

**(Unofficial version)**

**DATE: April 14, 2026**

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. Elliott, Cr. Younge, Cr Hannaberry, Cr. Holmes, Cr Hanna & Cr. Smith. 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 Edward Walsh opened the meeting at 7 :00 p.m.

**Public Participation: None**

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**053-04-2026** Proposed by Cr. Hanna

Seconded by: Cr. Hannaberry

And unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda of April 14, 2026 with the addition of resolution to support SCFD Project for purchase of soap box derby cars at 7.10.4 & use of Debit & Credit Cards at 7.10.5 & Street Sweeping at 7.3.3

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF March 24, 2026**

**054-04-2026** Proposed by: Cr. Elliott

Seconded by: Cr. Smith

*And is* resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2026

**Carried**

**4. MAYOR'S REPORT -**

Mayor Ed Walsh gave his mayor's report

1. The Mayor & DG attended the intermunicipal fire services meeting at the MRC. More discussion to follow
2. Environmental Meeting – all municipalities must have an updated database on septic systems in our territory by December 31, 2026
3. The communication officer for the MRC has left the MRC.
4. SAAQ now accepts online booking of appointments
5. The Mayor attended a Hydro Quebec presentation on Hydroelectric dams.
6. FRR grants are open now with a deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>
7. The Mayor attended the police meeting at the MRC.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

5.1 – Request from Pontiac Agricultural Society

A letter of request was received from the Pontiac Agricultural Society for sponsorship of the Shawville Fair for the 2026 year.

**055-04-2026** Moved by: Cr. Holmes

Seconded by: Cr Younge

To sponser the Shawville fair in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 2026 year, with \$ 1,000 to come from the budgeted amount and \$500.00 to come from donations line of the budget

Council voted and the resolution passed.

Cr, Hanna abstained

Carried

5.2 Request from McDowell for donation to School Spring Fundraiser  
A letter of request was received from the McDowell Home & School Committee requesting a contribution to the facebook auction with proceeds going toward enriching student programs and supporting school initiatives that benefit the school.

**056-04-2026 Moved by: Cr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Hanna**

To donate a tandem load of 0 ¾ gravel to the facebook auction to be delivered within a 25 km radius from the municipal office.

Carried.

5.3 Request from SCFD for donation to Firemen’s Ball

A request was received from the Shawville Clarendon Fire Dept for a donation towards the annual Firemen’s Ball.

**056-04-2026 Moved by: Cr. Elliott**

**Seconded by: Cr Hanna**

That the municipality will donate the amount of \$200.00 towards the annual Firemen’s Ball with the amount to be taken from the “Donations” line of the budget.

Carried

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

**Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 107,994.23 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 day of April 14, 2026

Patricia Hobbs

Patricia Hobbs – Clerk Treasure

**057-04--2026 Proposed by Cr. Hannaberry**

**Seconded by: Cr. Smith**

And is resolved to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 107,994.23

Carried

## **7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS**

### **7.1 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The brush site on the 8<sup>th</sup> concession is set to open on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The site will then be open for regular hours of Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00. The regular seasonal worker will return .

### **7.2 LUP COMMITTEE**

**Motion to amend Bill No. 22 to repeal section 245.1 of the *Land Use Planning and Development Act***

Whereas the Government of Quebec has entrusted regional county municipalities with the mandate to develop wetland and water protection plans and, by extension, has imposed on municipalities the obligation to implement them;

Whereas wetland and water protection plans must be approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks to take effect;

Whereas in 2023, the National Assembly granted immunity to local and regional municipalities in the implementation of their wetland and water protection plans by amending section 245 of the *Land Use Planning and Development Act*;

Whereas, during the clause-by-clause review of the bill amending section 245, a new section was introduced into the Act (245.1), without prior consideration or impact assessment, requiring every municipality, regional county municipality, and metropolitan community to

send a notice to every owner of a property (land) affected by an act aimed at protecting wetlands and water bodies;

