

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Hudson Council, held at the Community Centre, on September 2nd, 2014.

ARE PRESENT

Ed Prévost	-	Mayor
Robert Spencer	-	Councillor / Electoral District #1
Ron Goldenberg	-	Councillor / Electoral District #2
Nicole Durand	-	Councillor / Electoral District #3
Barbara Robinson	-	Councillor / Electoral District #4
Deborah Woodhead	-	Councillor / Electoral District #5
Natalie Best	-	Councillor / Electoral District #6

Mr. Vincent Maranda, Town Clerk

1. OPENING AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Quorum was reached and Mayor Ed Prévost calls the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No: R3670-2014

**It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
And unanimously resolved:**

That the Town of Hudson Council adopt the agenda of the September 2nd, 2014, regular Council meeting as submitted.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No: R3671-2014

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the August 4th, 2014 regular council meeting.

**It is proposed by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Robert Spencer
And unanimously resolved:**

To approve, as submitted, the minutes of the August 4th, 2014, council meeting.

CARRIED

4. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

4.1. Mr. Daren Legault – 861 Rousseau

- Asks for an update from committee concerning by-law 504, 505 and 554 and inquiry concerning the 2013 budget.

Mayor Ed Prévost and Councillor Ron Goldenberg answer his questions. Treasurer Mrs. Ramin Jawanda adds the 2013 audit is ongoing and will take at least another month.

4.2. Mr. Rob McMaster – 75 Oakland

- Inquires about the by-law requiring property owners to maintain the land between the roads and their properties, many properties with rag weed and long grass not being mowed.

Mrs. Catherine Haulard, Director General, states the issue is being addressed.

4.3. Mr. Bill Driver – 104 Elm

- Question concerning a cheque of \$16,000.

Mrs. Catherine Haulard, director general, answers his question

4.4. Mrs. June Penney - 140 Main Road

- Wants clarification concerning crosswalks and flashing lights.
Director General, Mrs. Catherine Haulard addresses her concerns.
- Concerned about long time Town of Hudson employees leaving.
Mayor Ed Prévost answers her question.

4.5. Madame Sylvie Ferron – 104 Hemlock

- Comments concerning her request to put public health information on the Town website and on Facebook page.

- 4.6. **Mrs. Liz Snow – 117 Cedar**
- Question concerning who has the right to vote at the registry and cost of loan by-law.
Town Clerk Mr. Vincent Maranda and Mayor Prévost answer her question.
- 4.7. **Mr. Keith Eller - 105 Charleswood**
- Questions concerning capital and the Town, overall needs, amount of \$750,000 for by-law.
Mayor Prévost invites Councillor Ron Goldenberg to address the citizen's concerns.
- 4.8. **Mr. Jacques Desrochers – 20 Brixton**
- Following Mr. Legault's question and possible amendment to by-laws 504, 505 and 554, will retroactivity be considered.
Councillor Ron Goldenberg answers that this was not part of the Committee's recommendations and not what Council decided.
- 4.9. **Mr. Jim McDermott – 100 Melrose**
- Questions concerning the decision on the water loan by-laws and on the \$750,000 by-law.
Councillor Ron Goldenberg addresses his question.
- 4.10. **Mrs. Diane Piacente – 692A Main**
- Question concerning the process for the registry, asks to consider extending the hours.
Mayor Ed Prévost and Town Clerk Mr. Vincent Maranda address her concerns and reply they have asked the "*Directeur général des élections*" and there is nothing that can be done to amend the law and extend the hours of the registry.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1. **Deposit of the list of correspondence for the month of August 2014**

6. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, AD HOC, IF APPLICABLE**

7. **REPORT FROM URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- 7.1. **Deposit of the list of permits for the month of August 2014**

- 7.2. **Resolution – 280 Main – major renovation**

No: R3672-2014

WHEREAS an application has been received for the major renovation of a building at 280 Main Road;

**It is moved by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the proposed the plans as submitted and recommended by the Town Planning Advisory Committee at its meeting held on August 14th, 2014.

CARRIED

- 7.3. **Resolution – 403 Main – new sign**

No: R3673-2014

WHEREAS an application has been received for a new business sign at 403 Main;

**It is moved by Councillor Robert Spencer
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the proposed new business sign as recommended by the Town Planning Advisory Committee at its meeting held on August 14th, 2014.

