



Regular meeting held on November 3rd, 2014

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Hudson Council, held at the Community Centre, on November 3rd, 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: R3699-2014

**It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:**

That the Town of Hudson Council adopt the agenda of the November 3rd, 2014, regular Council meeting as submitted.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No: R3700-2014

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the October 6th, 2014, regular council meeting;

**It is proposed by Councillor Robert Spencer
Seconded by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
And unanimously resolved:**

To approve, as submitted, the minutes of the October 6th, 2014, council meeting.

CARRIED

4. Mayor's report on the financial situation:

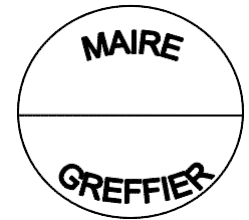
In accordance with Article 474.1 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, I hereby submit to the population the annual report on the Town's financial situation.

Preliminary indications concerning the financial statements of the current financial year (2014)

The current year should end within budget estimates. The result of this fiscal year will be presented by the auditor during the March 2015 Town Council Meeting. In 2015 the taxable value of all properties will be \$1,028,344,100.

General budget orientations in 2015 and for the next 3 years (capital expenditures)

- Public Works
 - Road network repairs
 - New road signs (downtown revitalization)
- Culture & Tourism
 - Promote the Town's many attractions and thus encourage its economic development



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- Parks & Recreation
 - Family policy
 - New recreation facilities (skate park, playgrounds and rest area)
 - Improvements to trails and signage
- Urban Planning
 - Revision of by-laws
 - Development plan
- Environmental Health
 - Collection of organic waste
 - Standardization of bins (household refuse) to reduce cost of service
 - Environmental policy
 - Aqueducts and sewers

List of contracts involving an expenditure of over \$25,000

This list is annexed to the present report.

List of contracts with the same contracting party and involving an expenditure of more than \$2,000 when the total expenditure exceeds \$25,000

This list is also annexed to the present report.

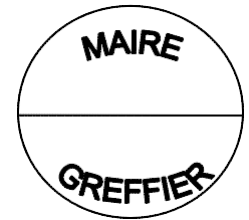
The date of the Special Meeting for the tabling of the 2015 budget is December 17th, 2014.

Given at Hudson, this 3rd day of November, 2014.

**Ed Prévost
Mayor**

5. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

- 5.1. **Mr. Maurice Panchyshyn – 910 Main**
 - Questions on taxable value to be and anticipated revenues.Mayor Ed Prévost replies that the budget is in process and will be ready on December 17th.
- 5.2. **Mrs. Coleen Middleton – 109 Hemlock**
 - Asks that the names of councillors and their district numbers be in front of them at Council meetings and mentions that the Mayor's microphone needs adjustment.
- 5.3. **Mr. Philip Goodall – 72 Léger Lane**
 - Asks if Hudson Patrol is still issuing tickets for violations of by-laws.Mayor Ed Prévost and Council answer that tickets are still being issued.
- 5.4. **Mr. Larry Gray – 106 Elm**
 - Comments concerning residents' behaviour at Town Council Meetings, rudeness should not be tolerated.
- 5.5. **Mrs. Tracy Gallagher – 116 Bellevue**
 - Asks for update and directions concerning Bellevue, Como situation.Mayor Ed Prévost answers that he has no new information concerning the situation; Director General Mrs. Catherine Haulard asks the resident to meet her after the meeting.
- 5.6. **Mr. Frank Hicks – 46 Quarry Point**
 - Asks if a civil suit will be taken against auditors.Mayor Ed Prévost replies that the situation is under investigation but a civil suit is not excluded.
- 5.7. **Mr. Marcus Owen – 60 Main**
 - Would like Council to address the Main Road and ferry intersection problem.
- 5.8. **Mr. André Bourassa – 374 Woodcroft**
 - Questions the selection, competence and identity of the Pine Lake Dam Committee members.



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Director General Catherine Haulard explains the process, and mentions that the members are constituted of a biologist, an engineer, a contractor and people who are involved in the field.

5.9. **Mr. Peter Batcup – 583 Main**

- Asks about the status/possibility of a retroactive grant for the fire station.

Mayor Ed Prévost answers that it is impossible to ask for a retroactive grant. Town of Hudson is approaching other municipalities to offer fire department services for a fee to help finances. Mayor Prévost will look into matter of missed grant.

5.10. **Mr. Chris Campbell – 573 Main**

- Asks about auditors and mandate and new financial report. Where the new auditors given a mandate to do an internal control report? Was mandate to report directly to Council?

Mayor Ed Prévost answers yes to both questions.

5.11. **Mr. Marcus Owen - 760 Main**

- Question concerning the master plan, what are the next steps?

Mayor Ed Prévost answers that discussions and/or implementation will commence in March or April of next year.

5.12. **Mr. Jacques Bourgeois – 160 Evergreen**

- Asks when will audited financial statements come out and be available to the public? Will the management letter accompanying the financial statements be made public?

