



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BARKMERE HELD ON DECEMBER 12th, 2015 AT 10:00 AM AT THE BARKMERE COMMUNITY CENTER, BARKMERE, QUEBEC

In attendance :	The Pro-Mayor	Marc Fredette
	The Councillors	Jake Chadwick Chantal Raymond Stephen Lloyd Bruce MacNab Tim Kalil
	General Director	Steve Deschenes
Absent :	The Mayor	Luc Trepanier

1. Resolution 2014-156 – Approval of the proposed agenda

It is proposed by Councillor Chantal Raymond, and seconded by Councillor Stephen Lloyd, 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 2016 annual budget

2.1.1. Resolution – Adoption of the 2016 budget

2.2 Three-year Capital Expenditures Program

2.2.1. Resolution – Adoption of the 2016 Capital expenditures program

2.3 Bylaw 236 for the 2016 taxation rates

2.3.1. Resolution – Dispense of lecture of Bylaw 236

2.3.2. Resolution – Adoption of Bylaw 236

3. Questions period

4. Extraordinary Meeting adjournment

ADOPTED

2. Finances

2.1 2016 Annual budget

The Pro-Mayor Marc Fredette informs us that for the 2016 budget there is an approximate 2.7 % increase in expenses compared to 2015 budget. He explains the changes between 2015 and 2016 line by line and then presents the total revenues and income required for the general tax.

The town will uses its non-allocated surplus to reduce the burden on its taxpayers. The Town plans to use \$ 62,000 of the surplus from previous years in order to maintain the general tax revenue at the same level in 2015.

2.1.1 Resolution 2015-157 Adoption of the 2016 budget

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

THAT the 2016 annual budget, be adopted as proposed.

ADOPTED

2.2 Three-year Capital Expenditures Program

Pro-mayor Marc Fredette explains in detail the three-year capital program for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 including the construction of the town hall and community center for \$ 650,000 in 2016. The Town has received the approval of the grant for about 65 % of costs.

2.2.1 Resolution 2015-158 Adoption of the 2016 Capital expenditure program

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

THAT the 2016 Capital expenditure program, be adopted as proposed.

ADOPTED

2.3 Bylaw 236 for the 2016 taxation rates

Pro-mayor Marc Fredette, Jake Chadwick, Stephen Lloyd, Chantal Raymond, Tim Kalil and Bruce MacNab declared having read the draft of Bylaw 236 and therefore renounce to the reading of it.

2.3.1 Resolution 2015-159 - Dispense of Reading of Bylaw 236

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 236 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 236 and renounce to its reading;

THEREFORE, Councillor Jake Chadwick moved, Councillor Chantal Raymond seconded, and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

THAT the council of the Town of Barkmere renounces to the reading of Bylaw 236 concerning the taxation rate for year 2016.

ADOPTED

2.3.2 Adoption of Bylaw 236

Bylaw 236 establishing the general and special tax rates of the Town of Barkmere for fiscal year 2016

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 14, 2015;

Accordingly, it is ordered and ruled by this resolution that bylaw 236 establishing the general and special tax rates for the Town of Barkmere for fiscal year 2016 be adopted.

Proposed by: Jake Chadwick (in the French version...
Seconded by: Bruce MacNab

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

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL TAX

For fiscal year 2016, the general tax rate is fixed at \$0.534 per \$100 of evaluation, assessed to all taxable immovable properties on the 2016 evaluation roll.

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL TAX FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DUNCAN ROAD

For fiscal year 2016, a special tax rate is fixed to \$0.135 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 2016, a special tax rate is fixed to \$0.069 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 2016, or thirty days after the mailing of said bill, if it is mailed after January 30th 2016.

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 2016, or thirty days after the mailing of the bill, if it is mailed after January 30th 2016;
- A second installment corresponding to one third of the total must be paid no later than June 1st 2016, 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 2016, 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 2016, 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 2015-160 - Adoption of Bylaw 227

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

THAT Bylaw 236 entitled: **Bylaw number 236 establishing the general and special tax rates of the Town of Barkmere for fiscal year 2016**, be adopted.

Note: Copies of Bylaw 236 are available for consultation at the current session.

ADOPTED

3 Questions period

The questions period starts at 10:30 a.m.

Brenda Bartlett:

Question: How many employees works at the Town?

Answer: 2 permanent and 2 part time (three months).

Question: Will taxes be reduced in the coming years?

Answer: No, because we know our operating costs and the MRC des Laurentides is increasing year by year their expenses. Also, amortization expenses will increase starting in 2017 due to the construction of the new town hall and community center.

Guy Sigouin :

Question: If the village core presents projects to the Town will we be listened to?

Answer: Yes .

Mr. Ben Turcotte :

Question: Are you confident that the grant will be awarded to the Town?

Answer: We are very confident to obtain the 65% subsidy.

Mr. Bruce MacNab :

Question: What will be the surplus in 2015?

Answer: \$ 97,465.

The questions period ends at 10:38 a.m.

4 End of Special Session

It is 10:39am

4.1 Resolution 2014-161 – End of session

It is proposed by Councillor Tim Kalil, 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:

Marc Fredette, Pro-Mayor

Steve Deschenes, General Director

