



Regular meeting held on April 4th, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Hudson Council, held at the Community Centre, on April 4th, 2016.

ARE PRESENT

Ron Goldenberg	-	Councillor / Electoral District #2
Nicole Durand	-	Councillor / Electoral District #3
Barbara Robinson	-	Councillor / Electoral District #4 – Pro-Mayor
Deborah Woodhead	-	Councillor / Electoral District #5
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

1. OPENING AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Quorum was reached and Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson calls the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
MVH-2015-197**

No: R4096-2016

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

That the Town of Hudson Council adopt the agenda of the April 4th, 2016, regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1. Adoption of the March 7th, 2016, meeting minutes

No: R4097-2016

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the March 7th, 2016, regular Council meeting;

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

TO APPROVE, as submitted, the Minutes of the March 7th, 2016, regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

4. WORD FROM PRO-MAYOR AND FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

5. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

5.1. Mr. Bill Nash – 12 Stonecrest

- Questions about the complaints against Mayor Prévost (who, nature) and why have they not been made public.

Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson answers that it was Councillor Spencer and the allegations are public. Director General Jean-Pierre Roy explains that the allegations stem from the Sheehan contract, the strategic plan development and urban planning by-laws

5.2. Mr. Keith Heller – 105 Charleswood

- Questions the loan by-laws, would like to see Town get their finances under control



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before borrowing money.

Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson mentions that these are only Notice of Motion to eventually borrow money.

5.3. **Mr. Jim McDermott – 100 Melrose**

- Asks for detailed information concerning the summer day camp.

Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson addresses the issue and will get back to him with the information requested.

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

- Asks Council to put any large projects such as the strategic plan on hold until the conclusion of the hearings.

Councillor Ron Goldenberg states that there is nothing in the allegations that warrant any delay in the strategic plan.

5.5. **Mrs. Sonia Haberstich – 349 Main**

- Questions regarding the \$57,644 legal services costs, last month was \$44,000, asks how much was spent last year on legal costs.

Director General Jean-Pierre Roy states that he does not have those figures with him and to contact the Treasurer by email.

5.6. **Mr. Greg Baumeister – 112 Maple**

- Question about the availability of the 2014 Financial Statements at this meeting; asks if the Union employees' Collective Agreement has been settled.

Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson replies that the audit has not been completed and results not presented to Council, they are expected this month. Director General Jean-Pierre Roy states that the Collective Agreement is not settled, a committee has been created which is collecting information, many meetings have taken place to settle the 14 differences with the Union; administration is now working to negotiate the Collective Agreement.

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

- Asks if the Town will be building an art museum at Jack Layton Park and details with regards to the resolution at item 8.6 to adopt the Strategic Plan.

Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson responds that this resolution is meant to be open ended as it is a vision for the Town for the next 20-25 years; there are no indications that there will be an Art Museum at Jack Layton Park.

5.8. **Mr. Frank Dumont – 346 Green Lane**

- In view of all legal problems, suggests that any major initiatives and projects in Hudson be suspended until these issues are resolved.

Councillor Ron Goldenberg explains that there will be a meeting where the strategic plan will be explained, a few initiatives in this plan are very important to the functioning of the Town need to be started.

5.9. **Mr. Bob Wiltshire – 59 Mount Pleasant**

- Asks if there will be a public consultation concerning the Strategic Plan.

Councillor Nicole Durand replies that a meeting will be held next month, citizen committees will be formed.

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

- Asks about the Pine Lake Committee report, committee news, cost of preparation of the strategic plan to date.

Director General Jean-Pierre Roy answers that Council needs to review the report before making it public. Councillor Ron Goldenberg mentions that the Pine Lake Committee have submitted their report and given their recommendations with 6 or 7 alternatives; cost for strategic plan is between \$15,000 & \$20,000.



