

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BARKMERE HELD ON JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 AT 10 :00 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE OF BARKMERE (QUEBEC).**



In attendance :	The Mayor	Luc Trépanier
	Councillors	Marc Fredette Chantal Raymond Stephen Lloyd Andrea Leber Marc-Olivier Duchesne
	General Director assistant, and Secretary-Treasurer	Dave W. Roy
Absent		Jake Chadwick

**1. RESOLUTION 2018 - 001– Approval of the agenda**

It is proposed by Councillor Stephen Lloyd, and seconded by Councillor Marc-Olivier Duchesne, and it is adopted unanimously by the present members:

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as proposed;

**1. Approval of the agenda**

**2. Adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**3. Current business**

- 3.1 Announcements
- 3.2 Correspondence
- 3.3 BLPA
- 3.4 Follow-up from last meeting
- 3.5 Question period (30 minutes)

**4. Finance and Administration**

- 4.1 Town Manager's report
- 4.2 Accounts payable
- 4.3 Notice of motion – Bylaw establishing general and special tax rates for the Town of Barkmere for the year 2018
- 4.4 Notice of motion – Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

**5. Infrastructure**

- 5.1 Resolution – Signing authorization for the Statement of corrections and implementation schedule for the Lac des Écorces dam prepared by la firme Équipe Laurence
- 5.2 Resolution – Purchase of structure to access rental dock in section A

**6. R.C.M. and governmental affairs**

6.1 Mayor's report

**7. Meeting adjournment**

**ADOPTED**

**2. Adoption of the minutes**

**2.1 Resolution 2018-002 – Adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The adoption of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 is postponed until the February 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 meeting.

**ADOPTED**

**3. Current business**

**3.1 Announcements**

Mayor Luc Trépanier invites the assembly to hold a minute of silence for the memory of Mrs Frances Miller, widow of Mr. Edward Miller, who passed away on December 26<sup>th</sup> 2017, as well as for the memory of Mrs Nancy Hale, a former resident of Barkmere and mother of Councillor Jake Chadwick, who passed away on December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017. The Mayor extends the condolences of the Council to both bereaved families.

**3.2 Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Mayor of the Town of Kindamba, located in Congo Brazzaville in Africa, proposing a partnership between Barkmere and their town. Mayor Luc Trépanier declined the offer. The same letter was sent to many other municipalities in the MRC.

The newspapers have related the story of a formal notice sent to the Town of Barkmere and to the municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac by the Association of Sport Fishing of Quebec. The association demands that these two municipalities modify their regulations with the objective of abolishing the decontamination fees for the boats launched, and a few other articles, arguing that they are contradicting the right to navigate, which is a federal jurisdiction.

Mayor Trépanier, after consulting the lawyer of the Town, replied that the Council will review bylaw 162 in 2018, in light of the Court of Appeals decision in the case of Chalets St-Adolphe vs Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard. This decision confirmed the obligation and duty of the municipalities to protect lake environments and shorelines, with measures including boat decontamination. The court decision also

confirmed the right to impose fees for this service to external visitors who are not paying taxes in the municipality.

Mayor Trépanier points out that the president of that association has admitted to the Info du Nord newspaper that his association attacked two very small municipalities, in the hope that they would not have the capacity to spend legal fees to defend themselves.

### **3.3 BLPA**

No representative was present.

### **3.4 Follow-up from last meeting**

The extraordinary meeting on the adoption of the 2018 budget for the Town was postponed to February 10, due to the fact that the current meeting has to be delayed by a week, caused by the winter storm of January 12 and 13.

### **3.5 Question period (30 minutes)**

Beginning of question period: 10:15 am

Mrs. Suzanne Sylvestre: Ms. Sylvestre asks if the City must respond to the notice sent by the APSQ.

The City is not obliged to respond to a formal notice, this letter is not a legal action. However, the Mayor responded to this letter of formal notice.

Mrs. Suzanne Sylvestre: Ms. Sylvestre asks the council whether an entrance to a cottage must be permanently cleared, since an officer from the Sûreté du Québec told her that this should be the case under fire safety standards.

We will verify this information with the SQ and the fire department. Barkmere does not have any regulations to this effect.

Mrs. Suzanne Sylvestre: Ms. Sylvestre asks why the minutes of the council meeting of December 9 last are not adopted today.

The minutes of the meeting of December 9th are not ready and will be adopted at the meeting of February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Ghislain Brosseau: Mr. Brosseau is wondering about the costs that the APSQ could incur to the City and whether the City's position is defensible.

We are not convinced that this will continue in the courts, since the president of the APSQ declared in the newspaper l'Info du Nord that they targeted two small municipalities since they will not choose to defend themselves in court. Moreover, everything will depend on the amounts available from the APSQ to pursue such an approach.

According to the case law, a municipality may require the decontamination of boats and adopt a tariff for this service. However, the regulations will be reviewed in 2018

in connection with the gray area between the right to navigation and our duty to protect the environment.

Mr. Ghislain Brosseau : asks why the Director General is not present at the Council meeting.

