

**TOWN OF MÉTIS-SUR-MER
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 3, 2023**

MINUTES of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Present are Councillors Simon Brochu, Raynald Banville and Tracy Sim forming quorum under the chairmanship of Mayor Jean-Pierre Pelletier

Also present: Mrs. Isabelle Dion, Assistant Director General and Clerk-Treasurer.

1. Opening of the meeting.

OPENING OF THE MEETING
RESOLUTION #23-04-55

It is proposed by Councillor Mr. Simon Brochu and unanimously resolved that the meeting of the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer be opened at 7:30 p.m.

2. Reading and adoption of the agenda.

RESOLUTION #23-04-56
READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

It is proposed by Councillor Mr. Raynald Banville and unanimously resolved to adopt the following agenda for the meeting:

- 1. Opening and attendance**
- 2. Reading and adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Approval of the minutes of :**
 - 3.1** The regular meeting held on March 6, 2023;
- 4. Monthly Committee Reports**
 - 4.1** MacNider Borough;
 - 4.2** Local Development Committee;
 - 4.3** Recreation Committee;
 - 4.4** Library Committee;
 - 4.5** Beautification Committee.
 - 4.6** Lighthouse Committee;
- 5. Treasury**
 - 5.1** Accounts payable;
- 6. Administration**
 - 6.1** Increase the number of hours for the executive assistant to 40 hours per week;
 - 6.2** Pay the street furniture bill with the accumulated unreserved surplus;
 - 6.3** Application to the FRR Volet 4 to the MRC de La Mitis for CMétis;
- 7. Public works**
 - 7.1** Purchase of a used scraper from the accumulated unreserved surplus;
 - 7.2** Denounce the pitiful state of Route 132 to the MTQ crossing the territory of Métis-sur-Mer;
 - 7.3** To mandate Aqua Ingénium to prepare the documents for the paving of MacNider Road;
 - 7.4** Mandate Goulet & Lebel Architects to prepare the preliminary study for the construction of the new municipal garage;
- 8. Urbanism**
 - 8.1** Hiring of an urban planning inspector at the MRC de La Mitis;
 - 8.2** Minor variances requested for two lots : lots n° 5 934 550 and 5,934,553 on rue Principale;
 - 8.3** Ask the Government of Quebec to intervene with the mGovernment of Canada to provide building insurance at reasonable costs;
- 9. Fire and Emergency Services**

Nothing
- 10. Leisure and culture**

Nothing
- 11. Question Periods (Reg. 18-122 - 30 minutes max.)**
- 12. Adjournment of the meeting**

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF:

3.1 The regular meeting held on March 6, 2023.

RESOLUTION #23-04-57

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF MÉTIS-SUR-MER HELD ON MARCH 6, 2023

A copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer held in the Council Chambers, 138 Principale, Métis-sur-Mer on Monday, March 6, 2023, at least twenty-four hours prior to this meeting, has been received by each member of Council and is hereby dispensed with by the Clerk (Sec. 333, CA).

It is proposed by Councillor Ms. Tracy Sim and unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES.

4.1 MacNider Borough Council

The meeting does not take place as a quorum is not present.

The next meeting will be held on May 1^{er} at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 138 Main Street.

4.2 Development Committee

The new interim director, Mrs. Marjolaine Sylvestre, spoke.

4.3 Recreation Committee

Nothing new

4.4 Library Committee

Follow the library's Facebook page for more information about activities at the library. Membership has grown in the last month.

4.5 Beautification Committee

Nothing new.

4.6 Lighthouse Committee

A meeting was held with board members to tour the facility and see the most recent changes.

5. TREASURY

5.1 Accounts payable.

RESOLUTION #23-04-58

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

It is proposed by Councillor Ms. Tracy Sim and unanimously resolved that the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer adopts the list of disbursements for March 2023 in the amount of \$126,235.35, adopts the list of accounts payable for March 2023 in the amount of \$44,052.12 and authorizes the Treasurer to make the payment of these accounts. The Treasurer certifies the availability of funds to make the above payments.

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Increase the number of hours of the executive assistant to 40 hours per week.

RESOLUTION #23-04-59

INCREASE THE HOURS OF THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO 40 HOURS PER WEEK

It is proposed by Councillor Mr. Raynald Banville and unanimously resolved that the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer increase the number of hours of the management assistant to 40 hours/week.

6.2 Pay the street furniture bill with the accumulated unreserved surplus.

RESOLUTION #23-04-60

PAY THE STREET FURNITURE BILL FROM THE ACCUMULATED UNRESERVED SURPLUS

It is proposed by Councillor Mr. Simon Brochu and unanimously resolved that the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer pays the invoice for the street furniture in the amount of \$4,662.94 plus taxes from the unreserved accumulated surplus.