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6. **URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

6.1. **100 Mount Pleasant**
MVH-208

No: **R4098-2016**

**REPEALED BY RESOLUTION R2019-02-20
ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 4th, 2019**

CONSIDERING the Town of Hudson received a letter from Mr. Noel Nolet indicating that he would like to purchase the vacant lot adjacent to his property bearing lot number 1 832 780 and having an area of 1235.6 square meters;

CONSIDERING he also wishes to purchase a triangular piece of land with an area of approximately 184 square meters from lot 1 834 382 fronting his current property also owned by the Town of Hudson;

CONSIDERING Mr. Nolet wants to offer \$30,000 for these two (2) parcels of land;

WHEREAS lot number 1 832 780 is currently assessed at \$54,500 according to the property assessment roll;

CONSIDERING this vacant lot, number 1 832 780, is bordered to the north by the Viviry river and with the riverbank protection zone regulations it would be difficult and even less likely that this land is buildable;

CONSIDERING the triangular plot (lot 1 834 382) is part of the municipal right-of-way, but that it is not close to the physical street or to the drinking water infrastructure and that this plot is totally managed by Mr. Nolet;

CONSIDERING the Town must sell its properties at a fair market value, municipal evaluations are not always considered particularly when the lot has not been inspected for a long period of time;

CONSIDERING the request is legitimate;

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

TO SELL this lot at its fair market value, and in this case considering the aforementioned particularities of this lot and because it is not buildable, for the amount of \$30,000 including all costs.

THAT an assessment be done by a certified appraiser, at the purchaser's expense, to ensure that the above mentioned amount constitutes a fair market value

TO APPROVE the Planning Department's recommendation for the sale of the triangular plot (lot 1 834 382) since it merely confirms the exclusive usage thereof by the applicant since he landscaped it and there is no real impact on the water infrastructure;

TO APPROVE the Planning Department's recommendation that lot bearing number 1 832 780 be also offered to the other owner bordering this property so as to be just and fair.

TO AUTHORIZE the Mayor or Pro-Mayor and the Town Clerk to sign any notarial deeds concerning this transaction.

CARRIED

6.2. **240 Main – major renovation**
MVH-324

No: **R4099-2016**

WHEREAS an application has been received for major renovations to a residential building at 240 Main Road;



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

WHEREAS the submitted plans show all the information required;

WHEREAS the Town Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC), at its meeting of March 10th, 2016, reviewed the proposed renovation and recommends the approval of the proposed open porch/veranda as submitted. However, should in the future this porch to become a closed room, a separate permit will be required.

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

THAT Council approve the project subject to TPAC'S recommendation being followed and authorizes that an application for a permit for a proposed major renovation be submitted to the Planning Department along with all the required documents necessary for the issuance of the permit.

CARRIED

6.3. **868 Main – residential addition, revised plan
MVH-325**

No: R4100-2016

WHEREAS a request was received, in January 2016, by the Town of Hudson for a proposed residential addition at 868 Main Road;

WHEREAS this project is subject to the Site Planning and architectural and integration program Bylaw N° 571;

WHEREAS the submitted plans needed some modifications from the recommendation of the last January meeting;

WHEREAS the Town Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC), at its meeting of March 10th 2016, reviewed the proposed modifications and recommends the approval of the proposed plans for the construction of an addition as they were submitted;

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

THAT Council approve the project subject to the recommendation of TPAC being followed and authorizes that an application for a permit for a proposed addition be submitted to the Planning Department along with all the required documents necessary for the issuance of the permit.

CARRIED

6.4. **Deadline extension of 9-12 months to harmonize the Municipal Regulations with the Master Plan request to MAMOT and other levels of jurisdictions involved
MVH-189.1**

No: R4101-2016

CONSIDERING that the Master Plan of the MRC of Vaudreuil-Soulanges is now consistent with the Master Plan of the Montreal Urban Community since July 3rd, 2015;

CONSIDERING the Towns has six (6) months to conform and harmonize with the Master Plan of the MRC of Vaudreuil-Soulanges;

CONSIDERING we had until January 3rd, 2016 to conform;

CONSIDERING we will not be able to produce the document in time;

**It is proposed by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson**



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And unanimously resolved:

THAT the Town of Hudson asks the MAMOT to grant it an additional period of up to 9 to 12 months, which the Town considers sufficient time to produce all the necessary documents.

