



Regular meeting held on February 1st, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Hudson Council, held at the Community Centre, on February 1st, 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

Jean-Pierre Roy, Director General
Vincent Maranda, Town Clerk

ABSENT:

Natalie Best	-	Councillor / Electoral District #6
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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: R4030-2016

**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 February 1st, 2016, regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1. Adoption of the January 11th, 2016, meeting minutes

No: R4031-2016

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the January 11th, 2016, regular Council meeting;

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

TO APPROVE the minutes of the January 11th, 2016, Council meeting.

CARRIED

4. WORD FROM MAYOR

5. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

5.1. Mr. Keith Heller – 105 Charleswood

- Asks for an update on the TOD & strategic plan.

Mayor Ed Prévost answers a date will be set up as soon as possible with regards to the TOD. The strategic plan might be dealt with at the March meeting.

5.2. Mr. Jim McDermott – 100 Melrose

- Asks about the deadline for citizens to appeal their evaluation; why have taxes increased?



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Mayor Ed Prévost answers that the deadline is April 30th. Concerning tax increases, the budget must be respected but evaluations are the main reason for increase.

5.3. **Mrs. Isabelle Gavanski - 118 Cedar**

- Asks about Pine Lake status

Mayor Ed Prévost replies that the Pine Lake Committee will present a report to Council in March, there are 8 different scenarios that will be envisaged.

5.4. **Mr. George Ellerbeck – 193 Main**

- Asks if the MRC extension has been granted and for how long; enquires about under which by-laws the Town is operating.

Mayor Prévost answers that it has, for 9 to 12 months; Town of Hudson is operating under its own by-laws.

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

- Asks about the status on the conservation plan and the suspended employee.

Director General Mr. Jean-Pierre Roy answers that he will get back to her with more information later, the project is at Phase II; Mayor Prévost addresses the second question and states that the inquiry is still going on, Director General Mr. Jean-Pierre Roy adds that any information concerning this matter is confidential.

6. **URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

6.1. 868 Main – proposed extension to a residential building
MVH-2015-270

No: R4032-2016

WHEREAS an application has been received for a proposed extension to a residential building at 868 Main Road;

CONSIDERING this project is subject to the Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP) By-law N° 571;

CONSIDERING the submitted plans show conflicting information;

The Town Planning Advisory Committee does not recommend the approval of the proposed plans as submitted with the following recommendation:

- A copy of the roof plan will be supplied;
- The windows and doors will be harmonized with the existing building;
- The façade of the proposed extension will be more in harmony with the existing built environment;
- The roof's design will match that of the existing building, i.e. pitch, pattern, overhangs, etc.;
- A check will be added where the proposed extension will join with the existing building so that any joint between existing exterior materials and new addition will seamlessly integrate to create a uniform transition.

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

THAT Council follows the TPAC recommendations for the project which would be approved conditionally under the conditions spelled out in the recommendations.

CARRIED

6.2. 448-450 Main – plan modification
MVH-2015-271

No: R4033-2016

CONSIDERING THAT an application has been received for proposed modifications to plans for 448-450 Main Road;



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CONSIDERING this project is subject to the Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP) By-law N° 571;

CONSIDERING the original preliminary proposal for a mixed building project (commercial and residential) for 448-450 Main Road was submitted for review in February 2014;

CONSIDERING THAT subsequent meetings have taken place on February 12th, 2015, March 11th, 2015, May 14th 2015 and June 11th 2015;

CONSIDERING said project was and still is accepted, in principle;

The Town Planning Advisory Committee does not recommend this new rendition of the preliminary proposal for a mixed building project for the following reasons:

- Members of the Town Planning Advisory Committee do not see the justification for the extension of the corridor between the buildings;
- In addition, both sides of the building should be connected as one building as per the National Building Code.