Mr. Steve Deschênes is away for a few days.

Mrs. Suzanne Sylvestre: Ms. Sylvestre wonders how our tariff compares with other lakes.

Our pricing is among the lowest in the region and we offer reduced pricing for surrounding communities.

Mr. Ghislain Brosseau: Mr. Brosseau wonders if the opening hours for access to the lake will be extended.

Since last year, employee hours have been extended and are available every day of the week, starting in May. Fishermen would like to have early morning access until late afternoon. However, it must be taken into account that this extended access represents a cost for all citizens of Barkmere since the wages paid come from property taxes.

Mrs. Suzanne Sylvestre: Ms. Sylvestre wonders if the summer jobs offered by the City are eligible for a subsidy program.

The City is currently doing this audit.

End of question Period: 10:35 am

#### **4. Finance and Administration**

##### **4.1 Town Manager's report**

We issued 1 building permit, 1 renovation permit and 1 permit for the construction of a shed. We have received confirmation of 29 septic pumping; however, one contractor has still not submitted his report. No transfer notice has been received from the MRC des Laurentides.

##### **4.2 RESOLUTION 2018-003 – Accounts payable**

It is proposed by Councillor Marc Fredette, seconded by Councillor Stephen Lloyd, and it is resolved unanimously by the members present.

**THAT** the accounts listed below be ratified and paid:

**Ville de Barkmere**  
**Registre des chèques pour 15411111 Banque Nationale - Mont-Tremblant**  
**Town of Barkmere**  
**Cheque Log for 15411111 National Bank - Mont-Tremblant**

No.	Bénéficiaire/Payee	Montant/Amount	Date	Explication	Explanation
EFP-734	Hydro-Québec	\$362.31	2017-12-21	Électricité Luminaires de rue	Electricity Street lighting
EFP-735		\$2,054.17	2017-12-13	Paie période finissant 9 décembre 2017	Pay period ending December 9, 2017
EFP-736		\$1,590.94	2017-12-13	Paie période finissant 9 décembre 2017	Pay period ending December 9, 2017
EFP-737		\$558.16	2017-12-13	Paie période finissant 9 décembre 2017	Pay period ending December 9, 2017
EFP-738		\$2,067.43	2017-12-27	Paie période finissant 23 décembre 2017	Pay period ending December 23, 2017
EFP-739		\$1,603.95	2017-12-27	Paie période finissant 23 décembre 2017	Pay period ending December 23, 2017
EFP-740		\$145.66	2017-12-27	Paie période finissant 23 décembre 2017	Pay period ending December 23, 2017
EFP-741		\$76.50	2017-12-27	Rémunération élections	Elections compensation
EFP-742		\$1,263.36	2017-12-27	Rémunération élections	Elections compensation
EFP-743		\$1,067.00	2017-12-27	Rémunération élections	Elections compensation
EFP-744	Mastercard	\$1,380.18	2018-01-08	Buffet des Fêtes et dépenses Elections	Holiday buffet and elections expenses
EFP-745	Revenu Canada	\$3,776.12	2018-01-15	Retenues à la source fédérales d'octobre à décembre 2017	Federal payroll remittances from October to December 2017
EFP-746	Revenu Québec	\$8,668.68	2018-01-15	Retenues à la source provinciales d'octobre à décembre 2017	Provincial payroll remittances from October to December 2017
EFP-747		\$1,895.30	2018-01-10	Paie période finissant 6 janvier 2018	Pay period ending January 6, 2018
EFP-748		\$1,623.44	2018-01-10	Paie période finissant 6 janvier 2018	Pay period ending January 6, 2018
EFP-749		\$62.12	2018-01-10	Paie période finissant 6 janvier 2018	Pay period ending January 6, 2018
EFP-750	Bell	\$91.41	2018-01-12	Ligne téléphonique hôtel de ville	Phone lines Town Hall
EFP-751	Hydro-Québec	\$350.26	2018-01-17	Électricité 194 ch. Barkmere	Electricity 194 Barkmere Road
EFP-752	Hydro-Québec	\$1,072.78	2018-01-18	Électricité 199 ch. Barkmere	Electricity 199 Barkmere Road
PPA	Paiements Globaux Canada SENC	\$40.24	2018-01-02	Location mensuelle carte débit décembre 2017	Monthly location debit card December 2017
		<b>\$29,750.01</b>		<b>Total - Règlement 213</b>	<b>Total - Bylaw 213</b>
4392	Alissa Meurs	\$375.59	2018-01-13	Nettoyage Hôtel de ville + compte de dépenses	Town Hall cleaning + expenses account
4393	Jake Chadwick	\$515.67	2018-01-13	Comptes de dépenses	Expenses account
4394	Imprimerie Léonard	\$50.56	2018-01-13	Impression du matériel électoral	Printing of elections supplies
4395	Shayne O'Shaughnessy	\$640.00	2018-01-13	Sortie d'eau bateaux et installation électroménagers	Boats hauling and appliances installation
4396	Dave Williams Roy	\$185.50	2018-01-13	Compte de dépenses	Expenses account
4397	Steve Deschênes	\$227.97	2018-01-13	Compte de dépenses	Expenses account
4398	Tremblay Savoie Lapierre	\$228.03	2018-01-13	Consultations légales	Legal consulting
4399	Formules Municipales	\$59.71	2018-01-13	Matériel électoral	Elections supplies
4400	Yves St-Georges	\$189.19	2018-01-13	Remboursement crédit à la demande du citoyen	Refund credit at the citizen's request
4401	L'Information du Nord	\$255.24	2018-01-13	Publication d'avis pour élections	Publication of notices for elections
		<b>\$2,727.46</b>		<b>Total - Chèques</b>	<b>Total - Cheques</b>
		<b>\$32,477.47</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>