CARRIED

7. TREASURY

**7.1. Approval of disbursements
MVH-2015-248.3**

No: R4102-2016

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

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

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

- Total accounts paid:	\$305,196.14
- Direct debits:	\$80,564.20
- Cancelled cheque:	\$14.21
- Salaries	\$194,746.13

CARRIED

**7.2. Hudson Artists' Association – 150th celebration
MVH-256.1**

No: R4103-2016

CONSIDERING that the Town of Hudson celebrated its 150th birthday in 2015 with many events including a vernissage by the Hudson Artist Association. An event was held at the Community Center for this vernissage and there were several logistical problems. To compensate, Mayor Prévost offered to host a wine and cheese at the end of the event;

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

TO APPROVE and REIMBURSE the amount of at least \$593.06 for expenditures incurred as a show of good will to further encourage our local artists and in consideration of the Town of Hudson's Mission Statement.

CARRIED

**7.3. Taxation revenue surplus as deferred revenue
MVH-352**

No: R4104-2016

CONSIDERING that the Town of Hudson presents its financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Canada (GAAP), that is Canadian accounting standards for the public sector, prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of CPA Canada;

CONSIDERING that the financial report contains certain financial information established for tax purposes in accordance with the "Manuel de la présentation de l'information financière municipale" published by the MAMOT;



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CONSIDERING that the MAMOT has published an information note on matching revenues and expenses, notably relating to loan by-law taxation revenue predicted with capital and interest reimbursement corresponding charges;

CONSIDERING that this information note indicates that it is no longer acceptable to present de taxation revenue surplus as deferred revenue on the capital and interest reimbursement charges;

CONSIDERING that these surpluses are more closely related to operating budget surpluses used;

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

THAT in the event where a taxation surplus or a deficit pertaining to a loan by-law against interest and capital repayment charges would be made in fiscal years 2014 and 2015, the amount of this surplus or deficit would be allocated to the operating affected surplus.

The amounts so accrued must be used to finance subsequent charges of the same nature as well as those provided by such a by-law.

ADOPTÉE

**7.4. Purchase of a service vehicle for recreation & public security – working capital
MVH-351**

No: R4105-2016

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson needs a vehicle for trail maintenance and security;

WHEREAS getting to the work sites, transportation of the necessary tools and materials is time consuming for the work teams;

CONSIDERING THAT if an accident occurs, it takes a long time for first responders to get on those sites to evacuate the injured;

**It is proposed by Councillor Barbara Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Natalie Best
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the purchase of a demo service diesel vehicle, namely an XUV 550, to accomplish the aforementioned tasks.

TO AUTHORIZE the expenditure of \$12 413.55 plus applicable taxes for an excellent demo vehicle instead of purchasing a new one which would cost \$15,142.30.

TO CHARGE this expenditure to the Town of Hudson working fund payable in three (3) years.

CARRIED

**7.5. 98 Cameron – opening of tender report
MVH-169**

No: R4106-2016

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson has decided to sell, without any legal or conventional guarantees an immoveable owned by the Town located at 98 Cameron Street, Hudson, lot no R 1 833 217;

WHEREAS the 2016 municipal evaluation is \$513,600;

WHEREAS the minimum price is set at \$305,000 plus any amount payable when purchasing any immoveable such as property transfer fees, taxes, legal fees, surveying and notary fees, etc.;



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WHEREAS the Town has issued a public notice for the sale of this municipal building by public tender;

WHEREAS two (2) tenders were received and opened on March 31th, 2016 at Halcro Cottage and both tenders were in order, the winner of the bid was present and advised of the offer being accepted;

Winning bid: 9081-4906 Quebec Inc. for \$422,000
2nd bid: 3401936 CANADA INC. for \$363,999

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

THAT Council approve and accept the offer of Mrs. Sylvie Rozon, legal representative of 9081-4906 Québec Inc., at the price of \$422,000.

CARRIED

8. MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESSOURCES

8.1. Hiring/replacement of a blue collar worker MVH-321

No: R4107-2016

CONSIDERING THAT a blue collar position at Public Works was left vacant due to the voluntary resignation of an employee;

CONSIDERING THAT another blue collar employee has been injured and has been on CSST leave for over 2 years now, this employee must be temporarily replaced by a supernumerary employee;

CONSIDERING THAT a certain number of employees is necessary to provide the necessary services to citizens;

CONSIDERING THAT the jobs have been posted internally as per the Union contract with a closing date of April 1st, 2016 at 2 PM and if necessary, the Town will resort to external recruitment to fill these positions;

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

TO PROCEED with the job posting and hiring of a replacement employee for the Public Works department as soon as possible, and if needed, hire a supernumerary employee in order to have five (5) blue collar workers in Public Works.