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

THAT Council agrees with TPAC in that it is an extension that does not meet the purely technical criteria of a linkage by roofs and walls and that an underground foundation exists that can be linked but it would be more appropriate to link the underground building works to permit more parking and esthetics. This is an important file that deserves a deep analysis and a substantive dialogue with the promoter and his architect on the intentions in place in order to consider all possibilities of this important file for all participants.

CARRIED

**6.3. 504 Main – new business sign
MVH-2015-262**

No: R4034-2016

CONSIDERING a request was received by the Town of Hudson for a proposed new business sign on a post at 504 Main;

CONSIDERING this project is subject to the Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP) By-Law N° 571;

CONSIDERING the Town Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) reviewed the file for this request of a new business sign at its January 14th, 2016, meeting and recommends the approval of the proposed business sign as presented;

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

THAT Council approve the business sign project according to TPAC'S recommendation.

CARRIED

**6.4. 403A Main – new business sign
MVH-2015-262**

No: R4035-2016

CONSIDERING a request was received for a proposed business sign on the building at 403A Main;

CONSIDERING this project is subject to the Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP) By-Law N° 571;



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CONSIDERING the Town Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) reviewed the file for this request of a new business sign at its January 14th, 2016, meeting and recommends the approval of the proposed business sign as presented;

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

THAT Council approve the business sign project according to TPAC'S recommendation.

CARRIED

6.5. **73B Cameron – new business sign**
MVH-2015-269

No: R4036-2016

CONSIDERING a request was received for a proposed new business sign on the building at 73B Cameron;

CONSIDERING this project is subject to the Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP) By-law N^o 571;

CONSIDERING the Town Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) reviewed the file for this request of a new business sign at its January 14th, 2016, meeting and recommends the approval of the proposed business sign as presented;

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

THAT Council accepts the Town Planning Advisory Committee recommendation.

CARRIED

6.6. **Support for the protection of the Northern Map Turtle habitat**
MVH-2016-264

No: R4037-2016

CONSIDERING that Nature Action Québec has offered technical support and cooperation in carrying out a landscaping plan so that the northern map turtle can bask in the sun on the shorelines of Jack Layton Park;

CONSIDERING that discussions imply various levels of authorisation, Nature Action will make sure to obtain them;

CONSIDERING the work will be done in-house by Town employees;

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

THAT Council recommends going ahead with this project since there is a large number of northern map turtles along the shores of Hudson, this project does not generate costs and is compatible with the Town's mission.

CARRIED

7. TREASURY

7.1. **Approval of disbursements**
MVH-2015-248.1

No: R4038-2016



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CONSIDERING Council has examined the disbursements made and to be made for accounts payables as of January 31th, 2016;

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

TO APPROVE the following disbursements as of January 31st, 2016, as presented:

- Total accounts paid:	\$458,624.83
- Direct debits:	\$ 56,485.88
- Direct debits cancelled:	\$ -303.99
- Salaries	\$198,045.40

CARRIED

7.2. **Collection of business taxes
MVH-2015-230**

No: R4039-2016

CONSIDERING Article 484 of the *Cities and Towns Act* is clear concerning the prescription of arrears of a municipal tax which is three years. Moreover, should the business tax not be considered a municipal tax, the prescription of the Quebec Civil Code (art. 2925) would apply and is also three years;

CONSIDERING in virtue of the article 482.1 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, the Cities' debts for taxes other than municipal are similar to a prior claim on immovable or furniture whereby due;

CONSIDERING the Town wishes to recover the business taxes which have remained unpaid for several years. The amount due for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 taxes is \$ 87,229 (capital, interest and penalties);

CONSIDERING the offer of services received from the firm Bélanger Sauvé, S.E.N.C.R.L. for the collection of business taxes, their experience and expertise;

CONSIDERING a resolution had already been passed mandating a collection agency;

CONSIDERING Council has evaluated both firms and has decided to pursue the collection of business taxes with the collection agency ARO;

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

TO use the firm ARO for the collection of unpaid business taxes and diligently pursue the collection thereof.

