



Regular meeting held on August 1st, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Hudson Council, held at the Community Centre, on August 1st, 2016.

ARE PRESENT

Ron Goldenberg	-	Councillor / Electoral District #2
Nicole Durand	-	Councillor / Electoral District #3
Deborah Woodhead	-	Councillor / Electoral District #5 – Session President
Natalie Best	-	Councillor / Electoral District #6

Jean-Pierre Roy, Director General
Diane Duhaime, Assistant Town Clerk

ABSENT:

Ed Prévost	-	Mayor
Robert Spencer	-	Councillor / Electoral District #1
Barbara Robinson	-	Councillor / Electoral District #4 – Pro-Mayor

1. OPENING AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Quorum was reached and Session President, Councillor Deborah Woodhead, calls the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
MVH-197**

No: R4233-2016

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

That the Town of Hudson Council adopt the agenda of the August 1st, 2016, regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1. Adoption of the July 4th, 2016, meeting minutes

No: R4234-2016

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the July 4th, 2016, regular Council meeting;

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

TO APPROVE, as submitted, the Minutes of the July 4th, 2016, regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

4. WORD FROM THE SESSION PRESIDENT

5. WORD FROM THE HONOURABLE PETER SCHIEFKE, Member of Parliament for Vaudreuil-Soulanges

6. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

6.1. Mr. Bill Nash – 12 Stonecrest

- Expresses his appreciation for the organization chart and asks for the “*ventilation des frais juridiques*” i.e. how much was spent on what cases.

Director General Jean-Pierre Roy will try to give him the updated information at the



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next meeting if Council agrees.

6.2. **Mr. John Delgarno – 77 Mountain View**

- Asks why the West Island Gazette was informed of the Legion tax issues as no tax bills were received since 1995 following an agreement between the Legion and the Town of Hudson.

Councillor Deborah Woodhead explains that the agreement between the Town of Hudson and the Legion was not accepted by the Quebec Government, she apologizes that the information went to the Press; Director General Jean-Pierre Roy also apologizes and indicates that his statements were taken out of context.

6.3. **Mrs. Veronique Fischer – 405 Olympie**

- Asks when the 2015 financial statements be tabled; mentions that she sees cheques in payment to the auditors for the 2015 statements.

Councillor Ron Goldenberg answers that the 2015 audit is in process now, it will take a few months, the payment is a progress payment for services rendered to date.

6.4. **Mr. Steve Farrell – 86 Butternut**

- Enquires about the 1.5\$ million loan By-Law for road repairs, is it for the next 5 years? Will it be a general tax increase for everyone.

Councillor Deborah Woodhead answers that the 1.5 million dollar by-law is for this year; Councillor Ron Goldenberg adds that all the roads in Hudson are planned to be done over the next 5 to 7 years and the assessment will be general.

6.5. **Mr. Bill Driver – 104 Elm**

- Asks about the annex to Loan By-Law N° 670.

6.6. **Mr. Roald Longhi – 103 Birch Hill**

- Suggests that citizens be allowed to be on more than one committee.

6.7. **Mr. Richard Grinnell – 14 Wharf**

- Also suggests that citizens be allowed to sit on multiple committees; asks about the 55 mm layer proposed to pave the streets, states it is not enough; suggests that the loan be for 10 years and not 15 years as written in the loan by-law.

Councillor Ron Goldenberg replies that the roads to be paved will be assessed individually and if certain roads need more than 55 mm then it will be done.

6.8. **Mr. Trevor Smith – 179 Côte St-Charles**

- Congratulates the Street Fair organization; expresses concern about Lakeview Street which is uneven and dangerous to citizens, it should be on the resurfacing by-law; asks if 15% contingency is sufficient; asks for the tax arrears data;

Councillor Ron Goldenberg answers that the streets listed in the paving by-law are not etched in stone.

7. **URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

7.1. **Emergency branch pick-up – summer 2016**
MVH-042.2

No: R4235-2016

CONSIDERING the severe winds in the past week, many large branches have been knocked down, particularly in the western and eastern areas of Hudson creating potentially dangerous situations for our citizens;

**For this reason,
It is proposed by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
And unanimously resolved:**

THAT the Town of Hudson proceed with an emergency branch pick-up as soon as possible. Since the local newspaper is closed for the next 2 weeks, notices will be posted on the Town's website, flyers will be posted in public buildings and high traffic areas to advise citizens.