Mayor Ed Prévost answers December 1st or 8th, before the budget. The auditors will be making a presentation in the next few weeks with their recommendations.

5.13. **Mrs. Helen Kurgansky – 22 Quarry Point**

- Question concerning Town of Hudson's direction with regards to By-Law N° 646 which was adopted then abolished one month later.

Mayor Ed Prévost replies that an omnibus amendment will be made down the road. Councillor Nicole Durand adds that after reviewing the by-law it was noticed that some items on the check list would cost a lot of money before permits were issued.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1. **Deposit of the list of correspondence for the month of October 2014**

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

8. **REPORT FROM URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

8.1. Deposit of the list of permits for the month of October 2014

8.2. Resolution – 33 Wharf - New Commercial Sign

No: R3701-2014

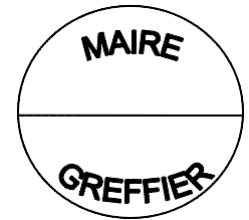
WHEREAS an application has been received for the installation of a new commercial sign for the new Daycare business at 33 Wharf Road;

WHEREAS the Town Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) recommended at its meeting of October 9th, 2014, the approval of the commercial sign with certain conditions.

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

THAT the Town of Hudson decides that the commercial sign will be installed under the front porch and attached to the building and the said sign will be of the following size: 16 inches X 12 feet. The whole as per discussions with the applicant.

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8.3. Resolution – reappointment of TPAC Committee

No: R3702-2014

WHEREAS Chapter V of the *Act respecting land and use planning and development* (R.S.Q., c. A-19.1) empowers the Council to constitute a planning advisory committee;

ACCORDING to by-law No 621 concerning the Hudson Town Planning Advisory Committee the term of office is one (1) year for each member;

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson wishes to appoint members of TPAC for the following year;

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

THAT the following persons be appointed members of the Town Planning Advisory Committee for a one (1) year term beginning at the November regular meeting:

Mrs. Nicole Durand
Mrs. Deborah Woodhead
Mrs. Chloé Hutchison
Mr. Frank Hicks
Mrs. Miriam Tabori
Mr. Phillip Avis
Mr. Timothy Mathieu

CARRIED

8.4. Resolution – Agricultural Advisory Committee - members

No: R3703-2014

WHEREAS Chapter V.1 of the *Act respecting land and use planning and development* (R.S.Q., c. A-19.1) empowers the Council to constitute an agricultural advisory committee;

WHEREAS on January 7th, 2013, the Town of Hudson adopted By-Law No. 623 which established the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC);

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson would like to review the memberships of certain members and appoint two (2) new members to the AAC;

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

THAT the following candidates be appointed members of the AAC for a one (1) year term beginning at the November regular meeting:

Elected municipal official:
Councillor Natalie Best (replacing Mrs. Madeleine Hodgson)

SDC Hudson member:
Mr. Bryan Amyot

Member of the territory of the Town of Hudson:
Mrs. Karen Rothschild

Agricultural producer member:
Madame Annick Joanisse
Madame Lindsay D'Aoust
Monsieur Curtis Raiche (en remplacement de monsieur Brian Grubert)
Monsieur Benoit Laporte



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Ressource person :
Mrs. Susie Aird

CARRIED

9. TREASURY

9.1. **Approval of disbursements, salaries and accounts payable**

No: R3704-2014

CONSIDERING Council has examined the disbursements made and to be made for accounts payables and salaries for October 2014;

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

TO APPROVE the following disbursements, salaries and supplier expenses:

- i) Disbursements: \$1,147,451.17
- ii) Salaries: \$175,679.97
- iii) Accounts Payable: \$ 271,050.07

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

CARRIED

9.2. **Resolution – Opération Nez Rouge Sponsorship**

No: R3705-2014

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

THAT the Town of Hudson be authorized to contribute to Opération Nez Rouge the amount \$600.

CARRIED

10. **MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESSOURCES**

11. **PUBLIC WORKS**

12. ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

13. PARKS & RECREATION

14. CULTURE & TOURISM

15. PUBLIC SECURITY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

16. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

16.1. Resolution – withdrawal of referendum for by-law no 649-2014 for the Pine Lake loan

No: R3706-2014

WHEREAS at a meeting of municipal Council held August 4, 2014, the municipal Council of the Town of Hudson adopted by-law no 649-2014 entitled: by-law with respect to a loan of up to \$750,000 for the reconstruction of the dam at Pine Lake;



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WHEREAS under Sections 553 and 559 of the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*, the Council had fixed the date of November 30, 2014, for the referendum poll;

WHEREAS Council has decided to withdraw by-law 649-2014 on the subject of the loan of up to \$750 000 for the reconstruction of the dam at Pine Lake considering an estimate of costs and a description of engineering options would not be available prior to the referendum date;

THEREFORE,
It is moved by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:

THAT by-law no 649-2014 with respect to a loan of up to \$750,000 for the reconstruction of the dam at Pine Lake be withdrawn and consequently the referendum that was fixed for November 30th, 2014 is hereby cancelled.