6.3 FRR Volet 4 application to the MRC de La Mitis for CMétis.

RESOLUTION #23-04-61

RFP APPLICATION STREAM 4 TO THE MRC OF MITIS FOR CMÉTIS

It is proposed by Councillor Ms. Tracy Sim and unanimously resolved that the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer supports the request of the organization Construction Métis to the MRC de La Mitis for the setting up, pre-start-up, canvassing and marketing of the Métis-sur-Mer eco-district.

7. PUBLIC WORKS

7.1 Purchase of a used scraper from the unreserved accumulated surplus.

This resolution is not passed because the seller refuses to sell his scraper.

7.2 To denounce the pitiful state of Route 132 to the MTQ crossing the territory of Métis-sur-Mer.

RESOLUTION #23-04-63

DENOUNCE THE POOR CONDITION OF ROUTE 132 AT THE MTQ CROSSING THE TERRITORY OF MÉTIS-SUR-MER

CONSIDERING THAT Route 132, in its portion located on the territory of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer is in a pitiful state, namely that there are a multitude of potholes and cracks, not to mention that the road is extremely bumpy

CONSIDERING THAT the poor quality of Route 132 puts the safety of users at risk;

CONSIDERING THAT Route 132 is the only road leading to the gaspésie and that it is intolerable to have a road in such a state;

FOR THESE REASONS, it is proposed by Councillor Mr. Raynald Banville and unanimously resolved to ask the Ministre des Transports to proceed with the repair of Route 132 on the territory of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer as soon as possible.

7.3 Mandate Aqua Ingénium to prepare the documents for the paving of MacNider road.

RESOLUTION #23-04-64

MANDATE AQUA INGÉNIUM TO PREPARE THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE PAVING OF MACNIDER ROAD

It is proposed by Councillor Mr. Simon Brochu and unanimously resolved that the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer mandates the firm Aqua Ingénium to carry out the design and supervision of the road repair project on route MacNider at a cost of \$14,880 plus applicable taxes. This amount is budgeted in the Town's 2023 operating activities.

7.4 To mandate Goulet & Lebel Architects for the preparation of the preliminary study for the construction of the new municipal garage.

RESOLUTION #23-04-65

TO MANDATE GOULET & LABEL ARCHITECTS TO PREPARE THE PRELIMINARY STUDY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MUNICIPAL GARAGE

It is proposed by Councillor Mr. Raynald Banville and unanimously resolved that the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer mandates the architectural firm of Goulet & Lebel Architects to carry out the preliminary study for the construction of the new municipal garage at a cost of \$17,700 plus applicable taxes. This amount is subsidized in part by the PRACIM grant program.

8. URBANISM

8.1 Designation of Urbanism Inspectors concerning the intermunicipal agreement for the application of urbanism bylaws

RESOLUTION #23-04-66

DESIGNATION OF URBANISM INSPECTORS CONCERNING THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR THE APPLICATION OF URBANISM BY-LAWS

CONSIDERING THAT the municipality must appoint a person or persons responsible for the application of the planning bylaws and any other bylaws that it is responsible for applying and that it must appoint a person or persons responsible for issuing permits and certificates;

CONSIDERING THAT the municipality calls upon the personnel of the Regional Inspection Service of the MRC of La Mitis;

CONSIDERING THAT the municipality adopted, on November 30, 2015, an intermunicipal agreement for the application of urban planning bylaws linking it to the MRC de La Mitis;

CONSIDERING THAT the absence of the urban planning inspector assigned to the municipality may require his replacement, on an interim basis, by another inspector of the Department.

FOR THESE REASONS, it is proposed by Councillor Ms. Tracy Sim and unanimously resolved by the Municipal Council of Métis-sur-Mer to :

DESIGNATES:

Jean-Philippe Quimper, inspector in charge
Sylvain Martineau, Substitute Inspector
Michel Lagacé, Substitute Inspector
Stéphanie St-Pierre, Alternate Inspector

As urbanism inspector to ensure the application of the following by-laws

- Zoning By-law No.° 08-38
- Subdivision By-law No.° 08-39
- By-law relating to the conditions for the issuance of construction permits° 08-40
- Building By-law No.° 08-41
- Permits and Certificates By-law No.° 08-42
- Minor Variance By-law No.° 08-43
- SPAB By-law No.° 12-77
- Public Nuisance By-law No.° 16-98
- Regulation respecting wastewater disposal systems for isolated dwellings (Q-2, r. 22)
- Regulation respecting water withdrawal and protection (Q-2, r. 35.2)
- Regulation respecting the safety of residential swimming pools (S-3.1.02, r. 1)
- Regulation respecting the interim implementation of the amendments made by Chapter 7 of the Statutes of 2021 respecting flood risk management, (Q-2, r. 32.2)
- Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, water bodies and sensitive areas (Q-2, r. 0.1)

ALSO AUTHORIZES such persons to issue permits, notices of violation, demand letters and statements of offence for and on behalf of the Municipality.