TO POSTPONE the branch pick up if there is not enough people asking for the service.



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7.2. **Conservation Plan public presentation**
MVH-174

No: R4236-2016

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

THAT the Town of Hudson proceed with a public presentation of the Conservation plan at the Community Center on August 23th, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

5:00-7:00 opportunity for the public to meet experts with brochures and literature available

7:00-9:00 presentation to review the plan.

CARRIED

8. **TREASURY**

8.1. **Approval of disbursements**
MVH-248.7

No: R4237-2016

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

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

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

- Total accounts paid:	\$349,456.34
- Direct debits:	\$60,507.10
- Cancelled cheque:	\$-3,916.85
- Cancelled direct debits	\$0.00
- Salaries	\$290,305.74

CARRIED

9. **MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESSOURCES**

9.1. **Organizational Chart**
MVH-006

No: R4238-2016

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson has been remiss in having a defined organizational chart which is necessary in order to maximize efficiency in all departments and to recognize staffing needs;

WHEREAS the positions of directors and employees are not clearly defined and have changed recently;

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

TO IMPLEMENT an organizational chart as soon as possible in order that the pay equity and the collective agreement process can move ahead without incurring reproaches and penalties by the Ministry and the whole in accordance with our Mission Statement.



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9.2. **Employee file n° 719 – agreement of employment termination
MVH-450**

No: R4239-2016

CONSIDERING that employment of employee 719 at the Town of Hudson will be terminated for administrative reasons and an agreement has been completed in accordance with MVH-450;

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

TO APPROVE and ACCEPT the agreement between the Town of Hudson and employee no 719 as it is in the best public interest of the Town and to keep the agreement confidential or for restricted diffusion.

The Town of Hudson thanks employee 719 very sincerely for the contribution that has been made and wishes the very best in all future endeavours.

The Treasurer hereby certifies that there is available budget or extra budgetary fund for the aforementioned expense. The Treasurer's certificate no 3053 has been issued to be charged to budget account n° 02-140-00-141.

CARRIED

9.3. **Pool employee – termination of employment
MVH-452**

No: R4240-2016

CONSIDERING the overall content of "mémoire MVH-452";

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

TO APPROVE the decision of administration to end the employment of the pool employee mentioned in the aforementioned MVH-452.

CARRIED

9.4. **Job function of 3 Town Hall employees
MVH-453**

No: R4241-2016

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

THAT the job functions of 3 Town Hall employees will be redefined according to the organizational chart, from 3 full time positions to 3 part time positions with benefits, resulting in a reduction of 21 total weekly hours. This will include a "Coordinator des Mémoires/Ressources Humaines", Assistant Greffier and a support person for the Town Hall, the Director General, Treasurer and Town Clerk. All will work together as a unit to ensure the efficiency of the operation of the Town. A final agreement with the Union may be necessary for some to implement this process.

CARRIED

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

10.1. **Temporary use of snow dump to store excavation material**



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MVH-178.1

No: R4242-2016

WHEREAS a representative of the construction company managing the work site at 450 Main Road asked the Town permission to use the snow dump site on Wharf road to temporarily stockpile excavation material;

WHEREAS a resolution is needed, especially when we are renting or lending public property. It is necessary in order to officialise the situation that we adopt a resolution retroactively when it is urgent;

WHEREAS most excavation material will return to the original site for landscaping and filling.

WHEREAS the snow dump is not used in the summer and excavation materials and piping are stored on an adjacent lot, allowing the stockpile on our site will prevent the construction company from traveling many kilometers outside of town, thus representing a good ecological choice and also prevents damage to our roads at no cost to the Town;

- Good for the environment, less trucking and less contaminated material in the environment.
- The contractor agrees to give the equivalent of 7000\$ as an exchange: 1600\$ for material, and 5400\$ for services. (win-win situation)
- It is a good project for the town public interest (condos)
- The contractor agrees to level, adjust the slopes, clean and add stone after use of the area thus saving the Town of Hudson the time and expense of doing this annual maintenance.

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

TO AUTHORIZE the contractor to temporarily store the material in the snow dump, in exchange for this service the contractor agrees to give the equivalent of \$7,000 as an exchange: \$1,600 for material, and \$5,400 for services.

