

(Unofficial version)
DATE: December 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Clarendon Municipal Council was held on the above night, at the council hall located at C427 route 148 in Clarendon. Present were Mayor Edward Walsh, Cr.Dagg, Cr. Elliott, Cr. Smith, Cr. Hanna, Cr. Holmes & Cr. Younge. Also attending the meeting was Clerk Treasurer Patricia Hobbs

1. **OPENING THE MEETING**

Conflict of Interest Statement:

A conflict of interest occurs when elected officers are placed in a situation of having to choose between their personal interests, or those of their entourage, and the public interest. The conflict of interest sections of the Act respecting municipal elections and referendums are designed to ensure that the decision-making process on a municipal council is not tainted by personal consideration

Mayor Ed Walsh opened the meeting at 7 :00 p.m.

Public Participation: Brian Rogers - regarding construction questions

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

171-12-2024 Proposed by Cr. Hanna
Seconded by: Cr. Younge
And unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda of December 10, 2024 with the addition of cellulaire service at 11.2
Carried

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF November 26, 2024**

172-12-2024 Proposed by: Cr Elliott
Seconded by: Cr. Holmes
And is resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 26, 2024
Carried

4. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Walsh gave a report on the most recent MRC meetings.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

5.1 Request from United Church – Tabled & Discussed

5.2 Holiday Hours for McGrimmon Cartage - Tabled

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT &/OR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 8,190.23 were presented

AUTHORITY OF PAYMENT OF THE LIST OF BILLS

Certificate of availability of credits

I, the undersigned, Patricia Hobbs, Director General of the Municipality of Clarendon certify that there are sufficient credits available to carry out the expenditure mentioned above

In witness whereof, this certificate is given in Clarendon this 10th day of December 2024¹

Patricia Hobbs
Patricia Hobbs – Clerk Treasurer

173-12-2024 Proposed by Cr. Holmes
Seconded by: Cr. Elliott
And is resolved to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 8,190.23

7. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS**

7.1 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

7.2 LUP COMMITTEE

An application was received for a subdivision approval.

7.2.1 Subdivision Application

Whereas the Survey, Minute 35055, meets all of the requirements stipulated in Bylaw 2017-259 "Subdivision Bylaw".

Whereas the new Parcel ID numbers will be assigned once approved, at which time the Minute number will change.

Whereas the subject property is zoned RT2 Recreation Tourism.

Whereas the subdivision proposed contains 4 Parcels.

Whereas the residual parcel will be vacant for future development.

Whereas 2 of the newly formed parcels have residences and the 3rd newly formed parcel has a partially constructed residence.

Whereas the 3 newly formed parcels will have separate septic, well and power services.

Whereas this subdivision seeks to normalize the existing issues of nonconformity with respect to having more than one residence on a Parcel.

Whereas the applicant will retain all 4 parcels for purposes of ongoing touristic activities.

Whereas the LUP committee, recommended approval of this subdivision.

174-12-2024 It is therefore

Moved by : Cr. Smith

Seconded by : Elliott

And unanimously agreed to approve this subdivision as recommended by the Land Use Planning Committee

Carried

7.3 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

7.4 LIBRARY COMMITTEE

7.5 FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.5 FIRE COMMITTEE

7.6.1 – Fire Commission Meeting Update – Discussion

Cr. Dagg presented the results of the Discussions of the Fire Commission.

The Municipality Clarendon would like to have the surveys dealing with the offer of additional services resent to all firefighters, with the understanding that a survey that has not been returned will be considered a “No” vote to give both councils a clearer understanding of the firefighters wishes.

7.7 WASTE MANAGEMENT

7.8 COTTAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

7.9 - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE

8. Adoption of Taxation Bylaw for 2025

Moved by: Cr. Holmes

Seconded by: Cr. Dagg

And unanimously agreed to adopt the following taxation bylaw for 2025

Canada

Province of Quebec

MRC Pontiac

Municipality of Clarendon

BY-LAW 2025-001 REGARDING THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX RATE, SERVICE RATES AND THE ANNUAL INTEREST RATE

ARTICLE 1

For the implementation of this budget, the general land tax and taxes for services will be levied according to the following chart:

General land Tax	Rate per \$1000	\$0.54
Garbage	Fixed rate per unit	\$200.00
	Water	
Single Family Dwelling	Fixed rate per unit serviced	\$428.50
Commercial Establishment	Fixed rate per unit serviced	\$355.00
Commercial Plus Garage	Fixed rate per unit serviced	\$775.00
Single Family dwelling plus Restaurant	Fixed rate per unit serviced	\$827.50
Commercial Establishment plus Single Family Dwelling	Fixed rate per unit serviced	\$743.50
Garage	Fixed rate per unit serviced	\$460.00
Farms With livestock	Fixed rate per unit serviced	\$355.00
Giant Tiger	Fixed rate per unit serviced	\$865.00

Method of Payment

Article 2 Method of payment of taxes in the present by-law are as follows:

- 1) All tax invoices to which the total does not exceed \$300.00 the invoice must be paid in one instalment on April 1st 2025.
- 2) All tax invoices to which the total is or exceeds \$300.00, the debtor has the right to pay the invoice in one or two payments as follows:

Two equal instalments:
-The first instalments must be paid by April 1st 2025
- The second instalment must be paid by July 1st 2025

Article 3 Taxes are payable at the Municipality office at 427 Route 148 Clarendon by cash or by cheque, payment to the order of The Municipality of Clarendon. Taxes may also be paid by electronic payment at identified financial institutions.

