

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood held this **8th day of September 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 twenty-three (23) 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**

120-09-2026
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 August 4th, 2026
121-09-2026
PROPOSED BY: Councillor Jessica Cayer
And, resolved unanimously that the August 4th, 2026, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Patti-Ann McCaffrey inquired about the **municipal streetlights**.
Yvon Sicard inquired about the **letter sent regarding Chemin Lauzon**.
Danick Bigras asked questions regarding the **road work on Copeland-Evans Road**.
Tracey Moore discussed the **changes made to the bus route for students attending Queen Elizabeth Elementary School in Kazabazua**.

SCHOOL BUS ROUTE – QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS the Municipality has received concerns from residents regarding recent changes to the school bus route serving students from the

Municipality of Alleyn-and-Cawood attending Queen Elizabeth Elementary School;

- WHEREAS** the changes to the route have resulted in significantly longer travel times for students, with some children spending approximately 1.5 hours on the school bus each way;
- WHEREAS** Council is concerned about the impact of these extended transportation times on the well-being, safety, and daily routine of young students;
- WHEREAS** residents have requested that the current route be reviewed and that consideration be given to establishing a more direct route for students residing in the Lac-Sainte-Marie, Kazabazua, and Alleyn-and-Cawood area;

122-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that that the Council of the Municipality of Alleyn-and-Cawood formally supports the concerns expressed by local parents and requests that the Western Québec School Board review the current school bus route serving Queen Elizabeth Elementary School;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

- THAT** Council requests that the Western Québec School Board explore possible alternatives to reduce the amount of time students spend travelling by bus, including the possibility of establishing a dedicated or more direct route for students from this area;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

- THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Western Québec School Board and its Transportation Department for consideration and follow-up.

Adopted

Denise Renaud requested information regarding the **MRC shares agreement**.

8. ADMINISTRATION

MRC Pontiac Report

No MRC meeting during the month of August

Municipal Report

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

150th Anniversary Events

Quilting Event – September 5 & 6, 2026:

The event was a success and was well attended.

150th Anniversary Commemorative Wine Event – October 3, 2026 Preparations are underway for the upcoming event showcasing the Municipality’s commemorative wine.

Sip & Share
Scheduled for October 24, 2026 at the Danford Lake Community Centre.

PPA - 2024

- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood has reviewed the terms and conditions applicable to the Special Improvement Projects (PPA) component of the Local Road Assistance Program (PAVL) and agrees to comply with them;
- WHEREAS** the road network for which financial assistance was granted is under municipal jurisdiction and is eligible under the PAVL;
- WHEREAS** the work was carried out during the calendar year in which it was authorized by the Minister;
- WHEREAS** the work or related costs are eligible under the PAVL;
- WHEREAS** the V-AF13 accountability report form has been duly completed;
- WHEREAS** payment is conditional upon acceptance by the Minister of the accountability report relating to the project;
- WHEREAS** if the accountability report is deemed compliant, the Minister shall make a payment to the municipalities based on the list of work approved by the Minister, without exceeding the maximum amount of financial assistance indicated in the notification letter;
- WHEREAS** the other sources of funding for the work have been declared;

123-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Guy Bergeron
And resolved unanimously and adopted that the Council of Alleyn and Cawood approves expenditures in the amount of \$ 38,567.00 relating to improvement work and eligible related costs identified in Form V-AF13, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable, and acknowledges that, in the event of non-compliance with these requirements, the financial assistance will be cancelled.

Adopted

PPA - 2025

- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood has reviewed the terms and conditions applicable to the Special Improvement Projects (PPA) component of the Local Road Assistance Program (PAVL) and agrees to comply with them;
- WHEREAS** the road network for which financial assistance was granted is under municipal jurisdiction and is eligible under the PAVL;
- WHEREAS** the work was carried out during the calendar year in which it was authorized by the Minister;
- WHEREAS** the work or related costs are eligible under the PAVL;
- WHEREAS** the V-AF13 accountability report form has been duly completed;
- WHEREAS** payment is conditional upon acceptance by the Minister of the accountability report relating to the project;

WHEREAS if the accountability report is deemed compliant, the Minister shall make a payment to the municipalities based on the list of work approved by the Minister, without exceeding the maximum amount of financial assistance indicated in the notification letter;

WHEREAS the other sources of funding for the work have been declared;

124-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And resolved unanimously and adopted that the Council of Alleyn and Cawood approves expenditures in the amount of \$25,956 relating to improvement work and eligible related costs identified in Form V-AF13, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable, and acknowledges that, in the event of non-compliance with these requirements, the financial assistance will be cancelled.

