

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF NORTH HATLEY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

AT A REGULAR MEETING of Council held at the North Hatley Community Centre at 7:00 p.m.

WERE PRESENT the following Councillors :

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| 1. Michel Desrosiers | 4. Elizabeth FEE |
| 2. Carrol HALLER | 5. David WILSON |
| 3. Danielle DUPRÉ | 6. Andrew J. PELLETIER |

ABSENT :

QUORUM is present with Mayor Marcella DAVIS-GERRISH presiding.

ALSO PRESENT are Benoit Tremblay, Director-General and Bruno Bélisle, Assistant Director-General.

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on August 7, 2023
3. Information from Council members
4. Question Period on Items listed on the Agenda

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER LEGAL AFFAIRS

5. Temporary establishment of an Early Childhood Center
Resolution authorizing the establishment of an Early Childhood Centre on the premises of the Community Centre.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOUR RELATIONS

FINANCE AND TREASURY

6. Acceptance of accounts payable
7. Net salary reports –2023-08
8. Offer of services Cain Lamarre - Bank of hours and consulting services
Resolution authorizing a bank of hours at reduced rates for professional services for the year 2024.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

9. Supply of abrasive sand - Award of contract
Further to a call for tenders, awarding of contract for the supply of abrasive sand for the 2023-2024 winter season.
10. Supply of de-icing salt - Awarding of contract
Further to a call for tenders, awarding of contract for the supply of de-icing salt for the 2023-2024 winter season.
11. Renewal of the Quebec Gas Tax and Contribution Program (2024 to 2028) - negotiations between the governments of Quebec and Canada
Resolution asking both levels of government to press ahead with negotiations in order to conclude an agreement quickly to ensure the renewal of this subsidy program for Quebec municipalities.
12. Standardization of speed limits on the territory of the Municipality
Resolution to standardize speed limits on the Municipality's territory
13. Call for tenders for Lake Road work
Resolution to authorize the Municipality to issue a call for tenders for the replacement of pipes on chemin du lac

URBANISM, HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT

14. By-law 2023-744 amending zoning by-law 2001-432 (artisanal industrial activity, zone c-4) - adoption of 2nd draft
Resolution to adopt the 2nd draft following the public consultation held on September 5, 2023.

RECREATION, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY LIFE

15. North Hatley Curling Club Inc. - Grant of financial support
Resolution to grant financial assistance to the curling club for infrastructure replacement.

PUBLIC SECURITY

16. Emergency golf passage agreement
Resolution to finalize an agreement for the passage of emergency vehicles through the golf course to access Highland Road during work on Lake Road.

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17. Question Period on Issues of local public interest
18. Meeting Adjourned

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2023-09-11.01

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

I, ELIZABETH FEE, MOVED

THAT the minutes be adopted as presented with addition of items 13, 14 and 15

2023-09-11.02

ADOPTION THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF AUGUST 7, 2023

I, DANIELLE DUPRÉ, MOVED

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 7, 2023 be adopted.

2023-09-11.03

INFORMATION FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor and Councillors informed citizens on their various files and on upcoming events

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2023-09-11.04

QUESTION PERIOD ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

RESIDENT	ISSUES
MIKE MUNKITTRICK	Q. Large waste
	R. We will be looking at the situation
MIKE MUNKITTRICK	Q. Don au club de curling
	R. Noted

2023-09-11.05

TEMPORARY ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

WHEREAS the CPE les Petits-Hêtres will be opening a permanent facility in Ste-Catherine de Hatley within the next two years;

WHEREAS this initiative is supported and financed by the Ministère de la Famille;

WHEREAS between now and the desired opening in 2025, many families in the region are facing a problem in obtaining daycare services for their children aged 0 months to 5 years;

WHEREAS the Ministère de la Famille has authorized the establishment of a temporary CPE to support families and communities in the region while awaiting the opening of the CPE of Ste-Catherine-de-Hatley;

WHEREAS the CPE les Petits-Hêtre has approached the Municipality to inquire about the possibility of setting up a temporary CPE on the premises of the Community Centre;

WHEREAS the Municipality held two information sessions in April 2023 to hear the population's concerns regarding this project;

WHEREAS the two information sessions raised priority issues for the population, namely :

- Ensure that the establishment of a temporary CPE does not destroy the "community spirit" for which the community, organizations and volunteers have worked over the years to build the Community Centre we know today;
- Ensure that the current services offered to the public through Community Aid in Lennoxville are maintained;
- Ensure that Meals on Wheels can continue to operate from its current location at the Community Center without any interruption to services;
- Ensure a safe environment for children if the project is to take place;
- Ensure that the public and organizations always have access to the Community Center premises outside CPE service hours;
- Ensure that the Municipality is able to offer a reception and accommodation service in the event of emergency measures requiring it;
- Ensure that the project is temporary and not permanent;