Interest Rates

Article 4 All accounts owing to the municipality bear interest at the rate of EIGHTEEN PERCENT (18%) per annum from the deadline at which they must be paid. However, only outstanding amounts on each instalment required bear interest.

Cming into Force

Article 5 The present by-law will come into force on the day of its publication, in accordance with the law.

9. Multi Route – Offer of Service - Tabled & Discussed

10. Prabam Grant Resolution

Whereas the Municipality of Clarendon has taken notice of the Guide outlining the terms and conditions for payment of the government contribution under the Programme d’aide financière pour les bâtiments municipaux (PRABAM)
Whereas, the Municipality must respect the terms and conditions described in this document in order to receive the government contribution in the amount of \$101,253.00 confirmed in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on June 21 2021.
It is therefore

175-12-2024 Moved by: Cr. Dagg
Seconded by : Cr. Hanna

And unanimously agreed

That the Municipality of Clarendon ratifies and confirms by this resolution the completion of the work covered by the final rendering of accounts.

Further, that all works relating to the grant have been completed at a total cost of \$111,578.00 during the fiscal year of 2023/2024.

That the Municipality of Clarendon undertakes to submit a final audited report to the Minister along with the necessary documents

Carried.

11 – Miscellaneous and Discussion

11.1 Forestry Board Discussion

176-12-2024 Moved by: Cr. Holmes

Seconded by: Cr. Dagg

That the council notify the company concerned as to the projected cost involved in the preparation of the land for their project and that if the company is still interested in proceeded, that they be allowed to place a weather station on the property to gather data.

A vote was taken

Yes – 4

No – 2

The resolution was carried.

11.2 Cellulaire Service

Cellular coverage

CONSIDERING THAT cellular coverage remains insufficient in many regions of Quebec, limiting access to an essential service for residents and visitors;

CONSIDERING THAT the Quebec government is committed to deploying complete cellular coverage throughout the province by October 2026, recognizing its importance to citizens' quality of life and socioeconomic development, particularly in a context where automation is becoming an essential solution to the labor shortage;

CONSIDERING THAT reliable cellular services are essential to guarantee access to information, health services and public safety interventions, and that deficient coverage compromises the safety of people in areas with limited coverage or on the move, particularly in the event of an emergency requiring rapid intervention by first responders;

CONSIDERING THAT Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) procedure CPC-2-0-17 imposes conditions of licence on cellular service providers (CSPs), including mandatory roaming, tower sharing and the prohibition of site exclusivity, in order to promote network access for subscribers of another CSP when service is available;

CONSIDERING THAT this same procedure does not oblige CSPs to seek service from another provider in the event of non-existent coverage in a given region, thereby limiting the scope of the measure;

CONSIDERING THAT the Government of Quebec and the CRTC grant significant subsidies to telecommunications companies for the construction of new cellular infrastructures to improve coverage in the regions;

CONSIDERING THAT despite the presence of more than 8,500 cell towers in Quebec, the exclusive use of these towers by a single CSP limits access for other providers and constitutes a major obstacle to the deployment of optimal cellular coverage for the entire population;

177-12-2024 It is moved by :Cr. Dagg

Seconded By Cr. Youngue

And unanimously agreed

TO ASK the Liberal Party of Canada, the Conservative Party of Canada, the New Democratic Party of Canada and the Bloc Québécois :

- To include in their electoral platform for the next federal election the obligation for all cellular service companies to conclude roaming agreements so that cellular service customers, regardless of their provider, can benefit from the presence of cell sites in the region where they are located;

TO TRANSMIT a copy of this resolution to the Quebec Minister of Finance, Mr. Eric Girard, who is responsible for fulfilling the government's commitment to provide cellular service throughout the entire inhabited territory in the present mandate;

TO TRANSMIT a copy of this resolution to the heads of the telecommunications companies, namely BCE (Bell), Videotron, Rogers, TELUS and Cogeco.

12. ADJOURNMENT
178-12-2024 Motion by Cr.Holmes to adjourn the meeting of December 10, 2024 at 9.10 p.m.

Mayor Edward Walsh

Clerk Treasurer – Patricia Hobbs

