

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BARKMERE HELD DECEMBER 8, 2012 AT 10H AT THE BARKMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BARKMERE, QUÉBEC

**Present:** Mayor Luc Trépanier

Councillors Laurent Barbé Jake Chadwick

Jean Dubois Marc Fredette Stephen Lloyd

Secretary Treasurer and

Director general Caroline Dion

Absent: Councillor Bruce MacNab

#### 1. Resolution 2012-96- Acceptance of the proposed agenda of the Special meeting

Councillor Stephen Lloyd moved, Councillor Jake Chadwick seconded and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

That the proposed agenda be accepted.

#### **ADOPTED**

#### 2. Finances

#### 2.1 Report of the Duncan road consultative committee

Mayor Luc Trépanier explained that to set the tax rate for the maintenance of Duncan road, under Bylaw 212, the Council receives the recommendations from the Duncan Road consultative Committee.

Councillor Jake Chadwick reported on behalf of the Committee that the budget for 2013 should be \$ 20,600.

# <u>Resolution 2012-97 – Acceptance of the Duncan road consultative committee</u> <u>recommendations</u>

Councillor Jake Chadwick moved, Councillor Stephen Lloyd seconded, and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

**That** the Town of Barkmere accept the recommendations of the Duncan Road consultative committee.

# <u>ADOPTED</u>

### 2.22013 Annual Budget

Councillor Marc Fredette first provided an overview of preliminary unaudited figures for 2012. A surplus of \$8,000 is expected for the year. There was an increase in transfer revenues, but also an increase in legal fees of \$35,000.

Duncan and Priest roads and proximity forests project where the Town receives funds to cover almost all of these expenses, spending is expected to increase by 4.2% or \$22,000 mostly due to \$14,000 related to accounting services and the hiring of a full time building inspector for an additional \$6,000.

To finance these expenditures, revenues of approximately \$ 409,000 in general tax will be collected, as well as special taxes for road maintenance for Priests Road for \$1,800 and Duncan Road for \$22,300. The general tax therefore will be decreased by 2% in 2013. This reduction is possible due to the application to the 2013 of a portion of the accumulated surplus from prior years.

Mayor Luc Trépanier added that the Town has a total surplus of about approximately \$200,000. Of this amount, \$60,000 was applied to the 2013 budget and will serve to decrease 2013 general taxes.

#### 2.2.1 Resolution 2012-98- Adoption of the budget

Councillor Marc Fredette moved, Councillor Jake Chadwick seconded, and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

**That** the 2013 budget be adopted as proposed.

#### **ADOPTED**

#### 2.3Three-year Capital Expenditure Plan

Mayor Luc Trépanier provided an overview of the three-year capital expenditure plan. Capital expenditures of \$ 450,000 are planned for the dam, as well as the repair of the roof of the town hall, the renewal of computers and equipment purchases.

## 2.4Bylaw n° 218 for the 2013 taxation rates

Councillors Laurent Barbé, Jake Chadwick, Jean Dubois, Marc Fredette and Stephen Lloyd, and Mayor Luc Trépanier, declare having read draft Bylaw 218 and forgo its reading.

# 2.4.1 Resolution 2012-99 - Dispensation of reading of bylaw n° 218

**Considering that** article 356 of the Cities and Towns Act (R.S.Q. c.C-19) allows the dispensation of the reading of a draft bylaw;

**Considering that** a copy of the draft bylaw n° 218 was given to the members of the Council more than two judicial days before the current session;

**Considering that** all members of the Council declared having read draft bylaw n°218 and forgo its reading;

**Therefore**, Councillor Marc Fredette moved, Councillor Jean Dubois seconded, and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

**That** the Municipal Council of the Town of Barkmere forgo the reading of draft Bylaw n° 218 on taxation rates for 2013.

#### **ADOPTED**

# 2.4.2 Adoption of Bylaw n° 218

According to law, Mayor Luc Trépanier described Bylaw n° 218:

- -The general tax is established at 0,505\$ by 100\$, which represents a reduction in taxes of 2%;
- The special tax rate for Duncan Road will be at 0,146\$;
- -The special tax rate for Priests Road will be at 0,088\$;
- The interest rate will stay the same, being a compound interest rate of 15% on the balance of what is due each month;
- The rate for penalties remains the same at 10%;

# Resolution 2012- 100- Adoption of Bylaw no 218

Councillor Marc Fredette moved, Councillor Jake Chadwick seconded, and it was unanimously resolved by all present, that the municipal council of the Town of Barkmere adopts Bylaw n°218.

## **ADOPTED**

# 2.5Question period

Susanne Sylvestre	For the park, have amounts been allocated?
Tom Larder	Legal fees being substantial, why not indicate them on a separate line instead of including them in "General Administration"?
Richard Silbert	For "Environment", why is the budget decreased?
Richard Silbert	For the maintenance of the docks on Goulden Island and Pacte rural, have the funds been allocated?

# 3. Meeting adjournment

# 3.1 Resolution 2012-101 - Adjournment

Councillor Laurent Barbé moved, Councillor Jean Dubois seconded and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

**THAT** this meeting be adjourned.

## **ADOPTED**

Approved by:	Certified by:
Luc Trépanier, Mayor	Caroline Dion, Secretary-treasurer