

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BARKMERE HELD ON DECEMBER 13th, 2014 AT 10:00 AM AT THE BARKMERE COMMUNITY CENTER, BARKMERE, QUEBEC

In attendance :	The Mayor	Luc Trépanier
	The Councillors	Jake Chadwick Chantal Raymond Marc Fredette Stephen Lloyd Bruce MacNab Tim Kalil
	General Director	Katia Morin
Absent :		

1. Resolution 2014-136 – Acceptance of the proposed agenda

It is proposed by Councillor Stephen Lloyd, and seconded by Councillor Bruce MacNab, and it is adopted unanimously by the present members:

THAT the proposed agenda be accepted as proposed:

1. Approval of the agenda

2. Finances

2.1 2015 annual budget

2.1.1. Resolution – Adoption of the 2015 budget

2.2 Three-year Capital Expenditures Program

2.2.1. Resolution – Adoption of the 2015 Capital expenditures program

2.3 Bylaw 227 for the 2015 taxation rates

2.3.1. Resolution – Dispense of lecture of Bylaw 227

2.3.2. Resolution – Adoption of Bylaw 227

3. Questions period

4. Extraordinary Meeting adjournment

ADOPTED

2. Finances

2.1 2015 Annual budget

Councillor Marc Fredette informed us that there is an approximate 0.6% increase in spending compared to the 2014 budget. He explained the variations of 2014 budget to 2015.

The expenses of the RCM of Laurentians increased by about 8.8 %. In addition, the Town must contribute more because of the waste tonnage that we had for 2014.

Then Councillor Marc Fredette presented the sources of revenue for 2015.

The Town will use some of its unrestricted surplus to reduce the burden on its taxpayers. The Town plans to use \$ 43,400.00 of its surplus.

2.1.1 Resolution 2014-137 Adoption of the 2015 budget

It is proposed by Councillor Marc Fredette, and seconded by Councillor Jake Chadwick, and it is adopted unanimously by the present members:

THAT the 2015 annual budget, be adopted as proposed.

ADOPTED

2.2 Three-year Capital Expenditures Program

Councillor Marc Fredette explained the three-year Capital Expenditures program. In 2015 and 2016, the Town anticipates the construction of the Town Hall. The Town received a grant that pays 65 % of the cost, however this is a preliminary approval. The Town must also plan to repair the dam, which is expected in 2017. In 2015, the Town also plans a new platform for the rental docks, some work at the landing and installation of a dry hydrant.

2.2.1 Resolution 2014-138 Adoption of the 2015 Capital expenditure program

It is proposed by Councillor Marc Fredette, and seconded by Councillor Jake Chadwick, and it is adopted unanimously by the present members:

THAT the 2015 Capital expenditure program, be adopted as proposed.

ADOPTED

2.3 Bylaw 227 for the 2015 taxation rates

Councillors Marc Fredette, Jake Chadwick, Stephen Lloyd, Chantal Raymond, Tim Kalil and Bruce MacNab and Mayor Luc Trépanier declared having read the draft of Bylaw 227 and therefore renounce to the reading of it.

2.3.1 Resolution 2014-139 - Dispense of Reading of Bylaw 227

CONSIDERING THAT article 356 of the *Cities and Towns Act* (L.R.Q. c.C-19) allows the dispense of the reading of a bylaw;

CONSIDERING THAT a copy of the Bylaw 227 was given to each member of the council more than two days previous to the present meeting;

CONSIDERING THAT all members of the council have declared having read the Bylaw 227 and renounce to its reading;

THEREFORE, Councillor Stephen Lloyd moved, Councillor Tim Kalil seconded, and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

THAT the council of the Town of Barkmere renounces to the reading of Bylaw 227 concerning the taxation rate for year 2015.

ADOPTED

2.3.2 Adoption of Bylaw 227

BYLAW NUMBER 227 ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAX RATES OF THE TOWN OF BARKMERE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

CONSIDERING THAT article 485 of the *Cities and Towns Act* (L.R.Q. c.C-19) authorizes the Town of Barkmere to impose a general tax levy on the value of the properties located on its territory;

CONSIDERING THAT article 487 of the *Cities and Towns Act* authorizes the Town of Barkmere to impose special tax levies on the value of properties located in a specific sector of its territory, namely for maintenance works;

- CONSIDERING THAT** article 252 of the Act respecting Municipal Taxation (RSQ, c.F-2.1) authorizes the Town of Barkmere to collect the taxes with more than one installment;
- CONSIDERING THAT** article 480 of the *Cities and Towns Act* authorizes the Town of Barkmere to impose an additional levy not in excess of 10% of the total amount of the collectable taxes, to compensate for recovery fees;
- CONSIDERING THAT** article 481 of the *Cities and Towns Act* authorizes the Town of Barkmere to charge interest on the balance of unpaid taxes after their due date;
- CONSIDERING THAT** a Notice of Motion was given at a regular meeting of the Council on November 8th, 2014;
- ACCORDINGLY,** it is ordered and ruled by this resolution that bylaw 227 establishing the general and special tax rates for the Town of Barkmere for fiscal year 2015 be adopted.