CARRIED

8.2. Municipal personnel – probation completion MVH-300

No: R4108-2016

CONSIDERING that two (2) Town of Hudson Directors have completed their probation period, namely the Director General on December 9th, 2015 and the Treasurer on February 29th, 2016;

CONSIDERING that this probation period has been successful for both Directors;

CONSIDERING that a detailed evaluation will follow for all Town of Hudson personnel before the end of May 2016 but the preliminary evaluation of the aforementioned candidates is successful;

**It is moved by Councillor Natalie Best
Seconded by Councillor Deborah Woodhead**



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And unanimously resolved:

TO ACKNOWLEDGE that the Town of Hudson Treasurer and Director General have successfully completed their probation period and that their positions are confirmed with the Town of Hudson.

CARRIED

8.3. **Exemption – Québec Bar Association renewal
MVH-346**

No: R4109-2016

CONSIDERING that the Regulation respecting compulsory contribution to the Professional Liability Insurance Fund of the Barreau du Québec provides for exemptions, notably:

7) if the lawyer works exclusively for a municipal corporation (...)

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

TO DECLARE that a lawyer who works exclusively for the Town of Hudson (Mtre Jean-Pierre Roy and Mtre Vincent Maranda) is not required to subscribe to the Fund if he works exclusively for a municipal corporation, starting April 1st, 2015, until such service ceases.

TO REQUEST that the lawyers covered by the present directive satisfy the conditions of article 3 of the Regulation respecting compulsory contribution to the Professional Liability Insurance Fund of the Barreau du Québec:

3. The lawyer who is in either of the situations described at article 2, will transmit to the director general a request for exemption in accordance with the one reproduced in annex 1 duly completed.

If he is in the employment of an organisation referred to in paragraphs 5 or 7 of article 2, he must submit with his request a certified copy of a resolution from this organisation, in conformity with Annex 2, and a written confirmation from this organisation to the effect that he is exclusively employed by them.

CARRIED

8.4. **Update, employee 721
MVH-250.2**

No: R4110-2016

CONSIDERING the letter presented to Council addressing the employee 721 situation in order to follow-up on this file;

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

TO IMPLEMENT the proposed measures as soon as possible in the most efficient and respectful manner, in the public interest of the Town of Hudson.

CARRIED

8.5. **Condolences for the loss of Rigaud Councillor Mr. Michel Sauvé
MVH-353**

No: R4111-2016

**It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Ron Goldenberg**



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And unanimously resolved:

THAT Council extends their most sincere condolences to the Town of Rigaud and to Councillor Michel Sauvé's family.

CARRIED

8.6. **Adoption and implementation of the Town of Hudson Strategic Plan
MVH-011.1**

No: R4112-2016

WHEREAS a working session was held on April 2nd, 2016 for the Strategic Plan implementation;

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson Strategic Plan preparation has been ongoing for several months following the realisation of many important stages and that it is necessary to proceed with its adoption in order to formally and operationally implement the said plan;

WHEREAS the implementation of the Strategic Plan or preliminary mission of the Town of Hudson is already yielding positive results, it is therefore essential to make it official by putting together a plan of action or a formal mission-vision-value statement;

WHEREAS the Town needs the opinions of key persons responsible of organizations and important social organizations (list of key persons) as well as, once again, the opinion of all taxpayers;

WHEREAS on April 2nd, 2016, the Town of Hudson Council has chosen the following Strategic Plan of action, here is the summary:

Hudson: linking lives, arts and nature
Hudson: fusionner nos vies, les arts et la nature

WHEREAS the following elected officials will be responsible for the following areas:

Arts & Culture:	Natalie Best
Nature Playground:	Deborah Woodhead
Infrastructures:	Ron Goldenberg
Beautification of Town Center Parks:	Barbara Robinson
Balanced housing, seniors:	Nicole Durand

WHEREAS the values agreed on by the Town Council are as follows:

Integrity	-	Intégrité
Respect	-	Respect
Honesty	-	Honnêteté
Pride	-	Fierté
Responsibility	-	Responsabilité
Heritage	-	Patrimoine
Collaboration	-	Collaboration

CONSIDERING the action plan prepared and produced from "Mémoire MHV-2016-11,1";

**It is moved by Councillor Barbara Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Natalie Best
And unanimously resolved:**

TO IMPLEMENT the Strategic Plan and its modifications and adjustments to come in relation with the consultations which will take place as soon as possible according to the action plan proposed in "Mémoire MVH-2016-11,1.