CARRIED

10.2. **Replacement of culvert – Cameron & Black Creek
MVH-442**

NO: R4243-2016

WHEREAS the galvanized steel culvert is rusted and weakened and the road surface is collapsing under vehicle's weight, it is in danger of collapsing even more at any moment and might create a hazardous hole on the road;

WHEREAS this culvert is under a main road, in a stream and the Town is responsible for road safety;

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

TO REPLACE the culvert and TO HIRE a firm of consultants to prepare the plans, cost estimates, supervise the work and any studies and, if necessary, prepare the request for certificates of authorization to the MRC Vaudreuil-Soulanges and the Environment Ministry of Quebec.

The Treasurer hereby certifies that there is available budget or extra budgetary fund for the aforementioned expense. The Treasurer's certificate no 3058 has been issued to be charged to budget account no 02-310-00-419.



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10.3. **Generator for Town Hall**
MVH-358

No: R4244-2016

WHEREAS it important that the Town of Hudson to have an auxiliary power unit in order to operate effectively during power failures;

WHEREAS the existing generator's tank is leaking, not double-framed thus non-compliant to standards;

WHEREAS cost estimates for different options indicate that the replacing the existing generator by a used model which performs better will be more cost effective;

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

TO AUTHORIZE the purchase of a used generator to replace the existing one behind Town Hall.

The Treasurer hereby certifies that there is available budget or extra budgetary fund for the aforementioned expense. The Treasurer's certificate no 3057 has been issued to be charged to budget account no 02-130-00-522.

CARRIED

11. **PARKS & RECREATION**

11.1. **Vehicle purchase**
MVH-065.1

No: R4246-2016

WHEREAS the Parks & Recreation Department needs a small truck (SUV) for the operational travel requirements of the Manager;

WHEREAS purchasing a used vehicle at \$19,995.00 would be more cost effective than leasing which is costing \$1,025,58 per month (\$12,306.96 per year);

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

TO AUTHORIZE the purchase of a used vehicle from the working capital to cover this capital expenditure and refund this amount over a 4 year period.

TO AUTHORIZE the Treasurer to sign for and in the name of the Town of Hudson all necessary documents at the car dealership and with the SAAQ (*Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec*) with regards to this transaction;

The Treasurer hereby certifies that there is available budget or extra budgetary fund for the aforementioned expense. The Treasurer's certificate no 3055 for the amount of approximately \$20,000 has been issued to be charged to budget account n^o 22-700-42-000.

CARRIED

12. **CULTURE & TOURISM**

12.1. **Hudson Car Show**
MVH-412

No: R4247-2016



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CONSIDERING on May 20th, 2016 the Town of Hudson received a request from the organizers of the Hudson Car Show to be held on **August 20th, 2016** in downtown Hudson to prohibit access to motor vehicles on Cameron Street between Main and St-Jean from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM for the duration of the event;

CONSIDERING that this year, the organizers also request the closure of Cameron Street for an additional section between Lakeview and St. Jean from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for a new soap box racing event. Access to residents will be maintained during this time;

CONSIDERING THAT the event attracts many tourists and car enthusiasts;

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

TO APPROVE that Cameron Street be closed according to the schedule mentioned above.

CARRIED

12.2. **Sandy Beach & Path – signage**
MVH-434

No: R4248-2016

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

TO put public signs at three (3) locations at Jack Layton Park and surrounding areas according to MVH-434 for an expenditure of not more than \$2,000.

The Treasurer hereby certifies that there is available budget or extra budgetary fund for the aforementioned expense. The Treasurer's certificate no 3059 for the amount of approximately \$2,000 has been issued to be charged to budget account n^o 02-701-50-525.

CARRIED

13. **PUBLIC SECURITY & FIRE DEPARTMENT**

13.1. **Hudson Volunteer Fire Department – liquor permit**
MVH-444

No: R4249-2016

WHEREAS at the July 11th, 1994 meeting, the Town adopted a By-Law bearing No 313, which prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages, without authorization, in the Town's public areas;

WHEREAS a request dated July 12th, 2016 was received from the Hudson Fire Department Association to hold a fundraising softball tournament at Benson Park, on August 19th, 20th and 21st, 2016 at which time there will be a concession stand for the sale of alcoholic beverages;

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

THAT the Town of Hudson authorizes the Hudson Fire Department Association to hold their fundraising softball tournament, at Benson Park, from August 19th to 21st, with the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The profits of this event will benefit the Association's Christmas Baskets and the James Ratcliffe Scholarship.