WHEREAS, following the information sessions held in April 2023, the organizations Community Aid and Meals on Wheels were met several times by the Municipality in order to identify and determine all the issues affecting the sustainability of services to the population;

WHEREAS meetings were also held between Community Aid, Meals on Wheels and CPE les Petits-Hêtres to determine possible solutions for cohabitation in the Community Centre's current premises;

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RENEWAL OF THE QUEBEC GAS TAX AND CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM (2024 TO 2028) - NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF QUEBEC AND CANADA

CONSIDERING THAT the governments of Quebec and Canada are currently negotiating the renewal of the Quebec Gas Tax and Contribution Program (TECQ) for the period 2024 - 2028;

CONSIDERING THAT on August 24, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM) asked the governments of Quebec and Canada to reach an early agreement to ensure the renewal of this important program;

CONSIDERING THAT this program is essential to the realization of important projects in Quebec communities;

CONSIDERING THAT, despite the substantial sums allocated to this program, they remain insufficient to meet needs and must be increased due to the rising costs of carrying out projects;

CONSIDERING THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has called on the federal government to double its investment in this program, and to provide for indexation of 3.5% per year;

CONSIDERING THAT the FQM and its members have been asking for several years that the Quebec Gas Tax and Contribution Program (TECQ) allow the financing and realization of projects planned and decided by Quebec municipalities, in the sense that municipal building projects (garages, town halls, fire stations, etc.) and work on retention structures (dams, dikes, etc.) be eligible for this program;

CONSIDERING the importance of adapting programs to the challenges posed by climate change and enabling municipalities to finance the implementation of developments and work to adapt to the consequences of these changes, such as the creation of firebreaks to protect forest communities;

CONSIDERING THAT the reporting requirements for projects are onerous for municipalities;

CONSIDERING THAT negotiations must be concluded by early fall 2023 to ensure implementation on January 1, 2024, and to enable municipalities to budget for investments;

CONSIDERING THAT the sums allocated to this program must be free of any new obligations or conditions to ensure its success;

I, ANDREW J PELLETIER, MOVED

THAT the Municipality of the Village of North Hatley ask the governments of Quebec and Canada :

- To conclude a new federal-provincial agreement early this fall for the renewal of the Gas Tax and Quebec Contribution (TECQ) Program for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028;
- To increase the sums available to Quebec municipalities, and to provide for an annual increase in the envelope for the duration of the agreement to cover rising costs;
- To add no additional accountability, obligations or conditions to municipalities in the application of the program;
- To allow the financing of municipal buildings, retention structures and wharves owned by municipalities as eligible work;
- To make eligible projects involving prevention, development and adaptation to the consequences of climate change.

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Quebec Minister of Finance, Mr. Éric Girard, to the Quebec Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ms. Andrée Laforest, to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance of Canada, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, to the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser, to the Minister of Transport and Lieutenant of Quebec, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, to the Members of Parliament (add the names of the Members of the National Assembly and the House of Commons from your territory), to the Fédération québécoise des municipalités and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

VOTE FOR : 6 VOTE AGAINST : ABSTENTION :
ADOPTION : UNANIMOUS

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	R.	Information on the resolution
LISA DE COTRET	Q.	Thank you for the CPE
	R.	
CLAUDE GENDRON	Q.	Route verte – Support the comment of M. Campbell
	R.	
CLAUDE GENDRON	Q.	Would like information on the number of residents driving over the limit
	R.	When we have the information, we'll share it.
CLAUDE GENDRON	Q.	Info village
	R.	Good idea will take a look at this
MICHAEL GRAYSON	Q.	Supports Mike Munkittrick's comment about
	R.	Noted
SUZANNE	Q.	Who will check speeds on Sherbrooke and Main?
	R.	We send the resolution to the SQ
DONALD WATT	Q.	Why don't we use the school for the CPE instead of the Community Centre
	R.	We've investigated the matter, but for security reasons the school is no place for a CPE.
DONALD WATT	Q.	Situation in Hudson may apply to us ?
	R.	The situation on ice for now
CLAUDE GENDRON	Q.	Accounts payable sent with agenda
	R.	Noted

2023-09-11.18

ADJOURNEMENT OF THE MEETINGS

At 8:24 p.m. the items on the agenda having been dealt with ;

I, DAVID WILSON, MOVED that the meeting be adjourned and closed.

MARCELLA DAVIS-GERRISH
Mayor

BENOIT TREMBLAY
Director General

I, MARCELLA DAVIS-GERRISH, certify that the signing of these minutes is equivalent to the signing by me of all the resolutions contained therein within the meaning of section 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.