Adopted

MADA

WHEREAS the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood is participating in the Age-Friendly Municipality (AFM) initiative carried out in collaboration with the Pontiac MRC;

WHEREAS the Municipality has reviewed the Age-Friendly Municipality (AFM) Action Plan developed following the consultations and work undertaken as part of this initiative;

WHEREAS the Action Plan identifies measures intended to promote the quality of life, social participation, and active aging of seniors within the municipality;

125-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And resolved unanimously

THAT the municipal council adopt the 2026 Age-Friendly Municipality (MADA) Action Plan of the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood, as presented;

THAT the Municipality forward a copy of the adopted Action Plan to the Pontiac MRC in order to facilitate its integration into the regional MADA initiative;

THAT the Director General, Isabelle Cardinal be authorized to take the necessary measures to oversee and implement the actions for which the Municipality is responsible.

Adopted

Transition and Analysis Committee

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac is undertaking discussions and an analysis regarding the future of municipal fire services within its territory;

WHEREAS a Transition and Analysis Committee is being established to participate in the discussions, review the different options and assess their potential impacts on the municipalities;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood wishes to be represented on this committee and actively participate in the discussions concerning the future of fire services within the MRC Pontiac;

126-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Jessica Cayer

And resolved unanimously,

THAT the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood hereby appoints the Mayor and the Director General as the Municipality’s representatives on the MRC Pontiac Transition and Analysis Committee regarding the future of municipal fire services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Mayor, Sidney Squitti and Director General, Isabelle Cardinal are authorized to participate in meetings, discussions and analyses on behalf of the Municipality and to report back to Council on the committee’s progress and recommendations.

Adopted

9. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of August: \$ 87,726.09

127-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$ 87,726.09 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of August: \$ 42,207.13

128-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$ 42,207.13 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of August: \$ 100.85

129-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And resolved unanimously that the list of petty cash for August 2026, in the amount of \$ 100.85 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 and Visa statement were reviewed.

11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT

Councillors Jessica Cayer and Angela Giroux

Councillor Jessica Cayer presented her report. She informed the public that the septic system inventory is ongoing and that letters are being sent to

ratepayers to explain the process and what the next steps are. She also reported that lake inspections are continuing.

12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY

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

Councillor James Giroux reported that regular road maintenance is currently underway throughout the Municipality. He also reported that temporary work will be carried out on Copeland-Evans Road to reopen the road with one-lane passage while the Municipality awaits the completion of all engineering reports. The permanent reconstruction work is planned for 2027, once the required reports, plans and authorizations are completed.

13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN

Councillors Jessica Cayer, Guy Bergeron and Amanda Peck

No meetings this months.

14. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH

Councillors Jesscia Cayer and Amanda Peck

Mayor Squitti informed the public that the summer camp has officially concluded and was once again a great success this year. The camp wrapped up with its annual outing to Leslie Park, providing a fun and memorable end to the summer program.

15. ASSOCIATIONS (Seniors, Community Centre, Churches, Cenotaph, Cottages, and Recreation)

Councillors Guy Bergeron, Mona Giroux and Amanda Peck

Councillor Bergeron reported that the plumbing issues at the community hall have been resolved and all necessary repairs have been completed.

Mayor Squitti and Councillor Bergeron attended the George Lake Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM). A meeting will be held with the Environment Committee to explore potential funding opportunities for a study of George Lake.

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. QUESTION PERIOD

Tracey Moore inquired about roadside vegetation cutting by Hydro-Québec and asked whether the work was being carried out by the Municipality or Hydro-Québec.

Perry Peck commented on the responsible driving habits of heavy truck operators and municipal truck drivers on Copeland-Evans Road, noting that they were respecting speed limits.

Michelle Peck inquired about roadside brushing and vegetation maintenance throughout the Municipality.

18. CORRESPONDANCE

Council acknowledged receipt of a letter from Alexis Fiset and Tracey Moore regarding concerns about the school bus route and transportation services in the Municipality.

19. MISCELLANEOUS

Council encouraged residents to wear yellow on September 10th in recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day, to raise awareness about suicide prevention and show support for those affected by suicide.

I, Isabelle Cardinal, Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Allevyn and Cawood do hereby certify there are sufficient funds to cover the following resolutions: 123-09-2026; 124-09-2026; 127-09-2026; 128-09-2026 and 129-09-2026.

20. ADJOURNMENT

130-09-2026

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at **7:51 p.m.**

Adopted



Sidney Squitti, Mayor



Isabelle Cardinal, Director General and Secretary Treasurer