Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood, held this <u>10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025</u>, 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

040-03-2025

#### 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 February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

041-03-2025

## PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that February 3rd, 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

## Adopted

Special meeting held February 17th, 2025

042-03-2025

## PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that February 17th, 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

# Adopted

**Business arising from Minutes.** 

## 7. QUESTION PERIOD

## 8. ADMINISTRATION

#### **MRC Pontiac Report**

Report from Pro-Mayor Squitti annexe to these minutes

## **Radon Kits**

043-03-2025

## **PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti**

And, resolved unanimously That the Municipality shall purchase two (2) radon testing kits, which will

be made available for ratepayers to borrow for the purpose of testing radon levels in their homes.

#### Adopted

Modification to the Subdivision By-Law

\*\*By-Law was presented to the public and will be tabled until next month for its adoption\*\*

Modification to the Renovation By-Law

\*\*By-Law was presented to the public by Councilor Bergeron and will be tabled until next month for its adoption\*\*

Information Session of March 15th, 2025

#### 9. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of February \$32,913.00

044-03-2025

#### **PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$32,913.00 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of February: \$39,468.87 045-03-2025

#### **PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$39,468.87 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of February: \$250.00 046-03-2025

#### **PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron**

And, resolved unanimously that the list of expenses for the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$250.00 be approved.

Adopted

## 10. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE & COMMUNICATION & HR

Councillors Mona Giroux and Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti review of the bills and prepared for the quarterly meeting

#### 11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT

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

## 12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY

Councillors Guy Bergeron, Darryl Mayer & James Giroux

## 13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN

Councillors Sidney Squitti & Guy Bergeron

An update regarding the garbage truck was provided to the public, informing residents of the current status and any relevant developments.

Diagnostic computer

047-03-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that a diagnostic computer for the public works department be purchased. The budget should not exceed \$5,000 before taxes.

#### Adopted

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

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner & Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti informed the committee that recruitment is currently underway for an Animators and a Junior Animator.

Councillor Bergeron reported that the library will be used during March break to host two animation activities.

In addition, it was advised that the library will feature works by local artists and artisans.

## **Day Camp Issues**

048-03-2025

**WHEREAS** the Municipality is completely outside its municipal jurisdiction by offering a day camp service;

**WHEREAS** the organization of day camps by municipalities is not a municipal obligation;

**WHEREAS** despite this, the majority of municipalities offer summer day camps;

**WHEREAS** these municipal day camps are led by young counsellors aged 14 to 17 on average;

WHEREAS municipalities providing day camp services to all children are subject to the application of the Charter and which imposes the obligation to access the adapted services of these day camps for children who are different;

**WHEREAS** all these needs make it increasingly difficult for municipalities to respond to the issues in a safe manner;

**WHEREAS** also the requests for support for children with special physical or psychological needs are increasing significantly from year to year;

WHEREAS the lack of financial support to offer appropriate accommodation measures to children, several municipalities are considering ending their day camp offer simply by depriving all children of this service;

**WHEREAS** the FQM's letter of June 10, 2024 requesting action from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and in support of her;

# PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti AND RESOLVED unanimously by the councillors:

THAT the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood support the request submitted by the FQM to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on June 10, 2024 and propose the following actions:

• Strengthen the budget allocated to the Financial

Assistance Program for the Leisure of Persons with Disabilities, particularly for the support component;

- To establish, in the short term, a committee bringing together the parties concerned in order to examine in depth the issues related to municipal day camps, with a view to better adapting this service by the Ministry of Education;
- Prioritize the creation of a financial measure dedicated specifically to day camps;

**THAT** this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Education and all the municipalities of Quebec.

## Adopted

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

Councillors Mona Giroux, Sidney Squitti and Guy Bergeron

#### 16. NEW BUSINESS

#### 17. CORRESPONDANCE

#### 18. QUESTION PERIOD

Angela Giroux inquired regarding the information session on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, she stated it is more an information session and not a debate.

Courteney Heeney asked about the red snowplow truck.

## 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: 0-03-2025; -03-2025; 0-03-2025 and 0-03-2025.

20. ADJOURNMENT

049-03-2025

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux** 

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Adopted

Carl Mayer, Mayor

Isabelle Cardinal, Director General and

**Secretary Treasurer**