**ADOPTED**

**4.3 PRESENTATION AND NOTICE OF MOTION OF DRAFT BY-LAW 245**

Councillor Marc Fredette presents draft By-Law 245 entitled "Bylaw 245 establishing the general and special tax rates of the Town of Barkmere for fiscal year 2018" and gives notice of motion that it will be submitted for adoption at a subsequent council meeting.

#### **4.4 PRESENTATION AND NOTICE OF MOTION OF DRAFT BY-LAW 246**

Councillor Stephen Lloyd presents draft By-Law 246 entitled “Bylaw 246 a Revised Code of Ethics and Good Conduct of Council Members” and gives notice of motion that it will be submitted for adoption at a subsequent council meeting.

#### **5. Infrastructure**

##### **5.1 RESOLUTION 2018-004 – Signing authorization for the Statement of corrective works and implementation schedule for the Lac des Écorces dam prepared by the firm Équipe Laurence**

**CONSIDERING** resolutions 2016-017 and 2016-108;

**CONSIDERING** the receipt of the Statement of corrective works and implementation schedule for the Bark Lake dam prepared by the engineering firm Équipe Laurence

**CONSIDERING** that the submission of this document must be approved by resolution of the Council before it is submitted to the Centre d'expertise hydrique du Québec for the completion of our file;

**THEREFORE**, Councillor Marc-Olivier Duchesne moved, Councillor Chantal Raymond seconded, and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

**TO AUTHORIZE** the Mayor Luc Trépanier or the Director General to sign the document.

**ADOPTED**

##### **5.2 RESOLUTION 2018-005 – Purchase of structure to access rental dock in section A**

**CONSIDERING** resolution 2017-038;

**CONSIDERING** the need to install access ramps for the new rental wharves and to affix them to the shoreline;

**THEREFORE**, Councillor Marc-Olivier Duchesne moved, Councillor Chantal Raymond seconded, and it was unanimously resolved by all present:

**THAT** the Town of Barkmere purchase the necessary equipment to add access ramps from QuaiDock and that the cost of purchase and installation not exceed \$ 11,550 excluding taxes;

**THAT** this capital expenditure be presented for the grant of the 2014-2018 TECQ program.

**ADOPTED**

## **6. R.C.M and governmental affairs**

### **6.1 Mayor's report**

There were two meetings of the Mayors Council of the RCM of Laurentides, since the last meeting.

First, at the December 21st meeting, the RCM decided to present a written statement for the public consultation of the Integrated Technical Planning of Forestry Activities (PAFIT). Amongst other concerns, the RCM is proposing several recommendations in order that access roads be built better and not in sensitive areas for the environment and the renewal of the forest, as well as insuring the social acceptance of the forestry operations, as in areas with cottages like Barkmere.

This is the first time that the RCM involves itself in the consultation process of the Ministry. It is a very thorough document, prepared by the Director general of the RCM and the forestry expert, Mr. Gilles Séguin.

During the meeting of January 18<sup>th</sup>, the RCM applied for financial assistance to conduct a study on the extent of the optic fibre network on its territory. Recently, important subsidies were granted to some RCMs to extend the fibre optic networks, to conform with the federal government objectives on access to very high speed Internet services.

The RCM also applied for financial assistance for a project of an awareness campaign for the collection of recyclable and organic waste.

Furthermore, the Mayors Council adopted a resolution to contest the increase of the costs related to the police services of the Sûreté du Québec, and demanded that the increase be limited to 3%. Most municipalities had already adopted their 2018 budgets by the time the letter advising of the increase was sent to them.

Finally, Filau high speed internet service is now available to all residents of the village as the tower in Arundel has been commissioned.

## **7. Meeting adjournment**

The next regular Council session shall be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 10:00 AM, in the Community Center at Barkmere, Quebec.

### **6.1 Resolution 2018-006 – End of session**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

It is proposed by Councillor Chantal Raymond, seconded by Councillor Marc-Olivier Duchesne and resolved unanimously by the present members:

**THAT** the session of the Town Council be adjourned.

**ADOPTED**

Approved By :

Certified by :

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Luc Trépanier, Mayor

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Dave W. Roy, Assistant General  
Director and Secretary-Treasurer