CARRIED

7.3. **Deposit of municipal budgetary projections
MVH-2015-230**

No: R4040-2016

CONSIDERING the Town has prepared budgetary projections that are hereby deposited at the present council meeting and have also been deposited with the MAMOT;

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

That the Town of Hudson deposit at the present Town Council meeting its budgetary projections for 2016.



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7.4. **Meeting with MRC and taxpayers (evaluation roll)**

No: R4041-2016

CONSIDERING THAT the Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC now has exclusive jurisdiction over the property assessment service;

CONSIDERING THAT the Town of Hudson's budget shows a balanced average municipal tax increase but for certain taxpayers having experienced significant evaluation increases, this can become a significant challenge;

CONSIDERING THAT they have benefited from a few years grace period but their new home value is now fixed and can be contested;

CONSIDERING that Town Council and concerned directors will meet with the MRC evaluators on February 3rd, 2016;

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

TO MEET with the MRC property assessment service at the next Town Council meeting in order to give any necessary information to our taxpayers for eventual contestations with regards to their property evaluation as per the proposed method in accordance with the prescribed delays.

CARRIED

8. **MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESSOURCES**

8.1. **Councillors declaration of pecuniary interests
MVH-2015-250**

No: R4042-2016

CONSIDERING THAT every year, before February 15th, elected officials must present an updated declaration of pecuniary interests to the MAMOT;

CONSIDERING THAT in their written declarations, the Municipal Council members must indicate: 1) pecuniary interests in immoveables located in the territory of the municipality and in the territory of the regional county municipality or of the metropolitan community on whose council the mayor of the municipality sits; 2) pecuniary interests in legal persons, partnerships and enterprises likely to make transactions with the municipality or any municipal body of which he is a member;

CONSIDERING THAT a member of the council of a municipality must provide a statement that must include: 1) a list of the employments and administrative positions held by the member of the council and of the loans he has obtained from a person or body other than a financial institution; 2) the loans he has granted to persons other than his immediate family members, on which the balance in principal and interest is over \$2,000;

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

TO DEPOSIT the declarations of pecuniary interests of the Council dated February 1st, 2016.

CARRIED

8.2. **Contract Management Policy
MVH-2015-273**

No: R4043-2016



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WHEREAS according to Article 573.3.1.2 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, (L.R.Q. c. C-19) all municipalities must adopt a contract management policy which applies to municipal contracts and provides measures to ensure fair competition for people contracting or wanting to contract with the municipality, in this case, the Town of Hudson;

WHEREAS these measures must refer to the seven (7) themes clearly identified in this legislative provision and that these themes must contain a minimum of two specific measures;

WHEREAS on December 2nd, 2013, Council approved a contract management policy which imposed tighter controls to bidding scales than those provided by the Law;

WHEREAS this policy established the bidding scales as follows:

- a) Contracts from \$0.01 to \$9,999.99 - 1 bidder
- b) Contracts from \$10,000.00 to \$99,999.00 - 2 bidders on invitation
- c) Contracts in excess of \$100,000.00 – Public tenders (S.E.A.O.)

WHEREAS this policy should be amended to put back into place the applicability of the thresholds provided for by the applicable laws for tender contracting requirements which will allow management based on the provincial legislators' criteria;

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

THAT the Contract Management Policy's be amended by removing Section 2.9 on the bidding requirements in order to let Quebec provincial laws apply to the awarding of contracts without reducing thresholds as done previously.

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

VOTE AGAINST:
Robert Spencer

CARRIED

8.3. **Wyman – assisted living housing for seniors**
MVH-2015-260

No: R4044-2016

WHEREAS Pastor Kent Chown has met Town representatives on January 13th, 2016, at Halcro Cottage with a project fully compatible with the Town's preliminary mission statement. "*Mémoire n^o MVH-2016-260*";

WHEREAS the project is preliminary but will receive, by resolution, the support of the Town of Hudson. Certain aspects of the project need to be fine-tuned:

- A support resolution is required and given conditionally by the present. It will require the guaranty that the MRC, with the support of the SHQ "*AccèsLogis*" program, will reimburse the Town 15% and 10% for its financial support or commitment;
- Urban by-law will be required by concordance or differently to be in accordance with our legal situation in the MRC and CMM;
- The organizers will provide the land, will incorporate a non-profit organisation to manage and own the project;
- Others;

CONSIDERING the representations made to the Town of Hudson Municipal Council;



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CONSIDERING that a non-profit organization to be created wishes to implement a 24 unit housing project within the "AccèsLogis" community housing program (component 1, 2, 3) administered by the "Société d'habitation du Québec";

CONSIDERING the resolution model for the proposed contribution;

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

THAT the Town of Hudson agrees to financially participate for an amount equivalent to 15% of the total cost of the eligible realization recognized by the SHQ for a 24 unit social housing project, according to the housing type, to the extent that the amount will be reimbursed by the "Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal" according to Article 44 of Bill 170, on an Act to reform the municipal territorial organization of the metropolitan regions of Montreal, Québec and Outaouais which amends Article 153.1 of Act 134 establishing the Montreal Metropolitan Community. This financial participation will be payable upon the definite commitment for the project by the SHQ.

THAT the Town of Hudson agrees to contribute ten percent (10%) of the cost related to the "Programme Supplément au loyer" (for 50% of the units) for the project for a period of five (5) years.

THE whole is conditional upon the MRC reimbursing the Town through the approved SHQ "AccèsLogis" program.

CARRIED

8.4. **Mission Statement**
MVH-2015-011

No: R4045-2016

CONSIDERING the Town of Hudson's mission statement must be presented as soon as possible at the beginning of this year;

CONSIDERING many dates have been considered and March 17th or 24th, 2016, are possible dates, whichever are the most convenient and suitable for this Summit;

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

TO PROCEED with the planning of the event immediately.

TO AUTHORIZE a maximum expenditure of \$35,000, though the cost anticipated is much lower, probably less than \$15,000.

CARRIED

8.5. **Sickness, CSST, contestation employees files (2)**
MVH-2016- 289

No: R4046-2016

CONSIDERING the cases of two employees on disability and/or CSST status;

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

TO HIRE Dunton Rainville to manage the cases of two employees and their disability or CSST claims as designated in "Mémoire MVH-2016-289".

CARRIED

8.6. **Employees status adjustments, administrative support, HR, DG, Council, Mayor**
MVH-2016-278



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No: R4047-2016

CONSIDERING many employees are of undetermined status and that this situation affects the Town's efficiency;

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

TO DISCUSS with the Union and to create a new function within the Town concerning the production of "*Mémoires*" by Directors and their follow-up, coordination of the office of the Mayor and DG, and others already defined on such tasks in the "*Mémoires*" and proposed organizational chart;

Also, to immediately fill the function of coordinator of the office of the Mayor and DG, temporarily for the moment then permanently when the status of the function will be resolved;

TO ABOLISH the undetermined function of an archive employee after previous personnel movements.

CARRIED

8.7. **Policy, usage of internet and information technologies
MVH-2016-274**

No: R4048-2016

CONSIDERING the Town wishes to implement a policy on the usage of internet and information technologies;

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

THAT the policy attached on the usage of internet and information technologies be approved.

CARRIED

8.8. **Employees and directors evaluation
MVH-2016**

No: R4049-2016

CONSIDERING Directors and all Town employees are to be evaluated by the end of April 2016, and the current existing form for such review shall be amended;

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

THAT the evaluation of Directors and all employees be conducted by the end of April 2016 on a new form that shall be adjusted for current purposes.