IN ACCORDANCE with the Town of Hudson Strategic Plan, there will be a Summit Meeting scheduled on May 12th, 2016, with associations, organizations, businesses and citizens. Mrs. Elkie Steinweinder of Avantages E MARK will be the co-animator for this presentation. It is recommended that Council adopt a resolution to hire Mrs. Steinweinder for this event. The Director General proposes an agreement for this project, he estimates approximatively 60 hours (\$5,400 excluding taxes) for the preparation, presentation, assistance in workshop facilitation, documentation, etc.



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CARRIED

9. PUBLIC WORKS

**9.1. Replacement of small dump truck
MVH-065**

No: R4113-2016

CONSIDERING the Public Works department needs a small dump truck to accomplish many of its tasks (cold asphalt, top soil, small quantities of material, transport the steamer unit, carry merchandise, equipment, tools, etc.) on a regular basis;

CONSIDERING the truck needing replacing is a GMC, 3500, diesel, 1998 with over 100 000 kilometers, the truck and the dump box are both weakened by major rust and are in terrible shape;

CONSIDERING the truck must be inspected once a year by a certified SAAQ mechanic and that our expert (certified SAAQ) mechanic informed us that it would not pass the January 2016 inspection;

CONSIDERING the transmission is starting to show signs of problems and that it would cost thousands of dollars to repair;

CONSIDERING the truck has been out of use since January 2016 and the rental of this type of truck would cost +/- \$ 3000 per month;

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

TO AUTHORIZE the purchase of a new small dump truck via a tender process for the sum of more or less \$90,000, and due to the urgency of this matter, to declare that the credits will come from the Town of Hudson working fund payable in five (5) years.

CARRIED

**9.2. Street sweeping
MVH-341**

NO: R4114-2016

CONSIDERING the Town spreads salt, sand and aggregates on the public roads and parking lots during winter months and the material accumulates;

CONSIDERING that for safety and hygiene reasons the Town wishes to remove those materials;

CONSIDERING that the streets need mechanical sweeping in Spring;

CONSIDERING that we asked five (5) different service providers, four (4) of which submitted prices;

CONSIDERING this expense (+/- \$12,000) was planned in the budget account number 02-350-00-520;

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

TO ACCEPT the bid of "Balaye Pro" who respects the required criteria and submitted the lowest price of \$75 per hour plus taxes;

TO CHARGE this expenditure to budget code no. 02-350-00-520.

CARRIED



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9.3. **Birch Hill – network expansion**
MVH-318

No: R4115-2016

WHEREAS some Birch Hill citizens have shown an interest to have their sector serviced by the municipal sewer system;

WHEREAS this opportunity had been offered to the taxpayers of this sector in order for them to benefit from this service by paying for the work done by the Town in order to extend the sewer system;

CONSIDERING THAT many septic systems are nearing the end of their useful lives and that odours and leaks are noticeable in the area which making it necessary for authorities to react by requiring the refecton of independent installations or by suggesting the installation of a public network at a fair price;

CONSIDERING that a public network will definitely cost less and does not require taxpayers to replace their installations every 15 years. Property values of this sector would increase and residents' health and welfare would benefit;

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

TO CONDUCT a survey of taxpayers in this sector for the extension of the municipal sewer system on Birch Hill, at the taxpayers' expense, using the present network and an existing pumping station.

In the event that the vast majority of the residents agree to this project in an informal but clear manner, the Town will then carry out the work and proceed to the formal stages of approval for such a project.