The Municipal Council of the Town of Barkmere decrees the following:

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL TAX

For fiscal year 2015, the general tax rate is fixed at \$0.520 per \$100 of evaluation, assessed to all taxable immovable properties on the 2015 evaluation roll.

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL TAX FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DUNCAN ROAD

For fiscal year 2015, a special tax rate is fixed to \$0.134 per \$100 of evaluation, assessed on all taxable immovable properties described in article 3 of bylaw 212 of the Town of Barkmere creating a financial reserve for the maintenance of Duncan Road.

ARTICLE 3 – SPECIAL TAX FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PRIESTS ROAD

For fiscal year 2015, a special tax rate is fixed to \$0.052 per \$100 of evaluation, assessed on all taxable immovable properties located in the Priests Road basin. The purpose of this tax is to pay for the maintenance of Priests Road.

ARTICLE 4 – INSTALLMENTS

The payment of a tax bill is made in one instalment, in Canadian dollars, due on March 1st 2015, or thirty days after the mailing of said bill, if it is mailed after January 30th 2015.

In the case where the total of the tax bill exceeds \$300.00, the payment may be made in multiple instalments, with no interest, subject to the following conditions:

- A first instalment corresponding to at least one third of the total must be paid no later than March 1st 2015, or thirty days after the mailing of the bill, if it is mailed after January 30th 2015;
- A second installment corresponding to one third of the total must be paid no later than June 1st 2015, or ninety days after the due date of the first installment;
- The balance of the taxes must be paid entirely no later than August 1st 2015, or sixty days after the due date of the second instalment.
- Default to pay an installment at its due date will nullify these terms of installments and the balance of the tax bill will become payable immediately, subject to the interest rate defined at article 5 of this bylaw.

ARTICLE 5 – INTEREST RATE

After the due date of the taxes, as determined by article 4, the annual interest rate is 15%, calculated on the unpaid balance at each month following.

ARTICLE 6 – ADDITIONAL LEVY

On September 1st 2015, any unpaid balance of taxes will be assessed a penalty of 10%, to compensate for recovery fees.

ARTICLE 7 – ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Any payment or installment returned for non-sufficient funds or another reason will be subject to a \$15.00 administrative fee.

All banking and other fees deducted by the financial institution of the debtor and/or the financial institution of the Town of Barkmere and related to an electronic transfer of funds will be at the charge of the debtor.

Any transaction linked to an immovable property, including transfers, fines, etc., will be subject to a \$15.00 administrative fee.

ARTICLE 8 – COMING INTO FORCE

This bylaw shall take effect in accordance with the law.

Resolution 2014-140 - Adoption of Bylaw 227

It is proposed by Councillor Marc Fredette, and seconded by Councillor Jake Chadwick, and it is adopted unanimously by the present members:

THAT Bylaw 227 entitled: **Bylaw number 227 establishing the general and special tax rates of the Town of Barkmere for fiscal year 2015**, be adopted.

Note: Copies of Bylaw 227 are available for consultation at the current session.

ADOPTED

3 Questions period

The questions period starts at 10:20 a.m.

Monsieur Robin De Schulthess:

Question: Are outstanding taxes included in the amount of taxes?

Answer: The unpaid taxes that we must receive are in the account receivable.

Question: How does the surplus work, why do you use it?

Answer: The surplus has been accumulated through the payment of taxes by taxpayers, so the council decided to return some of the money to the taxpayers using this surplus to reduce the increase of the amount of taxes. In recent years the Town's spending has increased and we must face it.

Madame Susan De Schulthess:

Question: What will we do if J suites road is damaged, who should pay?

Answer: It would be appropriate to revise the bylaw concerning J suites road. It must be determined how the Town wants to deal with new developments and who must assume the costs for the repairs to the road after the work.

The questions period ends at 10:26 a.m.

4 End of Special Session

4.1 Resolution 2014-141 – End of session

It is proposed by Councillor Chantal Raymond, seconded by Councillor Bruce MacNab, and resolved unanimously by the present members:

THAT the session of the Town Council be adjourned.

ADOPTED

Approved by:

Certified by:

Luc Trépanier, Mayor

Katia Morin, General Director