CARRIED

- 7.4. **Resolution – 524 Main – sign for new business**

No: R3674-2014

WHEREAS an application has been received for a new business sign at 524 Main;

**It is moved by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the proposed new business sign and suggestion that have been outlined by the Town Planning Advisory Committee at its meeting held on August 14th, 2014.

CARRIED

7.5. Resolution – 542 Main – new construction of multi-family building

No: R3675-2014

WHEREAS revised plans have been received for the proposed new construction of a multi-family building at 542 Main Road following the recommendations given by TPAC at its July 10th, 2014 meeting;

WHEREAS TPAC offered suggestions on the new construction plans presented;

**It is moved by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the suggestions that have been outlined by the Town Planning Advisory Committee at its meeting held on August 14th, 2014.

CARRIED

7.6. Resolution – 617 Chemin du Golf – approval of plans for new shed

No: R3676-2014

WHEREAS an application has been received for the construction of a garden shed at 617 Chemin du Golf;

**It is moved by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
Seconded by Councillor Natalie Best
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the plans as submitted and as recommended by the Town Planning Advisory Committee at its meeting held on August 14th, 2014.

CARRIED

8. TREASURY

8.1. Approval of disbursements, salaries and accounts payable

No: R3677-2014

CONSIDERING Council has examined the disbursements made and to be made for accounts payables and salaries for August 2014.

Therefore

**It is moved by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand
And unanimously resolved:**

To approve the following disbursements, salaries and supplier expenses:

i)	Disbursements:	\$ 1,153,945.36
ii)	Salaries:	\$275,954.28
iii)	Accounts Payable:	\$314,056.00 (30 days)

The Treasurer certifies that that the municipality disposes of sufficient credits in its general fund to cover these expenses.

CARRIED

8.2. Resolution – Hudson minor hockey league grant

No: R3678-2014

It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand

**Seconded by Councillor Natalie Best
And unanimously resolved:**

THAT the Town of Hudson be authorized to remit to the Hudson minor hockey league the amount of a subsidy of \$9,140.

CARRIED

9. **MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESSOURCES**

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

11. **ENVIRONMENT**

12. **PARKS & RECREATION**

13. **CULTURE & TOURISM**

14. **PUBLIC SECURITY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

15. **ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

15.1. **Resolution – Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

R3679-2014

WHEREAS prostate cancer is the most common cancer to affect Canadian men; and

WHEREAS 1 in 8 Canadian men will be diagnosed with the disease in his lifetime; and

WHEREAS the survival rate for prostate cancer can be over 90% when detected early;

WHEREAS those with a family history of the disease or those of African or Caribbean descent are at a greater risk of developing prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS Prostate Cancer Canada recommends that men get a PSA test in their 40s to establish their baseline.

**It is moved by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Robert Spencer
And unanimously resolved:**

That the Town of Hudson does hereby proclaim September 2014 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

CARRIED

16. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

17. **ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS**

17.1. **Adoption of By-Law N° 650-2014 concerning Pets**

No: R3680-2014

WHEREAS the number of pets abandoned in Quebec is estimated at 500,000 per year.

WHEREAS the number of puppy mills in Quebec is estimated to be between 1,500 and 1,800 mills and that they generate the birth of about 400,000 puppies per year.

WHEREAS it is now demonstrated that animals are beings with empathy who have the ability to feel innate physical (pain) and psychological emotions (attachment, love, sadness, joy).

WHEREAS pets are now considered full members of our family units and the Town of Hudson has a duty to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents and their loved ones on our territory and this at all times.

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson has the right to regulate (through regulation) economic activities on its territory.

WHEREAS, Town Council members want to promote respect for animals through prevention and awareness.

WHEREAS Town Council deems it pertinent to form a Committee for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, whose mandate will be the development of the Manual of procedures and recommendations for Chapters VI, VII and VIII and IX during interventions.

WHEREAS Town Council has confirmed that members of the Committee for the Ethical Treatment of Animals are:

Dr. Tadeusz Sikorski, Vet
Mrs. Danielle Tremblay, Chief of adult mental health, CSSS Vaudreuil-Soulanges
Dr. Wendy Kaplan, Family Physician
SPA Canada
SPCA of West Island
Mr. Vincent Maranda, Town Clerk
Mr. Philippe Baron, Director of Public Safety
Mrs. Catherine Haulard, Executive Director

**It is proposed by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Robert Spencer
And unanimously resolved:**

That bylaw 650-2014 on pets be adopted.