CARRIED

10. **WATER TREATMENT**

10.1. **Annual declaration, water treatment & supply**
MVH-344

No: R4116-2016

WHEREAS a resolution is required to adopt the use of water meters for all businesses in the Town of Hudson by 2017;

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

TO PROCEED with the implementation of this resolution so that all business in the Town of Hudson be required to use water meters by 2017.

CARRIED

11. **PARKS & RECREATION**

11.1. **Maintenance of community pool**
MVH-057

No: R4117-2016

WHEREAS the community pool opening must be done by specialists;

WHEREAS a Kirkland firm, LCS, has submitted an offer which includes all necessary steps as well as pool closure at the end of the season;



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WHEREAS the price quoted is \$3,700 and this expenditure has already been budgeted in GL account number 02-701-40-526;

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

TO APPROVE and implement the recommendations as stipulated "Mémoire MVH-057".

CARRIED

11.2. **Hiring of employee – position 501
MVH-327**

No: R4118-2016

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson needs hire an employee for the Parks & Recreation Department to fill position 501 "Parks and Recreation Worker";

CONSIDERING the busy season is about to commence, this position has been vacant since October 2015 due to Doug Robertson's retirement;

CONSIDERING the work involved is falling behind;

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

TO HIRE Mr. Yade Roch-Poirier for the full time position of "*journalier*" the whole in accordance with our Mission Statement.

CARRIED

11.3. **Hiring of employee – position 502
MVH-328**

No: R4119-2016

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson needs hire an employee for the Parks & Recreation Department to fill position 502 "*Parks and Recreation Worker*";

CONSIDERING the busy season is about to commence;

CONSIDERING the work involved is falling behind;

CONSIDERING we are lacking manpower and missing one person;

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

TO HIRE Mr. Akilon Stermasi for the position of "*journalier surnuméraire – service des parcs et loisirs*", the whole in accordance with the Town of Hudson's Mission Statement.

CARRIED

11.4. **Earth Day – April 22nd, 2016
MVH-354**

No: R4120-2016

WHEREAS Earth Day will be held April 22nd, 2016;

WHEREAS it would be a positive gesture for the Town of Hudson to show our respect for Environmental concerns and participate in this event;

It is moved by Councillor Natalie Best



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**Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand
And unanimously resolved:**

THAT the Town of Hudson participate in Earth Day by holding a Town wide Flea Market Day to recycle cast off belongings. This could be done at a later date, possibly changing the theme of our annual Hudson garage sale in June to reflect our respect for the environment.

THE Town of Hudson will advertise and allow citizens to set up tables on their lawn to encourage recycling.

CARRIED

12. CULTURE & TOURISM

**12.1. Easter Egg Hunt
MVH-2016-316**

No: R4121-2016

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson has historically hosted an Easter party for families and children;

WHEREAS the Easter weekend was Saturday, March 26, 2016;

WHEREAS the event included topics of interest for parents and children;

This year, the following was proposed, from 11 am – 2pm:

Easter Tea Room - serving tea, biscuits and lemonade;
Hand wax Atelier;
Cupcake Decorating;
Gardening Craft with the Hudson Garden Club;
Easter Coloring Centre;
Easter Basket Decorating Contest;

Baskets were then used to gather Chocolate eggs during a walk in the woods;

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

TO PROCEED with this event to generate excitement and participation of the Towns' citizens.

CARRIED

**12.2. Fair Trade signage to be implemented
MVH-350**

No: R4122-2016

CONSIDERING THAT the Town of Hudson is proud to be a Fair Trade Town and intends to promote this status;

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

THAT the Town of Hudson will affix the Fair Trade seal on its municipal signs and will install new larger-sized signs for tourism and social impact the whole in accordance with the Town's strategic plan and to charge this expenditure to the operating budget for signage. The final amount to implement this project may not exceed \$550.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

13. PUBLIC SECURITY & FIRE DEPARTMENT

**13.1. Hiring at Fire Department
MVH-284**

No: R4123-2016



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CONSIDERING that the Hudson Fire department lost a total of 6 part time fire fighters last year;

CONSIDERING the Town must maintain an "on call" position of 34 firefighters for the safety of its citizens;

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

TO PROCEED with the hiring of six (6) additional fire fighters, the whole in accordance with our Mission Statement;

TO HIRE and evaluate the following candidates for a 6 month trial period:

James Lachance
Alexandre Chan Labelle
Vincent Dagenais
Adam Martin
Liam Dumas
Sheena Purcell

CARRIED

13.2. **Power outages impact to the west of Town, request to Hydro-Québec**
MVH-320

No: R4124-2016

WHEREAS it is the taxpayers' and the Town of Hudson's perception that the hydroelectric distribution network in the west part of Town seems weaker and less reliable than in the east side;

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

TO REQUEST an explanation from Hydro Québec concerning this perception and phenomenon and to require an intervention in order to make both networks equally reliable and secure.

