



Regular meeting held on January 11th, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Hudson Council, held at the Community Centre, on January 11th, 2016.

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

Jean-Pierre Roy, Director General
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
MVH-2015-197**

No: R4010-2016

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

That the Town of Hudson Council adopt the agenda of the January 11th, 2016, regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1. Adoption of the December 7th, 2015, meeting minutes

No: R4011-2016

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the December 7th, 2015, regular Council meeting;

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

TO APPROVE the minutes of the December 7th, 2015, Council meeting.

CARRIED

3.2. Adoption of the December 15th, 2015, special budget meeting minutes

No: R4012-2016

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the December 15th, 2015, special budget meeting;

**It is proposed by Councillor Barbara Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the minutes of the December 15th, 2015, special budget meeting.

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3.3. **Adoption of the December 15th, 2015, second special meeting minutes**

No: R4013-2016

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the December 15th, 2015, second special meeting;

**It is proposed by Councillor Barbara Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the minutes of the December 15th, 2015, special meeting.

CARRIED

4. **WORD FROM MAYOR**

5. **QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS (10:02)**

5.1. **Mr. David Vance – 157 Windcrest**

- Asks about the nature of the MAMOT investigation; asks about Mayor suing people for derogatory comments; comments on high legal fees.

Director General Jean-Pierre Roy responds the resolution in question was to protect one employee in particular, there is no resolution to sue everybody for everything and people conserve their right to express themselves.

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

- Comments on people's fear to speak freely, asks for clarification.

Mayor Ed Prévost reassures her that she can express herself and nothing will be held against her unless it becomes personal.

5.3. **Mrs. Helen Kurgansky – 42 Quarry Point**

- Legal fee question concerning payment of \$10,000.

Mayor Prévost answers that it is for the "*Commission Municipale du Québec*" complaint with the MAMOT, preparations for an eventual trial. Mentions that legal fees question was raised at the last meeting.

6. **URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

6.1. **Christmas tree pickup
MVH-2015-240**

No: R4014-2016

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson wishes to provide a Christmas tree pick-up service to its citizens for the purpose of chipping them into mulch which will then be used in our natural trails where necessary;

WHEREAS a request for tender was submitted to four (4) trade contractors;

WHEREAS notices were placed in both the local French and English newspapers in December 2015 to inform citizens that they must register with the Town for this pick-up;

WHEREAS the pick-up will start on January 18, 2016;

WHEREAS bids were received by all four trade contractors;

WHEREAS it is recommended that the lowest fixed fee bid received be chosen and the contract be awarded to Trees and Beyond, Mr. Patrick Creyf owner, for the amount of \$90.00 per hour.

**On these grounds,
It is moved by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:**



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THAT Council approves the lowest fixed fee bid received and that the contract be awarded to Trees and Beyond for the amount of \$90.00 per hour.

CARRIED

- 6.2. 664 Main – remedial action to be taken
MVH-2015-113

No: R4015-2016

CONSIDERING the fire which occurred at 664 Main Road on April 3rd, 2008;

CONSIDERING the situation at 664 Main Road still persists since a fire destroyed the residence in 2008;

CONSIDERING the many letters sent by both the Planning Department and the Fire Department as well as by the Town's General Management;

CONSIDERING a dispute existed with the Insurers in 2010;

CONSIDERING a demolition permit was issued once the dispute was settled;

CONSIDERING that the inspection confirmed both the foundation and the chimney have not been removed and that no protection fence was ever installed to surround the property and that this situation has been tolerated for too long.

CONSIDERING The Planning Department recommends that steps be taken to resolve the situation as soon as possible for security, equity and public health reasons;

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

THAT the Town of Hudson take measures to correct the unacceptable situation in regards to this property and these measures will include and ultimate demand letter, recurring and daily penalties and/or a Civil court injunction.

CARRIED

- 6.3. 462 Main – new business sign
MVH-2015-241

No: R4016-2016

WHEREAS a request was received by the Town of Hudson for a proposed new business sign on a post at 462 Main;

WHEREAS this new sign project is subject to the Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP) By-Law No 571;

WHEREAS the Town Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC), at its meeting of December 10th, 2015, reviewed the file for this project of a new business sign and recommends favourably the approval of the proposed business sign as presented.

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

THAT Council approve the business sign project according to TPAC'S recommendation and authorizes that an application for a permit for a new business sign be submitted to the Planning Department along with all the required documents necessary for the issuance of the permit.

CARRIED

7. TREASURY



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7.1. **Approval of disbursements**
MVH-2015-248

No: R4017-2016

CONSIDERING Council has examined the disbursements made and to be made for accounts payables as of December 31st, 2015;

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

TO APPROVE the following disbursements as of December 31st, 2015, conditional as per further approval on Wednesday, January 13th, 2016:

- Total accounts paid:	\$385,468.06
- Direct debits:	\$49,342.63
- Salaries	\$356,576.35

CARRIED

7.2. **Greenwood Center for Living History subsidy**
MVH-2015-185

No: R4018-2016

CONSIDERING the Town of Hudson has historically supported this unique heritage property which has become a tourist attraction due to the many events they host and sponsor throughout the year;

CONSIDERING Greenwood is a private foundation, supported through a core of committed volunteers and vital partnerships, enabling it to foster a broad-based community involvement and support;

CONSIDERING Greenwood is looking for a donation of \$5000.00;

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

THAT the Town of Hudson recognizes the valuable contribution of the Greenwood Center for Living History to the cultural life of the community and supports Greenwood's efforts with a \$5,000.00 donation which is fully compatible with Hudson's Mission Statement.

