

The regular meeting of the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke was held on **FEBRUARY 3, 2020** at the Town Hall 1056 Brook road, Hinchinbrooke, Quebec. Mayor Cameron presided with the following councillors in attendance:

Elgin Macfarlane
Kirk Feeny
Mark Bakos
Mark Wallace
Nadia Ricard
Diane L'Ecuyer

Kevin Neal, Director General and Secretary-treasurer recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gerardo Bocchicchio, 2531 Service.
Mr. Alfred MacKay, 1362 Meadow

- 20-02-01** 1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING**
PROPOSED BY: Councillor L'Ecuyer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Feeny
- That the regular meeting be called to order at 8:00 p.m.
CARRIED
- 20-02-02** 2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bakos
SECONDED BY: Councillor Ricard
- That the agenda be adopted as circulated with the following additions:
- 7.4 News on Dewittville Bridge;
7.5 Civic numbers;
- CARRIED**
- 20-02-03** 3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN JANUARY**
PROPOSED BY: Councillor L'Ecuyer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Ricard
- That the version of the French minutes of the regular meeting held on January 13, 2020 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
- 20-02-04** **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY: Councillor L'Ecuyer
- That the version of the English minutes of the regular meeting held on January 13, 2020 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
4. **URBANISM**
- Council appraised of Municipal Inspector's report at the caucus meeting held on January 30, 2020.

4.1 **MANDATE MRC**

WHEREAS the by-law to promote the protection of persons by setting up a dog control form will come into force on March 3, 2020;

WHEREAS The municipal by-law on animal care must be compatible with the provincial by-law;

WHEREAS It is ideal to adopt a by-law that do not contain any standards from the provincial by-law in order to avoid future changes in agreement;

WHEREAS several municipalities in our MRC use the same animal controller it is best to have a uniform by-law prepared to facilitate enforcement by the controller;

20-02-05

IT IS PROPOSED BY : Councillor Bakos
AND SECONDED BY : Councillor Ricard

That the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent be mandated in order to draft the project By-law concerning the care of animals on the Hinchinbrooke territory.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC WORK**

Council appraised of Road Supervisor's report at the caucus meeting held on January 30, 2020.

6. **COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

6.1 **FIRE BRIGADE**

Fire Chief, Michael Krause presented the Fire Brigade report for the month of January 2020 at the caucus meeting held on January 30, 2020.

6.2 **ARENA**

Councillor Bakos presented the Arena report for the month of January 2020. They found someone to replace L. French who is leaving her position. New chillers are up and running January 26.

6.3 **LOISIRS**

Councillor Ricard presented the Loisirs report for the month of January 2020.

6.3.1. **REQUEST FOR DONATION**

20-02-06

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Ricard
SECONDED BY: Councillor Bakos

That the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke issue a donation in the amount of \$1500.00 to the Huntingdon Fair.

CARRIED

20-02-07

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Ricard
SECONDED BY: Councillor Macfarlane

That the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke issue a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to CVR Educational foundation.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE & NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cameron reviewed the list of correspondence received during the month of January 2020.

7.1 BY-LAW 445 TAXATI

WHEREAS a municipal corporation may impose and levy annually, by direct taxation on all taxable properties of the municipality, any sum of money required to defray the expenses of administration or for any special purpose whatever, within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS a municipal corporation determines that the payment of said costs may be equated by a compensation charge which will vary with each category of user, and is payable in all cases by the owner, said compensation is then assimilated to a real estate tax imposed on the immovable for which it is due;

WHEREAS a municipal corporation may make by-laws to impose a tax on the owner of every dog kept in the municipality;

WHEREAS the council considers that such taxes, compensation, and permit charges shall be duly imposed in the municipality;

WHEREAS Notice of motion was given by Councillor L'Ecuyer at the regular setting held on January 13, 2020.

20-02-08

PROPOSED BY: Councillor L'Ecuyer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Ricard
AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT By-law 445 be adopted as follows:

ARTICLE 1

To provide for the expenses foreseen in the budget for the year 2020 it is by the present By-law imposed and will be taken in 2020 a real estate tax on all taxable immovable located in the municipality according to their value and their use such as it appears in the evaluation role in force for 2019 according to the following rates:

Residential immovable \$0.525 per \$100 of the evaluation
Agricultural Immovable \$0.369 per \$100 of the evaluation

ARTICLE 2

An annual compensation charge will be imposed to provide for the payment of costs incurred for the removal

of garbage and other unhealthy or offensive matter and recycling at the rate hereinafter described.

Per unit: 191.92\$

This compensation charge will be paid by the owner and will be assimilated to the real estate tax imposed on the immoveable for which it is due.

ARTICLE 3

An annual compensation charge will be imposed to provide for the payment of exploitation charges and maintenance expenses associated with the operation of the municipal sewer system and also waste water treatment:

Private Sewers (Cluff)	\$192.00
Public Sewers (Huntingdon)	\$185.18

This compensation charge will be paid by the owner and will be assimilated to the real-estate tax imposed on the immoveable for which it is due.