CARRIED

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

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

Notice of motion is given by Councillor Ron Goldenberg to the effect that at a subsequent sitting of Council, a loan by-law for up to \$1.5 million for road resurfacing in 2016 will be submitted for adoption.

14.2. **Loan By-Law concerning the purchase of vehicles**
MVH-268

Notice of motion is hereby given by Councillor Nicole Durand to the effect that at a subsequent sitting of Council, a loan by-law for the amount of up to \$300,000 for the purchase of vehicles will be submitted for adoption.

15. **NEW BUSINESS**

16. **QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS**

16.1. **Mrs. Carol Outram – 85 Main**

- Thanks Council for their support in the project for Hudson Fine Craft (Rites of Spring – celebrating Hudson's artisans).

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

- Asks if Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson should abstain from voting or proposing/seconding resolutions.



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- 16.3. **Mr. Jamie Nicholls – 72 Blenkinship**
- Asks if the Town of Hudson has a salt management plan and if it is publically available.
Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson will get back to him with the information.
- 16.4. **Mr. Bill Driver – 104 Elm**
- Mentions that there is an engineering study about the water system in Hudson on the Town website, the document is in French only, asks for an unprotected copy so he can google translate or for an English version.
- 16.5. **Mrs. Eva McCartney – 97 Mullan**
- Asks at what time the Strategic Planning session on May 12th will be held; asks why the responsibilities have been divided in 5 when there are 6 Councillors; enquires about the list of correspondence; asks why Strategic Planning item 8.6 was not on the website agenda.
Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson answers that it will be held in the evening and there were only 5 Councillors attending the Strategic Planning meetings. Director General Jean-Pierre Roy responds that on the municipal agenda, the correspondence point concerns only what is received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs or other ministries or something diplomatic; Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson explains that it was decided on Saturday to add item 8.6.
- 16.6. **Mrs. Sonia Haberstich – 349 Main**
- Asks for clarification on item 8.4 – employee 721 update.
Director General Jean-Pierre Roy replies that it is a follow-up about the employee that has been suspended and it is confidential.
- 16.7. **Mr. Jim McDermott – 100 Melrose**
- Asks if the employee head count has changed since the election; questions on road repairs, who is qualified to handle these files;
Director General Jean-Pierre Roy answers that there are 79 employees including firemen, summer employees, at the moment, he does not know how many before the election; an engineer will be hired if necessary and there are new courses given by the Ministry. Councillor Ron Goldenberg invites him to attend the May 12th meeting and join the infrastructure committee.
- 16.8. **Mr. Marcus Owen – 60 Main**
- Asks about the cost benefit of having a qualified civil engineer on staff; asks about the lawsuits and by-laws mentioned at the beginning of the meeting.
Director General Jean-Pierre Roy replies that they have been studying that question, it is thought that it is not worth having a civil engineer full time but it is not concluded; the laws mentioned were the Omnibus by-laws.
- 16.9. **Mr. Stan Belczowski – 16 Somerfield**
- Asks Council to help relocate Le Pont Bridging Food Bank depot as they were located 98 Cameron which has just been sold by the Town.
Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson assures him that Council will help in any way they can.
- 16.10. **Mrs. Diane Piacente – 692A Main**
- Question regarding the pesticide use of the golf course.
Pro-Mayor Barbara Robinson answers that the reports were received and are being looked at.

17. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

No: R4125-2016

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

THAT this meeting of the Hudson Town Council be adjourned at 9:20 PM.

CARRIED



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**Barbara Robinson
Pro-Mayor**

**Diane Duhaime
Assistant Town Clerk**