CARRIED

13.2. **O tour de Felix – cycling event**
MVH-446



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No: R4250-2016

WHEREAS the organization of the cycling event "O tour de Felix" has requested permission to pass through the Town of Hudson which will be held on August 21st, 2016;

CONSIDERING THAT this event promotes our municipality at no cost to the taxpayers and does not intervene with any other activities planned during that day;

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

TO ALLOW the "O tour de Felix" cycling event to take place on the Hudson territory.

CARRIED

13.3. **Ride to fight ALS – cycling event**
MVH-447

No: R4251-2016

WHEREAS the organization of the cycling event "Ride to fight ALS" has asked for permission to pass through the Town of Hudson which will be held on August 27th, 2016;

CONSIDERING THAT this event promotes our municipality at no cost to the taxpayers and does not intervene with any other activities planned during that day;

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

TO ALLOW the "Ride to fight ALS" cycling event to take place on the Hudson territory.

CARRIED

14. **BY-LAWS/adoption**

14.1. **Loan By-Law N° 670-2016 for the 2016 resurfacing plan**
MVH-181

No: R4252-2016

WHEREAS it is necessary to repair the paving on sections of Birch Hill, Cameron, Fairhaven, Hilltop, Lower Whitlock, Main (656 to 754), Melrose, Oakridge, Upper Whitlock, Ridge and Windcrest;

WHEREAS the shoulders of these same streets also need repairs;

WHEREAS the citizens and shop keepers who use these streets have requested that they be repaired;

WHEREAS notice of motion was duly given at the Council meeting held on April 4th, 2016;

WHEREAS the requirements of Article 356 of the *Cities and Towns Act* have been met and that all council members declare having read By-Law N° 670 and relinquish its reading;

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

THAT Loan By-Law N° 670-2016 authorizing a loan in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars to repave streets be and is hereby decreed.

CARRIED

15. **NEW BUSINESS**

15.1. **Councillor Nicole Durand reports on the SDC.**

16. **QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS**



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- 16.1. **Mr. Robert Wiltshire - 37 Mount Pleasant**
- Has concerns regarding the land fill in the snow dump, asks if toxicology tests were done as children are playing and climbing there; asks that the gates be closed.
- 16.2. **Mrs. Veronique Fischer – 405 Olympic**
- Mentions that she does not see the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk at the meeting; states that the loan by-law has to go through a referendum process.
Assistant Town Clerk Diane Duhaime answers that she is present at the session; Director General Jean-Pierre Roy replies that the loan by-law will go through a registry process then, if there are enough signatures, Council decides if it goes to referendum or not; asks that the conservation plan presentation be held on a Saturday.
- 16.3. **Mr. Roald Longhi – 103 Birch Hill**
- Comments about the Legion and non-payment of property taxes and that Mrs. Corker explained the situation at the last meeting; term of the loan by-law and which sections; questions and suggestions about the generator.
Councillor Ron Goldenberg replies it is a commercial tax and Councillor Nicole Durand adds that it is a Quebec Government decision; Councillor Ron Goldenberg mentions that there will be no patching of the roads but full sections will be done, plans should be ready in August.
- 16.4. **Mrs. Diane Piacente – 692A Main**
- Asks who is the “*agent d’environnement*” mentioned on the organizational chart; questions concerning the land fill and its overflow to parking spaces.
Director General Jean-Pierre Roy indicates that the environment agent is Mr. Rod Hodgson; Councillor Nicole Durand addresses the parking issue.
- 16.5. **Mr. Marc Léger – 548 Sterling**
- Mentions that many people from other locations are using the boat launch, suggests that a fee of \$50 be charged for launching boats for people from out of town.
- 16.6. **Mr. Bill Driver – 104 Elm**
- Enquires about Councillor Robert Spencer’s status.
Councillor Deborah Woodhead answers that the rules state that he can miss 3 more Council Meetings.

17. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

No: R4253-2016

It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand

Seconded by Councillor Natalie Best

And unanimously resolved:

THAT this meeting of the Hudson Town Council be adjourned at 9:00 PM.

CARRIED

**Barbara Robinson
Pro-Mayor**

**Diane Duhaime
Assistant Town Clerk**