CARRIED

7.3. **Le Nichoir**
MVH-2015-190

No: R4019-2016

CONSIDERING that Le Nichoir, a volunteer bird rescue and rehabilitation center, has recently built a brand new facility to house and care for birds through an amazing fund raising campaign;

CONSIDERING their work is known throughout the greater Montreal area and their reputation is publicized on both radio and newspaper;

CONSIDERING with the new facility, they are connected to the water system;

CONSIDERING it is recommended that the Town of Hudson grant a subsidy of \$6,000.00 to the Nichoir to compensate for the costs of connecting to the water system which is fully compatible with the Town's mission statement and the first goal of the mission statement fully realized;



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**It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Natalie Best
And unanimously resolved:**

THAT the Town of Hudson grant a subsidy of \$6,000 to compensate for the cost of connecting to the water system of the Town of Hudson.

CARRIED

8. MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESSOURCES

**8.1. Curé Demers representing Hudson
MVH-2015-**

No: R4020-2016

WHEREAS Mr. Jean-Paul Lallier, a native of the Town of Hudson, established a longevity record as Mayor of Québec City, passed away on January 5th, 2016 at the age of 77;

WHEREAS Mr. Lallier is entitled to a civic funeral and Québec's Cardinal Lacroix has asked if Curé Demers of Hudson's St-Thomas d'Aquin Parish could attend the service to represent Mr. Lallier's native Town;

WHEREAS the civic funeral to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Lallier will be held on Saturday, January 9th at 2:00 PM at the Notre-Dame Basilica in Old Quebec;

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson Municipal Council wishes to name a representative to attend the funeral;

**It is moved by Councillor Natalie Best
Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand
And unanimously resolved:**

TO NAME Curé Demers as the Town of Hudson representative to attend Mr. Lallier's funeral which took place on January 9th, 2016.

CARRIED

**8.2. "Mémoires" (directors' reports) completion report – deposited by resolution
Dépôt des mémoires
MVH-2015-**

No: R4021-2016

WHEREAS Town Council and Administration have implemented directors reports which determine which projects are to be completed;

WHEREAS the directors are required to combine their resources, aptitudes, information and administrative authorisation to give detailed presentations to Town Council of the proposed prioritized orientation of their decisions to be adopted by resolution or by-law;

WHEREAS from October 2015 to December 18th, 2015 (approximately 70 days) over 100 directors reports have been prepared, evaluated in caucus and established via Town Council resolutions or by-laws;

**It is moved by Councillor Natalie Best
Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand
And unanimously resolved:**

TO DEPOSIT the list of directors' reports, some of which are confidential or restricted, which have been accomplished by Town Council resolutions or by-laws which are public;

As with the deposit of the list of disbursements, the list of achievements and highlights during this period will replace the occasional service reports that used to be prepared by the directors.



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8.3. **Employee no 721 matter**
MVH-2015-250

No: R4022-2016

CONSIDERING the information and recommendations proposed in the confidential and restricted distribution directors report n° MVH-2015-250 dated January 6th, 2016;

CONSIDERING the importance of the suspension and proposed inquiry for the Town operations and its implementation in respect of procedural equity;

It is moved by Councillor Natalie Best
Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand
And unanimously resolved:

TO IMPLEMENT the recommendations contained in directors report MVH-2015-250 dated January 6th, 2016 imposing and confirming a 15 day suspension with pay on employee no 721 effective January 8th, 2016.

TO HOLD an inquiry and to produce a report within the time allowed for consideration and in function of the designated orientations provided in the aforesaid directors report in order for Town Council to take the necessary measures if any.

VOTES FOR:
Nicole Durand
Barbara Robinson
Deborah Woodhead
Natalie Best
Ron Goldenberg

VOTE AGAINST:
Robert Spencer

ADOPTÉE

9. **PUBLIC WORKS**

9.1. **Purchase of furnace for the municipal garage**
MVH-2015-

No: R4023-2016

CONSIDERING the heating unit for the public works garage is defective (perforated combustion chamber) with gasses and smoke escaping into the building;

CONSIDERING the unit has over 20 years of use, the replacement parts are not available and a repair (welding) to the combustion chamber would annul the CSA certification;

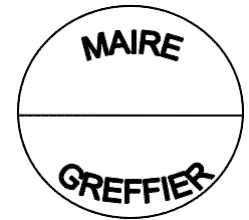
CONSIDERING it is impossible to convert to electrical heating without exorbitant costs and lengthily delays and that heating is required immediately and until the end of the winter;

CONSIDERING the Public Works department has identified a supplier of a furnace for \$7,500 which is below the threshold where public tenders are normally requested;

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

TO purchase and install of a new oil powered furnace as per the attached quote for the sum of \$7500 + installation (+/- \$500) + taxes.