CARRIED

9. **PARKS & RECREATION**

9.1. **Mount Pleasant School playground equipment
MVH-2015-141**

No: R4050-2016

CONSIDERING THAT on January 11, 2016, our Director of Culture & Tourism, Mr. Nicolas Pedneault received an email from Lester B. Pearson School Board's project



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manager with an attached letter of intent dated March 29, 2012 from the former Director of Parks & Recreation also copied to the former Director General;

CONSIDERING that this letter serves as a letter of intent, whereby Hudson agreed to contribute to the playground equipment of Mount Pleasant Elementary school, the lesser of \$25,000 or 33% of the cost of the project;

CONSIDERING THAT the said letter of intent should not have been sent by a Town employee who was not authorized and the Town will try to support by any legal means its implementation under conditions outlined in the letter. Nothing that was made before the acceptance of a resolution would be legal or oblige the Town to pay or contribute since the resolution would have had to have been made before the investment not after;

The Town must now ensure whether the granting of funds can be implemented legally after the facts;

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

THAT THE Town of Hudson's offer to contribute to the playground equipment stand under the conditions of the letter and under the condition that the budget shall authorize to finance completely this event in 2016. If necessary once every condition would be reached, the possibility of financing it as a 3 years expense would be explored if the budget doesn't support the expense entirely for this year.

Congratulations to Mount Pleasant School for their involvement to the school board and the Town of Hudson that will try to support it as previously submitted.

CARRIED

10. CULTURE & TOURISM

10.1. **2016 Land Art support
MVH-2015-131**

No: R4051-2016

CONSIDERING the duration of the event to be held during the 5 weeks of July 2016;

CONSIDERING that this event bridges the gap between Canada Day and Street Fair;

CONSIDERING the popular success in the first 2015 edition of the Land Art Hudson event;

CONSIDERING the editorial media coverage generated by the event in multiple local medias, regional and international (Montreal Gazette Your Local Journal, The Star, First Edition, The Jewel, CJAD Radio-Canada, Vie des Arts among others) and several other both in print, radio and web;

CONSIDERING THAT the MRC of Vaudreuil-Soulanges has offered to contribute financially and significantly to the 2016 edition by paying the fees offered to artists, in fact, the event meets the mandate of that support cultural activities meet the criteria for sustainable development;

CONSIDERING several other private sponsors have also manifested their intentions to Sponsorship the 2016 version of the Land Art Hudson;

CONSIDERING the need to launch a call for projects from artists as soon as possible in the media;

CONSIDERING the following budget (02-701-60-478) for the 2016 edition:

Artists fees: 1500\$ x 5 artists = 7500\$ (MRC portion)

Fees for the Commissary= 2000\$ for organization and supervision during all of the month of July



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Materials for the artists : 1250\$ (5 x 250.00\$)
Identification posters= 500\$ (5 x 100\$)
Promotion of the event = 2250\$ (newspapers, radio, web)
Total of \$13500 less the participation of the MRC of \$7500 MRC for a total of 6000\$ without counting private sponsorship;

CONSIDERING Land Art Hudson meet all criteria and fulfill in an exemplary way the Strategic Plan mission: The meeting of the Arts and Nature;

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

TO SUPPORT the event for \$13,500 from which \$7,500 comes from the MRC Vaudreuil-Soulanges.

TO PROMOTE the event and request the subsidy to the MRC and thank the MRC for such support.

CARRIED

10.2. **St-Patrick's Day, support**
MVH-2016-138

No: R4052- 2016

WHEREAS the Hudson St. Patrick Day Parade has become a large annual event in the Month of March;

WHEREAS the parade attracts upwards of 8000 visitors to the town annually;

WHEREAS the 2016 parade will be held on Saturday March 19th;

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson recognizes the value of the parade to the community and the local businesses;

WHEREAS the parade requires the closing of Cote St Charles between Main Road and Ridge beginning at 10:00am;

WHEREAS the Parade requires the closing of Main road from St. Charles to Cameron from 12:40 until the conclusion of the parade;

WHEREAS the parade requires the closing of Cameron from Lakeview to Main road beginning at 8:00am and continuing until 4:00 pm;

WHEREAS the Hudson St. Patrick Day Parade is an undertaking of a volunteer committee but is an official Town of Hudson event;

WHEREAS the parade will require some financial support to run the event, that is, 7500\$;

WHEREAS the Parade committee will work with the town administration to ensure the town approves and is aware of all aspects of the parade.

