

(Unofficial version)

DATE: April 22, 2025

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. Holmes, Cr. Hanna & 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: Stephen Sharpe requesting that the culvert on the 5th concession be replaced and enlarged. Secondly, a culvert on the McGuire sideline needs to be possibly replaced but definitely repaired.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

053- 04--2025 Proposed by Cr. Holmes
Seconded by: Cr Hanna
And unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda of April 22, 2025 with the addition of the Library meeting info at 7.4.1 and 5.3 donation to Pontiac Arena Fund.
Carried

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF April 8, 2025**

054-04-2025 Proposed by: Cr. Elliott
Seconded by: Cr. Hanna
And is resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2025
Carried

4. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

- You tube live will now be used by the MRC for public announcements and information.
- Reno Region Program has been cancelled by the Quebec Gov’t
- SQ Priorities: Speeding and safety within the MRC Pontiac
Safety on the Waterways.
- Tree Day Friday, June 6th

5. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

055-04-2025 **5.1 – Request from Shawville Lions Country Jamboree**
Moved by; Cr. Hanna
Seconded by: Cr Holmes
To donate \$1000.00 to this event.
Carried
Both the Mayor Ed Walsh and Cr. Smith withdrew from the discussion

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056-04-2025 **5.2 – Request from Pontiac Agricultural Society**
Moved by: Cr. Smith
Seconded by: Cr. Elliott
To donate an amount of \$1000.00 to the Pontiac Agricultural Society for the annual fair.
Carried
Cr. Hanna abstained from the voting.

5.3 – Pontiac Arena Fund Men’s Night Auction Request
057-04-2025 Moved by: Holmes
Seconded by: Cr. Dagg
To donate a tandem load of 0 ¾ gravel to be delivered within a 25km radius to be delivered by August 31. 2025
Carried

6. FINANCIAL REPORT &/OR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 25,832.74 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 22nd day of April 2025

_____*Patricia Hobbs*_____

058-04-2025 Patricia Hobbs – Clerk Treasurer
Proposed by Cr Elliott
Seconded by: Cr. Younge
And is resolved to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 25,832.74

7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS

7.1 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

7.2 LUP COMMITTEE

7.2.1 Subdivision & Authorization for Second Residence Application

A request was received for the following two requests:

- 1. To build an additional family home on parcel 5 639 684**
- 2. Subject to a formal survey, the alienation of the existing residence on this same parcel**

Rationale

- Whereas the applicant desires to build a second residence for a family member recognizing there is a housing shortage in the municipality of Clarendon
- Whereas there is a lack of buildable lots in the municipality of Clarendon.
- Whereas the request is consistent with the land use and planning bylaws, specific to family farms.
- Whereas the parcel is zoned Agri-Forestry,
- Whereas immediately before or after the construction of a second residence the original farm residence will be alienated with 5000 square meters, subject to a formal survey. Estimate layout provide in.
- Whereas the new residence will be built directly north of the existing residence, adjacent to the road and proposed alienated parcel.
- Whereas the property owner has made an application to the CPTAQ and requires a council resolution that authorizes the proposed alienation and the new family residence, Exhibit E and F.
- Whereas sugar bush is present in small quantities, but not in the area proposed for the new residence.
- Whereas a copy of the property has made a formal Request for Authorizaton to the CPTAQ.
- Whereas the request **IS NOT** in contravention to Article 62 of Chapter P-41.1 - ACT RESPECTING THE PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND AGRICULTURAL (Appendix A). Specifically:
 1. the soil capability of the lot and of the neighbouring lots is marginal and does not support active farm operations.
 2. the possible uses of the lot for agricultural purposes is marginalized;
 3. the consequences of an authorization on existing agricultural activities and their development, and on the possible agricultural use of neighbouring lots, in particular having regard to the standards aimed at reducing the inconvenience caused by odours resulting from agricultural activities, does not exist;

4. the restrictions and effects resulting from the application of the Acts and the regulations, in particular those relating to the environment and, more particularly, with respect to livestock operations is not applicable;
 5. the availability of other sites where farming restrictions would be eliminated or reduced, in particular where the application concerns a lot included in a census agglomeration or a census metropolitan area as defined by Statistics Canada or a lot situated in the territory of a community is not a factor;
 6. the homogeneity of the farming community and farming operations is unaffected as the property is surrounded by wetlands and the adjacent properties do not contain active farm operations;
 7. the impact on the preservation of water and soil resources in the territory of the local municipality and in the region is not affected;
 8. the establishment of land holdings having an area sufficient for farming activities does not apply as the soil conditions render the lands unusable for crops and are regarded as Class 4, 5 and 7;
 9. the impact on the economic development of the region upon proof submitted by a municipality, community, public body or agency providing public utility services is enhanced through the availability of additional housing units;
 10. the socioeconomic conditions necessary for the viability of a community where justified by the low population density of the region is not a factor as the present infrastructure has a zero impact attributed to the additional housing unit;
 11. if applicable, the development plan for the agricultural zone of the regional county municipality concerned is not applicable as there are no plans to promote any agricultural activities in in the area of the parcel in question.
- Whereas the request **IS NOT** in contravention to Article 58.2 of Chapter P-41.1 - ACT RESPECTING THE PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND AGRICULTURAL (Appendix A). Specifically;
 1. The application is NOT inconsistent with the objectives of the RCM land use and development plan and the provisions of the complementary document or with the metropolitan land use and development plan;
 2. the consequences of a refusal for the applicant include but are not limited to the reduction in housing availability and the ability for individuals to remain on family farms, is in contravention to the strategic vision for reducing the housing shortage.
 - Whereas the soils on the affected lands are Classified as:
 - a. Class 4 – Severe limitations on use of crops
 - b. Class 5 – Very severe limitations preclude annual cultivation; improvements feasible
 - c. Class 7 – No capability for agriculture

Therefore, it is

059-04-2025 Moved by: Cr. Smith

Seconded by: Cr. Dagg

And unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation of the Land Use Planning Committee and approve both the subdivision and the construction of a new residence.

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Carried

7.3 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

7.4 LIBRARY COMMITTEE

7.4.1 Painting of Library

A quote was received from Brenda Greenshields in the amount of \$9.500 to paint the library. The Library itself will donate \$2000.00 for this project

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Moved by: Cr. Smith

Seconded by: Cr. Hanna

And unanimously agreed to accept this quote.

7.4 FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.5 FIRE COMMITTEE

7.6 WASTE COMMITTEE

7.8 COTTAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

7.9 - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE

8. Miscellaneous and Discussion

9. ADJOURNMENT

061-04-2025 Motion by Cr. Holmes to adjourn the meeting of April 22, 2025 at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Edward Walsh

Clerk Treasurer – Patricia Hobbs