CARRIED

16.2. Resolution – termination of call for tenders for plans - Pine Lake dam

No: R3707-2014

WHEREAS at a meeting of municipal Council held August 4th, 2014, the municipal Council of the Town of Hudson adopted by-law n^o 649-2014 entitled: by-law with respect to a loan of up to \$750,000 for the reconstruction of the dam at Pine Lake.

WHEREAS a call for tenders for the plans and specifications for the reconstruction of the dam was made on September 18, 2014 and the Town received two bids by October 6, 2014.

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson has decided to not proceed at the present time with any of the bidders who submitted bids and wishes to terminate the call for tenders 815071 published on the SEAO website.

THEREFORE,
It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
That hereby adopted and decreed as follows:

That none of the bidders for the call for tenders for the preparation of plans and specifications for the reconstruction of the dam at Pine Lake be retained for such work and that the call for tenders no 815071 published with the SEAO be terminated.

CARRIED

16.3. Intermunicipal transport agreement amendment to the agreement on the constitution of the “*Conseil Intermunicipal de Transport de la Presqu’île*”

No: R3708-2014

WHEREAS the Agreement to further amend the Agreement permitting the constitution of the Council of the Presqu’île Intermunicipal Transport, which has been endorsed by all municipalities concerned and signed by their authorized representatives;

WHEREAS this Agreement has been transmitted to the Minister of Transport for approval as provided for in Article 9 of the “*Lois sur le conseils intermunicipaux de transport dans la région de Montréal* (RLRQ, c. C60.1)” but at the ministry’s request some points need to be clarified at Annex-1 of the said Agreement with regard to the meaning of the terms “traffic” and “travel time”;

WHEREAS it is necessary to confirm these clarifications to the Ministry of Transport.

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



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TO confirm to the Ministry of Transport that for the purposes of Annex A-1 of the Agreement to further amend the Agreement permitting the constitution of the Presqu'île Intermunicipal Transport council, it is understood that:

- 1° « traffic » : means the annual number of displacements by municipality users;
- 2° « travel time » : means hours of service.

That the preamble of the present resolution becomes an integral part hereof.

CARRIED

16.4. Resolution – negotiation of the employees' Collective Agreement – directions

No: R3709-2014

WHEREAS the Management Committee believes that, throughout the collective bargaining process, it must act in a way that respects the key directions adopted by the Municipal Council, to ensure that these directions are fulfilled once the process is concluded.

WHEREAS the directions put forward will allow for the overall optimization of resources to address the evolution and diversification of the services to be delivered to residents. Our decisions throughout the negotiation process must be constantly guided by the directions established. These directions can be summarized as follows, in no particular order of importance:

- ① Implement a rigorous governance process that fosters accountability, control and organizational effectiveness, and promotes sound management of public funds, especially in the difficult context currently being experienced by Quebec municipal governments.
- ② Give priority to measures that promote flexibility in work organization. Every action must be thought out based on the needs and expectations of citizens, for the well-being of the community.
- ③ Foster the pursuit of excellence as an organization. As part of a continuous improvement strategy, the Town will encourage the achievement of excellence among its staff in the work it carries out. Workforce training will be key to a successful outcome.
- ④ Ensure that all the monetary agreements made during the negotiation respect the restrained budget allocation.

**It is proposed by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
And unanimously resolved:**

TO ADOPT the aforementioned directions concerning the negotiation of the employees' Collective Agreement.

CARRIED

17. NOTICE OF MOTION
18. ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS
19. CARRIED FORWARD BUSINESS
20. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

20.1. Mr. Daren Legault – 861 Rousseau

- Asks about the status of By-Laws 504, 505 and 554; what will be done with the old medi centre?

Mayor Ed Prévost answers that the amendments will be presented at the next Town Council meeting. All properties belonging to the Town are being re-examined, some of these properties may be useful to find much needed money.



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20.2. **Mr. Peter Batcup – 583 Main**

- Asks about 2013 unpaid property taxes and the business taxes sent to a collection agency.

Mayor Ed Prévost states that the amounts outstanding for 2013 are significantly less than what they were in 2012, approximately 75% less. Letters will be going out soon. Business taxes are more difficult to collect as people leave town. Town Clerk Vincent Maranda mentions he has no specific numbers and business taxes have not yet gone to a collection agency.

20.3. **Mr. Keith Eller – 105 Charleswood**

- Suggests an open forum/consultation with citizens with regards to long term capital, strategic, zoning, density master plans.

Mayor Ed Prévost informs him that it is Council's intention.

20.4. **Mrs. Joanne Ross – 86 Mount Pleasant**

- Questions item 15 on the agenda, public security, asks how many tickets were given out for by-law infractions in the past month.

Mayor Prévost replies that the information will be made available to her.

21. TERMINATION OF MEETING

No: R3710-2014

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 9:00 PM.

CARRIED

**Ed Prévost
Mayor**

**Vincent Maranda
Town Clerk**