EXTEND the effective date for dog licenses (Article 4.1) and cats (Article 5.1) to January 1, 2015 thus avoiding additional administrative costs to our taxpayers.

TO MANDATE the Department of Public Safety of the City of Hudson for the purposes of Chapters IV and V.

TO MANDATE the Director of Public Safety and the Director General for the purposes of applying Chapters VI, VII and VIII and IX.

The Director of Public Safety and the Director General may delegate their powers, depending on the situation and their judgment, to the Community Patrol, the SPCA of Western Quebec, the Sûreté du Québec or any other government or private agency.

CARRIED

18. CARRIED FORWARD BUSINESS

19. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

19.1. Mr. Frank Hicks – 46 Quarry Point

- Asks for clarification on (pet) by-law, re: grandfather clause, neighbour taking care of dog when away, noise, etc.

Mrs. Catherine Haulard, General Director, addresses his concerns.

19.2. Mme Sylvie Ferron – 104 Hemlock

- Question with regards to ragweed;
- Suggests that cat owners put bells on their loose cats' collars in order to save our birds.

Mrs. Catherine Haulard, Director General, will look into this matter.

19.3. Mrs. Elizabeth Corker – 16 Quarry Point

- Question on tender for paving roads this fall.
- Mayor Prévost answers her question and states that the tender was last year.

19.4. Mr. André Séguin – 104 Oakland

- Question with regards to a cheque on the list of cheques; comments concerning the Community Patrol and a letter he sent.

Mrs. Catherine Haulard, Director General, responds to his questions.

19.5. Mr. Jim McDermott - 100 Melrose

- Comments concerning 2014 summer camp, thought Dynamix did an excellent job; well organized camp; Town Council Meetings; Pine Lake Dam; Community Patrol service;

Mrs. Catherine Haulard, Director General, addresses his concerns.

19.6. Madame Cynthia Maher - 126 Cameron

- States that the amount of tax increase for repairing the dam would be \$9.85 per year over 30 years, she would like citizens be made aware of that fact.

Mayor Ed Prévost translates Mrs. Maher's comments as it is important to know that the amount of \$750,000 will end up costing each resident about \$9.85 per year for 40 years and should it cost half of that then it should be \$4 or \$5 per year for 40 years.

- She also states that it would cost just as much to do something else with this land.

Mayor Prévost states that a letter will be sent out to all citizens that will explain everything concerning the Pin Lake Dam by-law.

19.7. **Mr. Trail Grubert – 101 Como Gardens**

- Comments about 3 long time Town employees retirement, no acknowledgement from Council for their years of service and the Como Gardens bog.

19.8. **Mr. John Luxton – 114 McNaughten**

- Very supportive of new pet by-law, expresses concerns with regards to training of those enforcing by-law and of certain parts of the by-law.

Director General Mrs. Catherine Haulard addresses his concerns.

19.9. **Mr. Bill Driver – 104 Elm**

- Questions with regards to extending referendum hours.

Mr. Vincent Maranda, Town Clerk, answers that the Town of Hudson does not have the jurisdiction to amend the Provincial law which prescribes the days and the hours of the voting polls.

- Comments concerning Pine Lake and priorities of the Town of Hudson.

19.10. **Mrs. June Penney – 140 Main Road**

- Comments concerning Pine Lake costs and priorities, have all avenues been explored?

Mayor Ed Prévost answers her questions, he explains that the Town is working with certified engineers, a citizens committee has been set up to oversee the complete process and Council is trying to be as transparent as possible.

- Question concerning Sanderson Park and the gazebo.

19.11. **Mrs. Eva McCartney – 97 Mullan**

- Questions concerning septic smell in Como Gardens and Como project.

Director General Mrs. Catherine Haulard and Councillor Nicole Durand addressed her questions.

19.12. **Mr. Jim Duff – 127 Charleswood**

- Asks if the Town can get new microphones.

19.13. **Mrs. Diane Piacente - 692A Main**

- Question concerning the registry times, would like to have it on a Saturday.

20. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

No: R3681-2014

It is moved by Councillor Robert Spencer

Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand

And unanimously resolved:

THAT this meeting of the Hudson Town Council be adjourned at 9:30 PM.

CARRIED

**Ed Prévost
Mayor**

**Vincent Maranda
Town Clerk**