

Municipalité de Sheenboro

Minutes of a regular meeting held at the usual place and time on Monday February 5th 2013, under chairmanship of his worship Mayor Mr. Dick Edwards with the presence of the following councillors. Seat # 1 Mrs. Carole Nevills, came in at 7:40 # 2 Mr. John Brennan, # 3 Mr. David Prentice # 4 Mrs. Doris Venasse Ranger # 5 Mr. Lawrence Gleason, Mr. Fernand Roy Director-General is also present.
Abs: Ms. Karen Shea

20-02-2013 Adoption of the agenda

Moved by councilor Mr. David Prentice that we adopt the agenda with the following additions: Nature Preserve, Ink & Paper Supplies, Zoning .

Adopted

21-02-2013 Acceptance of last month's minutes

Moved by councilor Mrs. Doris Venasse Ranger that we accept last month minutes with some corrections .

Adopted

Fire department report. Mr. Glen Fleury presented the monthly report to council concerning fire department related issues. On the question of burning by-law, Mr. Fleury cautioned to respect the MRC burning by-law when we proposed any amendment to our present by-law. The fire hall for Sheenboro is Station 17. Mr. Fleury suggest to get a radio for our town foreman to allow better communication in case of emergency.

Visitor:

Mr. Basil Hearty asks for a letter for exemption of paying to go to their camp at Lac Casson. Council vaguely remembers a negotiated agreement proposal between the ZEC and the municipality in that all tax payers would have unlimited access to the Oiseau Rock walking trail for a unique yearly fee of 10\$ per vehicle. Council will verify to find this agreement. Mr. Hearty stated that all taxpayers were to have access to their camps, cottages without paying a fee to enter the ZEC.

Councilor Mrs. Doris Venasse Ranger presents a request from the Nature Preserve Committee. Before Council agrees to the request they require more information.

Council wishes to invite tenders for the grading of the municipal roads for the 2013 season.

Council will order road safety signs for the bridge approach as well as a bump sign and roads not maintained signs.

22-02-2013 Bilingual motion

Moved by Mayor Mr. Dick Edwards that we proceed to modify the bilingual motion to suit the request here is the motion:

Extract of the regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Sheenboro held at the Municipal hall on Monday January 7th, 2013:

Copy of resolution

12-01-2013 Opposition to the proposed amendments to Article 29.1 of the Charter of the French Language and request to maintain the bilingual status:

WHEREAS the Charter of the French Language ("Charter") was adopted by the Quebec National Assembly in 1977, and over 80 municipalities throughout the Province of Quebec were recognized as having "bilingual status" pursuant to the provisions of Section 29.1 of the Charter;

WHEREAS the original provisions of the Charter allowed those municipalities that had a majority of residents who spoke a language other than French to be officially recognized under Section 29.1;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Sheenboro has been recognized as having bilingual status under Section 29.1 of the Charter and wishes to retain such "bilingual status";

WHEREAS currently the Charter does not allow the recognition of "bilingual status" under Section 29.1 to be removed from a municipality or a borough except at the request of such municipality or borough;

WHEREAS the current Quebec Government has now proposed Bill 14 which would allow for the removal of Section 29.1 recognition from municipalities or boroughs by decree and against the will of the municipality or borough concerned, its duly elected council and its residents; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Sheenboro is firmly opposed to the proposed amendments to Section 29 of the Charter as set out in Bill 14;

THEREFORE, it is **moved** by mayor Dick Edwards and unanimously resolved:

THAT the Municipality of Sheenboro hereby declares that it wishes to retain its "bilingual status" recognition under Section 29.1 of the Charter now and in the future and wishes to do so irrespective of any fluctuations in its population shown in census numbers now or in the future;

THAT the residents and Council of the municipality of Sheenboro view the recognition of our Town under Section 29.1 as fundamental to the character of the Town and as a testament of the historical presence of both its English and French speaking communities;

THAT the Municipality of Sheenboro vigorously opposes the proposed modifications to Section 29 of the Charter set out in Bill 14 and demands that the Quebec National Assembly continue to recognize the acquired rights of all municipalities and boroughs that currently possess such status and refrain from adopting any legislation that allows Section 29.1 recognition of bilingual status to be removed from a municipality or borough except at the initiative of and express request of said municipality or borough;

THAT the Municipality of Sheenboro calls upon all of the members of the Quebec National Assembly to remove the provisions of Bill 14 that propose to amend Section 29 of the Charter or to vote against and defeat such provisions since we view such provisions as an attack on the fundamental rights and intrinsic character of all municipalities and boroughs that currently possess Section 29.1 recognition; and

THAT the Municipality of Sheenboro directs its Director General to send copies of this resolution to all of members of the Quebec National Assembly, to all other municipalities in Quebec officially recognized under Section 29.1 of the Charter, to the local federal member of Parliament, the Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada and the UMQ, FQM and FCM.

CARRIED

Certified True Extract

Fernand Roy Director-General Secretary-Treasurer

Adopted

Inform the residents using private roads that their access road must be suitable for emergency vehicles if they expect these vehicles to be able to use them.
Prepare a recommendation letter to be sent with the taxes.
The civic address numbers will be ordered as soon as the inventory is complete.
Council will pay the first one, then if required the residents will need to purchase their own.

23-02-2013 Town foreman course in Gatineau

Moved by councilor Mrs. Carole Nevills that we agree to cover the cost of attending an important course for our building inspector in Gatineau.

Adopted

24-02-2013 Red Cross contribution.

Moved by councilor Mr. John Brennan that we agree to pay the Red Cross fee for 2013 at 150\$

Adopted

25-02-2013 Student grant.

Moved by councillor Mrs. Doris Venasse Ranger that we proceed to apply for a student grant for 2013 and that Fern Roy be mandated to sign all documents

pertinent to this application.

Adopted

We need to verify what is allowed in the zone covering the old Fort William Hotel property.

Verify who is paying for the ink and paper in the computer room at the school. Council suggests contacting Robert Miller at 819-689-5020 to find out if their project still has funding.

26-02-2013 Payment of the bills

Moved by councillor Mrs. Carole Nevills that we pay the bills of the month in the amount of \$49 440.34

Adopted

27-02-2013 Closed

Moved by councilor Mr. John Brennan that we close this meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Adopted

Mayor Mr. Dick Edwards: _____
Director-General Mr. Fernand Roy: _____