Whereas the content of the new section 245.1 requires every municipality, regional county municipality, and metropolitan community that wishes to avail itself of the immunity provided for in section 245 to provide proof that a notice has been sent to all affected owners;

Whereas this procedure, which applies exclusively to wetlands and water bodies, will ensure that all affected owners receive at least two notices on the same subject, and that those located within the territory of a metropolitan community will receive three;

Whereas the obligation to individually send notices to all affected property owners imposes a significant administrative burden and substantial costs on municipalities, regional county municipalities, and metropolitan communities, particularly due to printing and distribution costs, which are exacerbated by the current instability and disruptions in Canada Post services;

Whereas the proliferation of notices concerning the same wetland and water protection measure is likely to hinder citizens' understanding, create confusion regarding the actual scope of the measures adopted, and generate dissatisfaction with municipal action;

Whereas the exclusive nature of the procedure under section 245.1 and the fact that the obligations set forth in the Act for municipalities and RCMs regarding the provision of information to citizens for this type of measure would have made it possible to effectively reach the affected property owners;

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment refuses to impose the same obligations on itself to inform property owners affected by the new flood zone mapping—who are more numerous than those affected by wetlands and water bodies—due to prohibitive costs;

Whereas the repeal of section 245.1 of the *Act respecting land use planning and development* would constitute a real administrative relief for municipalities and RCMs;

Whereas on November 27, 2025, the working group on administrative burden reduction, formed pursuant to the *Declaration of Reciprocity* signed on December 13, 2023, and comprising the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities, the Union of Quebec Municipalities, the City of Montreal, and the City of Quebec, and also involving the Association of Municipal Directors of Quebec, the Association of General Directors of Quebec's RCMs, the Association of Municipal Directors General of Quebec, and the Corporation of Certified Municipal Officers of Quebec, has agreed to recommend including the repeal of section 245.1 of the *Act respecting land use planning and development* as a priority measure in a bill;

Whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ms. Geneviève Guilbault, introduced on March 25, 2026, Bill <sup>No.</sup> 22, *An Act to enhance the powers of intervention of municipalities and to amend other legislative provisions*, without a clause repealing section 245.1 of the *Land Use Planning and Development Act*;

**058-04-2026** It is moved by : Cr Elliott

And seconded by : Cr. Holmes

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That the municipality of Clarendon request that the members of the National Assembly's Parliamentary Committee on Land Use Planning introduce an amendment to Bill <sup>No.</sup> 22 repealing section 245.1 of the *Land Use Planning and Urban Planning Act* in order to respect the consensus reached between the Ministry and its municipal partners;

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the secretariat of the National Assembly's Parliamentary Committee on Land Use Planning for official distribution to all members of the committee;

That a copy of this resolution be also forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Geneviève Guilbault, to the Member of the National Assembly representing the riding Pontiac and to the Quebec Federation of Municipalities.

### **7.3 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

7.3.1 – Road Maintenance Request – Tabled & Discussed

7.3.2 – Chamberlain Road – Tabled & Discussed

7.3.3 – Street Sweeping in Sand Bay – Tabled & Discussed

### **7.4 LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

### **7.5 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **7.6 FIRE COMMITTEE**

### **7.7 WASTE COMMITTEE**

### **7.8 COTTAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

### **7.9 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

### **7.10 - Recreation Committee**

#### **7.10.1 Request for Letter of Support from Pontiac Arena Fund & Pontiac Agricultural Society for FRR 2 Grant Application**

**059-04-2026 Moved by: Cr. Younge**

**Seconded by: Cr. Holmes**

**That a letter of support be sent to the Pontiac Agricultural Society and the Pontiac Arena Fund in their application for funding through the FRR2 Grant.**

The letter will read as follows:

At its regular council meeting held on April 14, 2026 the Council of the Municipality of Clarendon passed resolution # 059-04-2026 stating their intent to forward a letter of support to both the Pontiac Agricultural Society and Pontiac Arena Fund for their application for funding through the FRR 2 Grant.