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9.2. **Rebuilding of pump for the water filtration plant**

No: R4024-2016

CONSIDERING THAT a distribution pump recently broke down at the Town water filtration plant;

CONSIDERING this pump is the only pump connected to a generator should there be a power outage;

CONSIDERING that the cost to pick up, rebuild the pump and reinstall it is approximately \$15,000 with at least 60 hours of work;

CONSIDERING that it is imperative that this pump be in working order at all times for emergencies and that it be repaired without delay;

CONSIDERING that the Town of Hudson's contract management policy submitting matters to public tenders may be put aside in cases of emergencies by the direction of the Town of Hudson it being that all criteria contained in Provincial legislation with respect to the awarding of municipal contracts under \$25,000 is respected;

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

That the Town of Hudson authorizes that the necessary work for approximately \$15,000 be effected to rebuild the back-up emergency distribution pump for the water filtration plant.

CARRIED

10. **PARKS & RECREATION**

10.1. **Hiring pool and day camp staff for 2016
MVH-2015-141**

No: R4025-2016

WHEREAS the Hudson Community Pool was built 31 years ago by volunteers and that it is still the only public pool in Town and that in 2014, was well used from mid-June to the beginning of September by over 705 individual members, drop ins and local students;

WHEREAS the day camp serves the Town of Hudson population;

WHEREAS last year, for the 2015 season, the Town of Hudson hired pool personnel at a cost of \$72,530, said personnel had the professional qualifications as described by the Canadian Lifesaving Society;

WHEREAS last year the Town of Hudson hired an outside firm, Dynamix, to administer the Day Camp and for 2016 the Town wishes to administer this program in-house;

WHEREAS with the Council's authorisation, the Parks and Recreations Department will publish in a local newspaper its intention to hire pool and day camp personnel for the upcoming season;

WHEREAS hiring personnel is essential for the swimmers' safety and the day camp operation;

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

TO APPROVE hiring personnel and to advertise for these two items, namely the day camp and the pool.



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10.2. **Hiring of temporary help**

No: R4026-2016

CONSIDERING management is currently reviewing and changing the structure of the Parks and Recreation Department;

CONSIDERING that waiting for this change, for the past month, the Parks and Recreations Department has been struggling to accomplish its usual function as well as seasonal tasks and are falling behind. The department usually has 2 full time blue collar workers and now there is only 1 worker at present;

CONSIDERING the Parks and Recreations Department wish to hire a temporary employee to help with its usual functions;

CONSIDERING the Treasurer certifies there are budgetary credits pour this expense and to insert this expense under account 02.701.50.111 for an amount of \$2910.40 (4 weeks times 40 hours times \$18.19);

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

TO HIRE a temporary employee so that the standards of cleanliness and order are maintained in our parks and yards and so that we are best able to serve our citizens.

CARRIED

11. CULTURE & TOURISM

11.1. **Snow Fest 2016
MVH-2015-130**

No: R4027-2016

CONSIDERING that on Saturday and Sunday February 6th and 7th, the 2016 Hudson Snow Fest will be held;

CONSIDERING that the week-end activities will be held at Benson Park and will be filled with activities such as: outdoor skating, music, snow and ice sculpture workshop, realization of a snow sculpture by a professional sculptor, "painting" on snow, maple kiosk, inflatable slides, face painting and distribution of souvenirs dome pins;

CONSIDERING that, if weather permits, a skating rink will be set up at Jack Layton Park for a hockey tournament;

CONSIDERING that the budget for the completion of the activity is available (GL : 02-701-60-474)

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

TO APPROVE the payment of \$7,500 for the 2016 Snow Fest activities.

CARRIED

11.2. **Recognition Mr. Marc Balevi
MVH-2016-247**

No: R4028-2016

WHEREAS on December 8th, Hudsonite Mr. Marc Balevi received the prestigious Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal at a ceremony held at Rideau Hall;



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WHEREAS Mr. Marc Balevi, co-founder of Canada Cycles for Kids has raised funds for the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada by organising many bike journeys in Canada;

WHEREAS through his perseverance, he has helped many children to make their dreams come true and has provided them with great moments of happiness and sheer joy;

It is moved by Councillor Natalie Best
Seconded by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
And **unanimously** resolved:

THAT the Town of Hudson commends and congratulates Mr. Marc Balevi's accomplishment as a Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal recipient.

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

13.1. **Mr. Daren Legault – 861 Rousseau**

- Asks for clarification on item 7.3, Le Nichoir subsidy.
Director General Jean-Pierre Roy answers that the connection is for water only.

13.2. **Mr. Frank Hicks – 46 Quarry Point**

- Asks about the validity of the 15 day suspension.
Mayor Prévost replies it is an administrative situation, the Town administrators will make the necessary investigations and recommendations will be made to Council in due course.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

No: R4029-2016

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

THAT this meeting of the Hudson Town Council be adjourned at 8:20 PM.

CARRIED

**Ed Prévost
Mayor**

**Vincent Maranda
Town Clerk**