



Committee of the whole meeting
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Council: Paula Assaly, Mayor
Lawrence Bogue, Councillor
Raymond Campbell, Councillor
Robert Lefebvre, Councillor

Motivated Absence: André Chamaillard, Councillor
Yves Paquette, Councillor
Antonios Tsourounakis, Councillor

Staff present: Samuel Cardarelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer and
Director of Recreation and Tourism
Myriam Longtin, Clerk
Philippe Timbers, Treasurer
Normand Beauchamp, Fire Chief
Martin Perron, Environmental Services Superintendent
Yvan Ruel, Communication Coordinator

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting is called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting held remotely but available live through Microsoft Teams.

Moved by Raymond Campbell
Seconded by Lawrence Bogue

Be it resolved to open the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Carried

2. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Robert Lefebvre
Seconded by Raymond Campbell

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

None.

4. Presentations

4.1 Colliers Project Leaders, ref.: Potential future options for the Robert Hartley Sports Complex

Mr. Alain Gregoire, Vice President of Infrastructure, Ms. Nicole MacDonald, Senior Project Manager and Team Lead and Ms. Hodhan Osman join the meeting.

Presentation by Mrs. MacDonald to the Council regarding the Sports Complex in a focus group format. Council members are invited to submit comments to Colliers Project Leaders team regarding the project and questions are asked.

Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Osman and Mr. Gregoire left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

5. Council members' items

5.1 Request for a donation, ref.: Lambert Antoine Méthot - to represent the Canada at the Copa do gadiana/Youth cup (Soccer)

Councillor Lefebvre mentions that usually, this type of sponsorship request is made to non-profit organizations and not to the Town.

Mr. Cardarelli explains that the policy on donation requests is only for organizations and not for individuals. This type of sponsorship request would have to be through fundraising, such as a Mayor's Golf Tournament held annually and the proceeds from the golf tournament are set aside to be spent on donations for this type of activity. This is the method that is generally used by other municipalities in the UCPR.

This type of initiative comes from the Municipal Council or the Mayor. The Treasurer Mr. Philippe Timbers mentions that in the past, there were golf tournaments and that there is currently an amount in reserve from these tournaments that could be used to donate or donations for one or several sports organizations.

The Mayor will send a letter to the family.

6. Department heads' items

6.1 Four Day Workweek Pilot Project

Prior to the discussion of her report, Myriam Longtin, Clerk, informs the Council that she had invited Mr. Marc Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality Rivière des Français, to come and discuss his experience in his municipality, as he has instituted four-day work weeks on a permanent basis. The Clerk welcomes him to the Town's Committee of the whole and gives him the floor.

Discussion follows with Mr. Gagnon regarding his experience.

Several comments are made regarding the challenges, the social side, the short- and long-term impacts, a smaller rural town vs. urban settings.

It is also mentioned that three councillors are not present to express their comments and that it is important and a duty as an employer to look at all facets of this pilot project and further details are requested.

All agreed to discuss the matter again.

Mr. Martin Perron leaves the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Mr. Marc Gagnon leaves the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

6.2 Proposed review of By-law N° 20-2005 being a by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings

Myriam Longtin, Clerk would like to revise the Procedural By-law N° 20-2005 which regulate meetings of Council, with the goal of improving the efficiency of meetings. A brief report was provided to Council to update them on some of the changes that will be explored as part of the revision, such as reducing the number of meetings per month, combining Committee of the whole meetings with Regular Council meetings, amending the agenda to include the Consent Agenda in the Regular meetings, and eliminating the Question Period in the Committee of the whole's agenda.

She asked the Council if they have any questions or comments regarding these changes, but gives them the opportunity to take some time to think about it and invites them to submit their suggestions by email, before July 25, so that she could consider their recommendations in the full revision of the by-law.

Philippe Timbers leaves the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

7. Other business

8. Question period

Questions are asked.

9. In-camera

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Lawrence Bogue
Seconded by Robert Lefebvre

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Carried

Paula Assaly, Mayor

Myriam Longtin, Clerk