This application is for funding to cover architectural and mechanical drawings for the Shawville Arena.

The council recognizes that this work represents an important and necessary step in planning for the future upgrades to the arena infrastructure.

The Municipality of Clarendon supports the efforts of both the Agricultural Society and the Pontiac Arena fund in their effort to secure funding to upgrade the arena infrastructure for the continued enjoyment of the citizens of the Pontiac.

**Carried**

**\*\* Please note: Cr. Mavis Hanna abstained from the vote.**

#### **7.10.2 Request for Letter of Intent to Provide Financial Support for the Softball Facility Completion Project under the MRC Grant Application**

**059-04-2026 Moved by: Cr. Younge**

**Seconded by: Cr. Smith**

And unanimously agreed to provide a letter of Intent in Support of the Shawville District Recreation Association as follows, with the amount of the donation to be taken from unappropriated surplus.

On behalf of the Municipality of Clarendon, we are writing to formally express our intent to provide financial support towards the completion of the softball facility as part of the next phase of development. This phase includes finalizing the field, installing lighting and adding necessary storage infrastructure to enhance usability and long-term sustainability.

We recognize the vital role these facilities play in fostering community engagement, promoting healthy lifestyles and supporting the growth of softball and recreational programming in the region. As such, we are committed to contributing financially to help bring this important phase of the project to completion.

Our anticipated level of support is as follows:

**Type of Contribution:** Fundraising partnership as part of the MRC FRR grant requirements

**Estimated Contribution Amount:** Up to \$ 10,000

We value the work of the Shawville District Recreation Association and are pleased to support initiatives that strengthen recreational opportunities for residents now and into the future. Completing this phase of the project will significantly enhance the functionality and accessibility of the facility for all users

Carried

### **7.10.3 Men's Night Fund Raiser – Tabled & Discussed**

#### **7.10.4 SCFD FRR Project**

##### **Application for Financial Assistance and Project Authorization**

WHEREAS the Municipality of Clarendon wishes to carry out the project entitled Community Soapbox Racing Revitalization Project

WHEREAS the Project is in line with the priorities and objectives of the Municipality and contributes to the development and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS financial assistance is available under the Fonds régions et ruralité (FRR) program, administered by MRC Pontiac;

WHEREAS the Municipality wishes to submit an application for financial assistance for the said Project, in accordance with the terms and deadlines prescribed;

WHEREAS the Municipality must formally commit to assuming its share of the financing of the Project and designate a person responsible for its management and implementation;

Therefore it is

**060-04-2026 Moved by: Cr Elliott**

**Seconded by: Cr. Hannaberry**

And unanimously resolved

That the municipality authorize the submission of an application for financial assistance for the Project entitled Community Soapbox Racing Revitalization Project, under the Regional and Rural Fund (FRR) program **3**.

Be it further resolved that the Municipality commit to invest an amount of **286.55** representing 2.5% of the eligible costs of the Project, from its municipal funds, as a financial contribution to the completion of the Project.

Be it further resolved to designate **Patricia Hobbs** as the person responsible for the Project with all authorizations, for and on behalf of the Municipality, to:

1. Ensure the management and implementation of the Project;
2. Sign the application for financial assistance and any related amendments;
3. Sign any contract, agreement, attestation or document required for the completion of the Project;
4. Sign all reporting documents required by the granting agency, until the Project is fully closed.

Be it finally resolved that the Municipality undertake to comply with all conditions, requirements and obligations associated with the granting of financial assistance, including timelines, and reporting requirements.

**Carried**

### **7.10.5 Debit & Credit Payments – Tabled & Discussed**

## **8. Miscellaneous and Discussion**

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## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**061-04-2026** Motion by Cr. Holmes to adjourn the meeting of April 14, 2026 at 9:00 p.m.

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Mayor Edward Walsh

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Clerk Treasurer – Patricia Hobbs



