

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alayn and Cawood held this **2nd day of February 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 zero (0) 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**

012-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Guy Bergeron**

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 12th, 2026**

013-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Jessica Cayer**

And, resolved unanimously that the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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 will be attached to these minutes.

**Municipal Report**

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

**Councillor for the Library**

014-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Guy Bergeron**

And, resolved unanimously that Councillor Angela Giroux be hereby appointed as the Councillor responsible for the municipal library and be

appointed as the Municipality's official representative to Réseau BIBLIO CRSBPO.

**Adopted**

**Adoption Snowplowing By Law**

015-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Jessica Cayer**

And, resolved unanimously that the Revised Snowplowing By-Law is adopted and enters into force immediately.

**Adopted**

**Pro-Mayor**

016-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Angela Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that Councillor Guy Bergeron be hereby appointed Pro-Mayor of the Municipality;

AND THAT, in the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Guy Bergeron be authorized to represent the Municipality at the Council of the MRC Pontiac.

**Adopted**

**MADA**

017-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that Isabelle Cardinal, Director General, and Sheila Emon, Special Projects Coordinator, be hereby appointed as the Municipality's representatives for the Municipalité amie des aînés (MADA) program.

**Adopted**

**Request to the MTQ – Installation of Sidewalks on Route 301**

**WHEREAS** Route 301 runs through the village limits and carries a significant volume of traffic, including heavy vehicles such as logging trucks;

**WHEREAS** the safety of residents walking within the village and to the municipal park is a priority for Council;

**WHEREAS** an incident recently occurred in which a senior resident slipped while walking from her residence to her mailbox along Route 301 and sustained a broken wrist;

018-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously

**THAT** the Municipality formally request that the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ), should any road work be undertaken on Route 301 within the village limits, include the construction of sidewalks on at least one side of the roadway;

**THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the MRC Pontiac so that the request may be considered and included in the Land Development Plan currently being developed;

**THAT** this request is made in the interest of improving pedestrian safety for all residents.

**Adopted**

**Request to the MTQ – Installation of a Four-Way Stop at Route 301,  
Harrison and Cawood Intersection**

- WHEREAS** reducing speeding within the village limits along Route 301 has been a long-standing priority of Council;
- WHEREAS** Route 301 carries significant traffic through the village;
- WHEREAS** the Municipality previously installed speed display signs at both entrances of the village to help deter speeding, and data collected through the cloud-based system indicates improvement, although additional measures are still required;
- WHEREAS** the Municipal park, located within the village limits, is visited by many children throughout the year, including approximately 30 children participating in summer camp programs;
- WHEREAS** during a meeting between the Mayor and the representatives of the Sûreté du Québec the issue of speeding within the village limits was discussed;
- WHEREAS** the Sergeant of the Sûreté du Québec recommended the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Route 301, Harrison Road and Cawood Road as a potential solution to further reduce speeding.

019-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux**

And, resolved

- THAT** the Municipality formally request that the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) evaluate and approve the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Route 301, Harrison Road and Cawood Road;
- THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the MTQ as an official request of Council.

\*\*\* Councillor Angela Giroux voted against this resolution \*\*\*

**Adopted**

**Renaming of Bethany Hall**

- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood has acquired ownership of the building formerly known as *Bethany Hall*, which is now a municipal public facility;
- WHEREAS** municipalities are political subdivisions of the State and are therefore bound by the principles governing public institutions in Québec;
- WHEREAS** the *Act respecting the laicity of the State* (CQLR, c. L-0.3) establishes, at section 2, that the laicity of the State is based on:
- the separation of State and religions;
  - the religious neutrality of the State;
  - the equality of all citizens; and
  - freedom of conscience and freedom of religion;
- WHEREAS** the continued use of a religious name for a municipally owned and operated public building may reasonably be perceived as an affiliation with or endorsement of a particular religious institution;

