as presented and comes into force immediately.

Adopted

Road Names

056-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that Council approve the naming of 2 new roads:

- Chemin de L'Étange
- Chemin du Lac Early

Adopted

Gibson Estates

057-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And it was unanimously resolved that Council approves the preliminary plans for the subdivision of Gibson Estates, subject to the following conditions:

- All wetland areas must be identified in the final survey plan; and
- All lots must be confirmed as buildable.

Adopted

Tanner Estates

058-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And it was unanimously resolved that Council approves the preliminary plans for the subdivision of Tanner Estates, subject to the following conditions:

- All wetland areas must be identified in the final survey plan; and
- All lots must be confirmed as buildable.

Adopted

Summer Camp Fees

059-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the rates for the registration of summer camp will remain the same as last year.

Adopted

Modification of the Renovation By-Law

060-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the modifications of the renovation by-law be adopted as present and comes into force immediately.

Adopted

Management of Visa

061-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the Director General, Isabelle Cardinal, is the main person responsible for the Visa account for the Municipality.

Adopted

Resolution in Support of the Municipality of Low’s Resolution for Increased Services at the CLSC of Low

- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Low has adopted a resolution calling for an increase in services provided at the CLSC of Low;
- WHEREAS** the CLSC of Low plays a vital role in delivering essential health and social services to residents of the region, including those from neighboring municipalities;
- WHEREAS** residents from the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood regularly utilize the CLSC of Low due to its accessibility and the necessity of its services;
- WHEREAS** increasing the services available at the CLSC of Low would enhance the quality of care, reduce travel burdens for rural residents, and help address health care access challenges in the broader Outaouais region;

062-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner
BE IT RESOLVED;

- THAT** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood hereby supports the resolution of the Municipality of Low calling for increased services at the CLSC of Low;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;

- THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Low, the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux de l’Outaouais (CISSSO), and the appropriate provincial health authorities to demonstrate our collective support for equitable access to health care services in our region.

Adopted

Request to Reinstate the Polling Station at Bethany Hall

- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood recognizes the importance of accessible and convenient polling stations to ensure maximum voter participation;
- WHEREAS** Bethany Hall has historically served as a well-known, accessible, and trusted polling location for residents in the community;
- WHEREAS** the relocation or removal of the polling station at Bethany Hall has created concerns among residents regarding accessibility, convenience, and voter turnout;

063-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the Council of the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood formally requests that Elections Canada reinstate Bethany Hall as an official polling station for upcoming federal elections;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Elections Canada and the Member of Parliament for Pontiac to advocate for the reinstatement of this important community polling location.

Truck Budget

064-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Darryl Mayer

And, resolved unanimously that a budget of \$30,000 for the purchase and / or repairs of snowplough equipment.

Adopted

9. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of March: \$43,137.64

065-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$43,137.64 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of March 19,769.82\$

066-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$19,769.82 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of March; \$261.60

067-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the list of expenses for the month of 2025 in March the amount of 261.60\$ be approved.

Adopted

10. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE & COMMUNICATION & HR

Councillors Mona Giroux and Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti reports to the committee that the review of the bills and quarterly report was completed.

11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT

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

Director General, Isabelle Cardinal is preparing a By-Law regarding fines for infractions.

12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY

Councillors Guy Bergeron, Darryl Mayer & James Giroux

13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN

Councillors Sidney Squitti & Guy Bergeron

Councillor Bergeron's gave an update:

- Working on completing the fine details, including the trimming and painting of doors within the municipal office building.
- A new deck and landing will be installed at the front of the office building.
- Work remains to be completed on the septic system and the pavilion at HHMP (Henry Heeney Memorial Park).
- The floor in the park bathroom requires attention and repairs.
- Two out of four soccer nets have been built and will be installed.
- Parking lot will be repaired to prevent gravel from falling into the ditch.
- A fence will be installed to separate the parking lot from the park area.

Councillor Tanners Report – Flowers Coordination:

- Coordinating and the pickup of all flowers for the upcoming planting season will be done by Susan.
- Susan has volunteered to assist with the planting of eight (8) flowerpots.
- The flowers will be stored in the greenhouse until planting is completed.
- A proposal regarding the flower project was presented.

Councillor Squitti update regarding municipal properties:

- Repairs to the front entrance of the municipal office area are underway.
- Repairs to cover the hydro box at Volunteers Park.
- The parking pad will be repaired to ensure safe and proper use.
- Looking for grant opportunities to upgrade the streetlights to energy-efficient LED fixtures.

14. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner & Sidney Squitti

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

Councillors Mona Giroux, Sidney Squitti and Guy Bergeron

Councillor Bergeron informs the public that the Municipality is waiting for information from the Diocese of Ottawa regarding the ownership of Bethany Hall.

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. CORRESPONDANCE

Email from the ratepayer of Mansfield

Email invite Little Red Wagon for the candidates

18. QUESTION PERIOD

Brian Downey was inquiring about the resolution of Domaine Presley.

Donna Maxwell asked about the election panel for woman in election and the implication of Pro-Mayor Squitti.

Donna Maxwell also asked about the ongoing case of the shares and answer from MAMH.

Courtney Heeney commented on the flowers.

19. MISCELLANEOUS

I, Isabelle Cardinal, Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Almeyn and Cawood do hereby certify there are sufficient funds to cover the following resolutions: 052-04-2025; 064-04-2025; 065-04-2025; 066-04-2025 and 067-04-2025.

20. ADJOURNMENT

068-04-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Adopted



Carl Mayer, Mayor



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