WHEREAS the Mayor will receive VIP and guests at the Fire Station at the beginning of the event and receive citizens at the Community Centre at the end and those events will cost approximately \$1,000 as in past years;

WHEREAS the Town will insure that the event is under municipal insurance coverage for all the events that will occur and their preparation;

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

TO AUTHORIZE a contribution of \$7,500 to the St-Patrick's day organizing committee and that the Town of Hudson support the Hudson St. Patrick Day Parade committee led



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by Mr. Jim Beauchamp to put on this event. The Town will also support the parade in numerous ways including but not limited to providing adequate security for participant and visitors to the town, by managing the closed streets, by having the administration involved in the planning and development of the parade when required, and by providing a town budget for approved expenses related to the event.

CARRIED

10.3. **Hudson Music Festival, support
MVH-2016-**

No: R4053- 2016

CONSIDERING the Hudson Music Festival is an important part of how the Town of Hudson celebrates summer not only for Hudson residents but for all the visitors who bring economic benefits during the annual celebration of artists, musicians and performers who travel here or come from the Town itself;

CONSIDERING the Town of Hudson wishes to contribute an amount of \$10,000 to sponsor the Hudson Music Festival, plus supply available logistical and equipment support for the upcoming eight-day event in August 2016;

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

THAT the Town of Hudson be authorized to sponsor the 2016 Hudson Music Festival for an amount of \$10,000 and to provide available logistical and equipment support during the Festival in August 2016.

CARRIED

10.4. **Hudson Village Theatre, support
MVH-2016-021.1**

No: R4054-2016

CONSIDERING the Hudson Village Theatre continues to be a vital part of the Hudson community and a major attraction to off-island visitors;

CONSIDERING they are now celebrating their 24th year;

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

That the Town of Hudson be authorized to sponsor the Hudson Village Theatre for an amount of \$15,000.

CARRIED

10.5. **Spring Fling 2016 (deferred)**

11. PUBLIC SECURITY & FIRE DEPARTMENT

11.1. Priority list to the SQ concerning public safety
MVH-2016-285

No: R4055- 2016

CONSIDERING THAT each year, the Sûreté du Québec invites municipalities to prioritize road safety and criminal investigation. This year the Sûreté du Québec offers a new component that of "community-based policing";



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CONSIDERING THAT subsequently, at a meeting of the Public Security Committee (PSC) of the Sûreté du Québec (SQ), they will be evaluating common priorities to develop a guideline establishing priorities of the MRC of Vaudreuil-Soulanges. To support the “community-based policing” responsible SQ sponsors for each municipality will be informed of the needs identified;

WHEREAS in response to this demand, here are the Town of Hudson’s priorities:

Regarding road safety:

- Speeding on arteries: Bellevue, Cameron and Côte St-Charles;
- Speeding by snowmobile drivers;

Regarding criminal investigations:

- Narcotics at Sandy Beach;
- Narcotics at Pier Wharf;

Regarding community-based policing:

- Support for the implementation of the pet by-law (By-Law N° 650-2014);
- Town Council Meeting presence on request;
- Monitoring of hiking trails;
- Attendance at special events such as, but not limited to:
 - o Christmas Parade;
 - o St-Patrick’s parade;
 - o Canada Day;
 - o Street Fair;
 - o St-Jean-Batiste Day;
 - o Hudson Car show;
 - o British Car show;
 - o Snow Fest;
 - o Music Festival;
 - o Arts in Nature Festival;

CONSIDERING THAT the safety of citizens is compatible with the Town of Hudson values;

CONSIDERING it is a priority to support teamwork and cooperation between the Community Patrol Service (PCH) and the Sûreté du Québec (SQ);

CONSIDERING the Town of Hudson pays an annual fee of \$1.464 million for the Sûreté du Québec services for 2016;

**It is moved by Mayor Ed Prévost
Seconded by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
And unanimously resolved:**

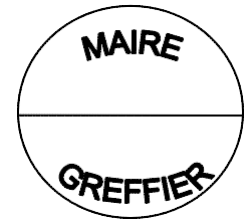
THAT THE Town of Hudson adopt the recommendations for the 2016-2017 priorities of the present “*mémoire*”.