TO SEND a copy of the present resolution to Mr. Michel Lagacé, Mr. Sylvain Martineau, Mr. Jean-Philippe Quimper and Mrs. Stéphanie St-Pierre at the MRC de la Mitis as well as to the assistant director Mr. Martin Normand.

8.2 Minor variances requested for two lots: lots n° 5 934 550 and 5,934,553 on rue Principale.

RESOLUTION #23-04-67

MINOR VARIANCES REQUESTED FOR TWO LOTS : LOTS N° 5 934 550 AND 5,934,553 ON RUE PRINCIPALE

The purpose of this request is to authorize, in accordance with sections 10.4 and 10.10 of the *Zoning By-law*, the construction of an access to the lot and an off-street parking area at 0 metre from the lateral line of a lot, contrary to the by-law which provides for a minimum distance of 0.5 metre between an access to the lot, an off-street parking area and a lateral line of a lot.

Considering that the request respects the objectives of the urban plan;

Considering that the authorization of such a minor derogation request does not affect the enjoyment of property rights by the owners of neighbouring buildings;

Considering the authorization of such a request for minor derogation is not contrary to the Urbanism development Act;

Considering that the proposed development of the land and constructions allows the conservation of the existing access road as well as the natural characteristics in place, vegetation, slope of the slope;

Considering the applicant has submitted a geotechnical expertise as required by the zoning by-law demonstrating that the whole of the interventions will not lead to a landslide in the short or long term which could affect the safety of people and property;

Considering the request pertains to a provision of the *Zoning By-law* which may be the object of a minor derogation.

FOR THESE REASONS,

It is moved by Councillor Mr. Raynald Banville and unanimously resolved that the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer accepts the recommendation of the members of the Planning Advisory Committee and grants the request for a minor exemption as requested and specified in the public notice.

8.3 To request the Government of Quebec to intervene with the Government of Canada to ensure the insurance of heritage buildings at reasonable costs.

RESOLUTION #23-04-68

ASK THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC TO INTERVENE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO ENSURE THE INSURANCE OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS AT REASONABLE COSTS.

WHEREAS the considerable efforts recently undertaken by the Government of Quebec and the municipalities on the legal and financial levels to promote better preservation and restoration of Quebec's built heritage;

WHEREAS the support program for municipal real estate heritage undeniably contributes to the social acceptability of new regulatory constraints that are highly beneficial to the preservation of this heritage;

WHEREAS the major impact of a denial of insurability for owners of older properties;

WHEREAS, the actions of insurers contribute to discouraging owners of old properties from preserving them and potential new buyers from acquiring them and, consequently, contribute to the devaluation of said heritage, jeopardizing its preservation;

WHEREAS the actions of the insurers compromise those related to the new orientations of the government and the municipalities for the implementation of tools for the identification and management of this heritage.

IT IS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MR. SIMON BROCHU AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT

THAT the preamble is an integral part of this resolution;

THAT the Town of Métis-sur-Mer request the Government of Quebec to intervene with the Government of Canada and the competent authorities to quickly find solutions to guarantee, at reasonable cost, the insurability of all heritage buildings, regardless of the age of the building or a component, the identification of the building in an inventory, its status, its location in the zoning or its submission to regulations aimed at preserving its characteristics;

TO ask all the MRCs and municipalities of Quebec as well as those involved in the protection of Quebec's heritage to join their voices by adopting this resolution;

TO forward this resolution to the Government of Quebec, the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications, the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, the federal and provincial Members of Parliament of the territory, the municipalities and MRCs of Quebec, the Fédération québécoise des municipalités, the Union des municipalités du Québec Friends and Owners of Quebec's Older Houses (APMAQ), Action Patrimoine, Héritage Montréal, the Ordre des urbanistes du Québec, the Ordre des architectes du Québec, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, the Regroupement des cabinets de courtage d'assurance du Québec (RCCAQ), and Gérard Beaudet, professor at the Université de Montréal and Jean-François Nadeau, journalist at Le Devoir.

9. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing

10. LEISURE AND CULTURE

Nothing

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Question period begins at 7:50 pm and ends at 8:10 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

RESOLUTION #23-04-69

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

The agenda being exhausted, Councillor Mr. Raynald Banville moves that the present meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jean-Pierre Pelletier, Mayor

Isabelle Dion,
Assistant Director General and Clerk-Treasurer