

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood held this **7th day of July 2025**, 10 chemin Jondee, Danford Lake, Quebec, J0X 1P0.

PRESENT: Mayor Carl Mayer
Councillors Susan Tanner Guy Bergeron
Sidney Squitti James Giroux
Mona Giroux

The Director General, Isabelle Cardinal, and four (4) 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

099-07-2025

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 May 5th, 2025

100-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the May 5th 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Regular meeting held June 2nd, 2025

101-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the June 2nd 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Special meeting held June 28th, 2025

102-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the June 28th 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Angela Giroux inquires about the special meeting of June 28th, 2025 and the vote by correspondence.

Pro-Mayor Squitti announce that numbers went up following the information session.

Denise inquires about the RSVL results website.

8. ADMINISTRATION

MRC Pontiac Report

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

Report meeting for evaluation

The Director General and Pro-Mayor Squitti provided updates on the evaluation file and presented reports from the meetings they attended.

ERL Report

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transport has granted compensation of \$265,307 for the maintenance of local roads for the 2022 calendar year;

WHEREAS the compensation allocated to the municipality is for routine and preventive maintenance of roads and local bridges under its responsibility;

WHEREAS this resolution is accompanied by Appendix A;

WHEREAS an external auditor will present, within the 2021 financial report, the duly completed financial accountability statement.

FOR THESE REASONS,

103-07-2025

PROPOSD BY: Councillor Squitti

It was unanimously decided that the Municipality of Allevyn and Cawood inform the Ministry of Transport that the use of the compensation complies with the objectives of the program.

Adopted

Petit Castor Road

104-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the name 'Petit Castor Road' be approved by Council, and that the municipal inspector be authorized to proceed with the registration with the Commission de toponymie du Québec

Adopted

Rental of Council Room

Tabled to the August 2025 Council meeting.

Adoption of Bylaw for Management of Snowplowing of Private Roads

105-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that the bylaw be adopted as presented and come into effect immediately.

Adopted

Approval of the lease for the Snowmobile Association of the Pontiac

106-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that Council approve the lot size for the lease to the Snowmobile Association, where the shelter was built, even though it does not meet the one-acre requirement, as the land is not intended for residential use.

Adopted

SUPPORT TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF STE-CHRISTINE REGARDING ITS DENUNCIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF QUÉBEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE LACK OF FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENTS TO CERTAIN PROGRAMS INTENDED FOR MUNICIPALITIES DUE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

- WHEREAS** several Government of Québec programs intended for municipalities are not indexed despite the current economic situation;
- WHEREAS** this has a direct impact on the significant increase in the overall tax burden on taxpayers and on the financial capacity of municipalities, including the MRCs of Québec, as they must contend with rising costs for carrying out projects and maintaining services to the population;
- WHEREAS** municipalities are responsible for preparing balanced budgets, which must take into account the citizens' ability to pay;
- WHEREAS** the Government of Québec must act to rectify the situation, particularly by restoring funding to municipalities to an acceptable level, given the current economic conditions;

107-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti
AND RESOLVED

- THAT** the Council requests the Government of Québec to regularize the funding of programs intended for municipalities, including MRCs, particularly by providing adequate funding that takes into account inflation and the changes they are experiencing.
- THAT** the Council requests the Director General and Clerk-Treasurer to send a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Québec, Mr. François Legault, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ms. Andrée Laforest, to our regional MNA, Mr. Mathieu Lacombe, and to the MNA for Pontiac, Mr. André Fortin.
- THAT** the Council also requests the Assistant Director General and Clerk-Treasurer to send a copy of this resolution to the MRCs of Québec as well as to local municipalities to signify its support.

Adopted

REGARDING THE DECLARATION OF JURISDICTION FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS REQUESTED BY THE MRC PONTIAC

- WHEREAS** the MRC Pontiac has invited local municipalities to declare jurisdiction over renewable energy development projects within their respective territories;
- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood acknowledges the strategic importance of renewable energy in supporting sustainable development and regional economic growth;

WHEREAS the Municipality has not received sufficient information from the MRC Pontiac or relevant stakeholders regarding key elements necessary to make an informed decision, including:

- The financial costs or responsibilities that may be incurred by the Municipality;
- The impact of such a declaration on current or future shares in renewable energy projects;
- The distribution and allocation of revenues generated from renewable energy projects;

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood believes that such a decision should be made with full transparency and understanding of the long-term implications;

108-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner
And unanimously resolved that the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood **opts not to declare jurisdiction** over renewable energy development at this time under the current conditions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT this resolution be communicated to the MRC Pontiac along with a request for detailed financial, legal, and governance information for future consideration.

Adopted

Mandate Ecce Tera
109-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux
And, resolved unanimously that the surveying company Ecce Terra be mandated to survey certain municipal properties.

Adopted

9. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of June \$106,544.28
110-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner
And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$106,544.28 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of June \$68,324.70
111-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron
And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$68,324.70 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of June \$194.94
112-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tanner

And, resolved unanimously that the petty cash for June 2025, in the amount of \$194.94 be approved as presented.

Adopted

10. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE & COMMUNICATION & HR

Councillors Mona Giroux and Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti reported that the committee has reviewed all payables and paid invoices. The Director General will attest to this review in the minutes. The financial report from ERL was submitted. The 2022 audit is nearing completion and will be presented in August, with the 2023 audit process commenced shortly thereafter.

Canada Day celebrations included a free BBQ with hot dogs, hamburgers, and water, as well as duck races and a 50/50 draw. After accounting for all expenses and revenues, the event resulted in a net profit of \$14.

11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner, Sidney Squitti

12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY

Councillors Guy Bergeron, & James Giroux

Councillor James Giroux reports for the committee that public works is currently working on gravelling on Tanner Road. Brushing operations will begin shortly, and the second backhoe is currently being repaired for this purpose. Gravel work has also been completed in the Presley Domaine and Balm of Gilead areas.

13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN

Councillors Sidney Squitti & Guy Bergeron

Councillor Bergeron reports for the committee that the septic system has been completed, as well as the fence installation at HHMP. The first half of the work planned for MOB this year will be done in July and August. The flower planting on is nearly finished, with only the one at the Municipal Hall remaining.

14. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner & Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti reported that registration is full for the month of July, with some spots still available for August. The "Meet the Keepers" event is scheduled for tomorrow, and on July 25, a special guest from the North will be visiting for the "Christmas in July" celebration.

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

Councillors Mona Giroux, Sidney Squitti and Guy Bergeron

Councillor Squitti reported that the acquisition of Bethany Hall is being finalized. Bethany Hall recently held a successful yard sale. The George Lake Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on July 19.

Councillor Bergeron reported that the Memorial was held at the Anglican Church, with a good turnout and a light lunch served. The Bethany Hall bake sale raised a total of \$783.

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. CORRESPONDANCE

Denise Renaud inquires about the music festival and its location being moved.

Angela Giroux inquires about the mandate to Ecce Tera and the transfer of Bethany Hall.

18. QUESTION PERIOD

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: 109-07-2025; 110-07-2025; 111-07-2025 and 112-07-2025.

ADJOURNMENT

113-07-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Adopted



Carl Mayer, Mayor



Isabelle Cardinal, Director General and Secretary Treasurer