CARRIED

11.2. Building classification – Cdn group
MVH-2016-081

No: R4056- 2016

CONSIDERING that in June 2011 the Fire department Chief filed a STRATEGIC PLAN which aimed two (2) targets. The first target was the adoption by the City Council of the PLAN itself. The second target is the fulfillment of that Plan by improving the ranking of residential buildings as institutional, commercial and industrial insurance ranking within the Canadian insurer’s index;



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CONSIDERING all the necessary actions to meet the standards of fire safety, fire protection under the expectations of Canada Underwriters Group has been reached. We are ready for the assessment to be held during the period of May to July 2016;

CONSIDERING the evaluation of fire protection for the Town of Hudson will be conducted by Underwriters Inspection of Fire Service RAIS. The RAIS assists the casualty insurance industry to establish the appropriate fire premiums for residential and commercial properties through its Canadian index ranking public assistance against fire. The rankings published in the index are developed specifically for the industry and provide a standardized measure of the adequacy of protection against fire in every community in the country;

CONSIDERING the ranking for fire protection of housing (CPH) is carried out for the Insurers Inspection fire Service, it is done for its members (insurers). There is a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being the best possible rating while 5 denotes the absence or near absence of fire protection. The ranking reflects the ability of communities to fight fires in small buildings (eg houses);

CONSIDERING the latest assessment of the fire department abilities to service its community was completed in 1996. The rating classification for the more remote areas of was 5, for more urban sectors the ranking was 4 (according to specific criteria);

CONSIDERING public aid classes against fire for commercial, institutional and industrial buildings are expressed on a scale of 1 to 10. The insurance underwriters Commercial Property and risk managers often call "fire insurance ratings». Class 1 represents the "ideal" situation, ie the highest level of protection, while class 10 denotes the absence of effective public relief. Many insurers then grouped these "odds" in three categories, complete protection, partial protection and no protection for their ability subscription. The classes indicate the extent to which communities are able to fight large fires likely to reach commercial buildings, industrial, administrative and multi-family dwellings. They are established after a thorough review of all components of the community's fire defense system given the level of risk it presents;

CONSIDERING the last evaluation of those classes for the fire department was accomplished in 1996. The ranking score is assigned according to criteria specific to the evaluated property, it was of 6 to 10 in some cases;

CONSIDERING THAT the last evaluation of the fire department regarding residential buildings was carried out in 1996 with a ranking score for more remote areas of 5 and for protected areas (according to specific criteria) was 4;

CONSIDERING THAT the last evaluation of fire department capabilities of fire protection for commercial, industrial and institutional was performed in 1996 with a ranking score according to specific criteria assigned to the assessed property, at 6 to 10 in some cases;

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

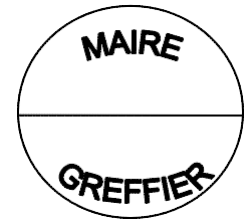
THAT the firm SIAI perform the evaluation of the Hudson Fire Department abilities in fire protection thus potentially improving personal and general insurance premiums within the territory of the city of Hudson , in regard to damages caused by the fire. The cost of the evaluation by the Company RAIS in favor of Canada's insurers is \$2,500.

12. **BY-LAWS/Notice of Motion**

12.1. **Delegation of authority to the DG to create a selection committee for a call for tenders**

Councillor Nicole Durand gives notice of motion that at an upcoming Town Council Meeting the adoption of a by-law concerning the delegation of authority to the Director General to create a selection committee for a call for tenders will be presented for adoption.