**WHEREAS** Council recognizes that the building was historically associated with the Anglican Church, but that it was built by the community for the community and has long served residents of all backgrounds;

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the Municipality to ensure that all municipal facilities are inclusive, neutral, and accessible to all residents without distinction;

**WHEREAS** renaming the building with a neutral, community-based name is a reasonable administrative measure that aligns with the principles of State religious neutrality and reflects the building's current municipal function;

020-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously

**THAT** Council hereby confirms that the building formerly known as *Bethany Hall* shall be renamed Centre Communautaire Danford Lake Community Center;

**THAT** the new name shall reflect the building's status as a municipally owned public facility, open to all residents and community groups without religious affiliation;

**THAT** this renaming shall not diminish the historical significance of the building, which may continue to be recognized through heritage references or historical interpretation;

**THAT** Municipal administration is authorized to update all official records, signage, communications, and public references accordingly.

**Adopted**

**Library Grant**

021-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Angela Giroux**

And resolved unanimously,

**THAT** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood approve the submission of an application for financial assistance under the MRC Pontiac's Cultivate Reading Call for projects,

**THAT** the Municipality authorizes the Director General, Isabelle Cardinal, or the Special Projects Coordinator, Sheila Emon, to sign any and all documents relating to this application for subsidy on behalf of the Municipality.

**Adopted**

**Wear red**

022-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Angela Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that Council supports the **Wear Red for Women Heart Health** initiative and encourages all residents to wear red on **February 13th** to raise awareness.

**Adopted**

**9. FINANCE**

**Accounts paid for the month of January: \$55,035.54**

023-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Angela Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$55,035.34 be approved.

**Adopted**

**Accounts payable for the month of January: \$23,651.71**

024-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$23,651.71 be approved.

**Adopted**

**Petty Cash for the month of January: \$138.85**

025-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of petty cash for January 2026, 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 Grioux presented the committee report. The finances were reviewed. The first newsletter of the year was sent, and the second newsletter will be sent shortly.

**11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT**

*Councillors Jessica Cayer and Angela Giroux*

The Mayor provided an update on the heritage inventory and the septic inventory. The inspector gave information on the permits that were issued, and another meeting is planned this month to review the database and related information for the septic inventory.

**12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY**

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

Councillor James Giroux presented the committee report. He noted that the old backhoe is too costly to repair and that the committee is currently exploring the purchase of a replacement. He also addressed public security matters, referencing the SQ report presented by the Mayor.

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

*Councillors Jessica Cayer, Guy Bergeron and Amanda Peck*

No meeting

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

*Councillors Jesscia Cayer and Amanda Peck*

The Mayor provided an update on the library portfolio. Interest has been expressed by last year's staff of the summer camp to return this year. The March Break camp was also discussed.

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

*Councillors Guy Bergeron, Mona Giroux and Amanda Peck*

**Mayor's Report – Carnival:**

The Mayor reported that the Carnival held last weekend generated a total profit of approximately **\$2,000**. The breakfast was a success. The Mayor provided a summary of the day's events and activities at the park.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Spaghetti Supper:** February 28th; planning committee meeting scheduled for this Saturday.
- **Monthly 50/50 Draw:** Tickets available at the municipal office, Roger's Garage, and Magasin TL.

**16. NEW BUSINESS**

**17. CORRESPONDANCE**

**18. QUESTION PERIOD**

Denise Renaud congratulated the Warden of Vallée-de-la-Gatineau on being elected **Second Vice President of the FQM Board**.

Michelle Peck inquired about the 50/50 draw, which totaled **\$320**.

Louise Morin asked when videoconferencing would be available.

Courtney suggested registering to **MS Teams**.

**19. MISCELLANEOUS**

**I, Isabelle Cardinal, Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Allevyn and Cawood do hereby certify there are sufficient funds to cover the following resolutions: 021-02-2026; 023-02-2026; 024-02-2026 and 025-02-2026**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

026-02-2026

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Adopted**



**Sidney Squitti, Mayor**



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