ARTICLE 4

An annual compensation charge will be imposed to provide for the payment of water usage as provided by the Town of Huntingdon

Residential Unit: \$406.67

This compensation charge will be paid by the owner and will be assimilated to the real-estate tax imposed on the immoveable for which it is due.

ARTICLE 5

A tax will be imposed on the owner of every dog kept in the municipality and will be levied annually at a cost of \$20.00 for the first dog and \$25.00 for the second do and subsequent dogs.

ARTICLE 6

A permit is hereby imposed on the owner or occupant of any trailer situated in the municipality, said permit is in the amount of \$1.00 for each period of thirty (30) days the trailer is located with the municipality. In addition, a compensation charge will be levied in the amount of \$10.00 for each period of thirty (30) days that the trailer is located within the municipality, all in accordance with Article 231 of the Act Respecting Municipal Taxation.

ARTICLE 7

A watercourse tax will be imposed by the present by-law on all immoveable in the municipality for properties more than 53,280 squares feet located in the green zone at the rate of \$0.0733 per \$100.00 of land evaluation.

ARTICLE 8

By-law 406, Borrowing By-law for Athelstan sewer. A compensation of \$400.00 per unit will be charged.

ARTICLE 9

The cost of operation for 2020 based on the actual costs of 2019 will be \$333.82

ARTICLE 10

By-law 419 Borrowing By-law for the municipal garage. A compensation of \$0.0222 per \$100.00 of taxable evaluation is hereby imposed on all taxable immovable in the municipality.

ARTICLE 11

An annual interest rate of 12% will be levied on all overdue accounts.

ARTICLE 12

The payment for the annual taxes which is higher than \$300.00 can be made in 3 installments.

ARTICLE 13

The present by-law will come into force in accordance with the Law.

CARRIED

7.2 BY-LAW CONCERNING ANIMALS

WHEREAS the municipality of Hinchinbrooke requires to modify the by-law on animals so that the provisions of this one are not applicable to the farmers owners of a registered agricultural property;

WHEREAS the provisions of such a modification to the by-law on the animals were discussed and recommended by the Committee of public Safety;

WHEREAS the Sûreté of Quebec is responsible for the application of the uniform by-laws on the territory of the MRC Haut-Saint-Laurent, and is declared favorable to this modification;

WHEREAS it is necessary to modify this by-law to include any domestic animal, tamed or not tamed, to exclude the farms registered with the MAPAQ with regard to the animals from production or breeding;

CONSEQUENTLY,

IT IS PROPOSED BY : Councillor Ricard

AND SECONDED BY : Councillor Feeny

20-02-09

To adopt the amendments to the by-law concerning animals in particular in bond with the inclusion of any domestic animal, tamed or not tamed, the exclusion of farms registered with the MAPAQ with regard to the animals of production or of breeding as deposited.

CARRIED

- 20-02-10
- 7.3 **VALLEY DES TISSERANDS**
PROPOSED BY: Councillor L'Ecuyer
SECONDED BY: Councillor Bakos
- That the Municipality supports the renewal of authorisation to offer an agricultural mechanics courses at the Centre de formation professionnelle des Moissons-et-Pointe-du Lac, point de service Saint-Joseph à Saint-Chrysostome.
- CARRIED**
- 7.4 **DEWITTVILLE BRIDGE**
- Tenders are going out in April with work to start in August 2020.
- 20-02-11
- 7.5 **CIVIC NUMBERS**
PROPOSED BY: Councillor Wallace
SECONDED BY: Councillor Ricard
- That the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke accept Signil Services Inc quote for civic number signs with installation included at a cost of \$63, 523.69 taxes included.
- CARRIED**
8. **QUESTION PERIOD**
- Mayor Cameron declare question period open.
- Mr. McKay questioned dog by-law.
- Mr. Bocchicchio questioned MOT roads and recycling issues were answered.
- With no further questions, Question period was closed.
- 20-02-12
9. **BILLS TO BE APPROVED**
PROPOSED BY: Councillor Feeny
SECONDED BY: Councillor Wallace
- That the accounts payable received after the January 13, 2020 council meeting and effective in December 2019 in the amount of \$14,108.73 be adopted and be paid and that said accounts be kept in a register to this effect and form an integral part of these minutes.
- CARRIED**
- 20-02-13
- PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Bakos
SECONDED BY: Councillor Ricard
- That the accounts payable for the period of January 1 to 31, 2020 in the amount of \$179,071.82 be adopted and be paid and that said accounts be kept in a register to this effect and form an integral part of these minutes.
- CARRIED**

20-02-14 10. **ADJOURNMENT**
PROPOSED BY: Councillor Ricard
SECONDED BY: Councillor L'Ecuyer

That the business of the adjourned meeting having been duly completed, the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Carolyn T. Cameron
Mayor

Kevin Neal
Director General & Secretary-treasurer