12.2. **Delegation to the Town of Hudson Treasurer to award contracts by tender concerning the authorized emission of obligations**



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Councillor Nicole Durand gives notice of motion that at an upcoming Town Council Special Meeting the adoption of a by-law concerning the delegation to the Town Treasurer to award contracts by tender concerning the authorized emission of obligations.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- 13.1. Councillor Ron Goldenberg reports on the Finance Committee meeting which was held on January 27th, 2016 and deposits the minutes of said meeting.

14. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

14.1. **Mr. Bill Driver – 104 Elm**

- Asks about the amount of money (\$35,000) mentioned in item 8.4

Councillor Ron Goldenberg answers the amount will be less than \$15,000. Director General Mr. Jean-Pierre Roy adds that subsidies were requested and every cost possible has been considered such as letters to citizens, newspapers, advertising.

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

- Asks when the 2014 financial statements will be ready; amount of over \$120,000 to Dunton Rainville in the last 3 months; modifications to the contract management policy.

Councillor Ron Goldenberg responds that the Treasurer is targeting the end of the month for Council to review, statements should be available in March; Mayor Prévost responds that the Dunton Rainville matter has been addressed at the last meeting, Council trying to settle differences out of court; the modification to the contract management policy will make the process more flexible.

14.3. **Mr. Ogden Gavanski - 118 Cedar**

- Asks about Mayor suing a council member, harassment of people who want to speak out that now fear that they can be sued on any grounds whatsoever; asks if Mayor will withdraw this statement and asks Council to open dialogue; asks about employee on leave.

Mayor Prévost answers this issue was dealt with extensively at the last meeting, there is no problem with citizens asking any question if it is in the best interest of the Town. Director General Mr. Jean-Pierre Roy replies that the employee matter is confidential.

14.4. **Ms. Isabelle Gavanski - 118 Cedar**

- Asks about Pine Lake.

Director General Mr. Jean-Pierre Roy answers that there is a Committee looking at the Pine Lake situation, they will present their report in March.

14.5. **Mrs. Elizabeth Corker – 16 Quarry Point**

- Question about the list of payments and the \$50,000 allocated for legal expenses in 2016; asks why a lot of information was erased with respect to Dunton Rainville.

Mayor Prévost answers he can't remember, Director General Mr. Jean-Pierre Roy states that it was \$125,000.

Town Clerk Mr. Vincent Maranda responds that when items are taken out it is due to confidentiality issues.

14.6. **Mr. Peter Robinson – 36 Main Road**

- Asks details about item 8.6, existing employee or new hire and item 13.1 the delegation to the DG to create a selection committee.

Director General Mr. Jean-Pierre Roy explains that a few employees have been hired and their status is undetermined, the situation must be regularised, Town's needs have changed due to the process of working with "mémoires" and people are needed to follow up this process; concerning item 13.1, there was a complaint to the MAMOT because it was done by resolution instead of by-law.

14.7. **Mrs. Kalina Skulska - 661 Main**

- Thanks Council for their generous contribution towards the Hudson Village Theatre

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

- Questions about budget, are the 2016 budget projections filed with MAMOT the same as those adopted December 15th? Question about cost to hire ARO for tax collection;



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Asks about Wyman project, R-55 zoning and guarantees; asks about Mount Pleasant expenditure.

Councillor Ron Goldenberg responds that it should be but the format may be different. Council suggests a meeting with the Treasurer for any clarification necessary. ARO cost is a percentage of tax collected. Councillor Nicole Durand replies that Wyman owns the land, there will be a public consultation and zoning change.

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

- Questions Land Art support item, can any of this be directed towards Hudson's own art community? Enquires about the list of correspondence which has been missing for the last few months.

Councillor Nicole Durand responds that she hopes support will go to Hudson artists. Mayor Prévost responds that the list of correspondence can be included again.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

No: R4057-2016

**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 9:30 PM.

CARRIED

**Ed Prévost
Mayor**

**Vincent Maranda
Town Clerk**