

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer held Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

1. Opening of the meeting.

OPENING OF THE MEETING
RESOLUTION #23-09-163

It is proposed by Councillor Tracy Sim and unanimously resolved that the meeting of the Council of the Town of Métis-sur-Mer be called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Reading and adoption of the agenda.

RESOLUTION #23-09-164
READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

It is proposed by Councillor 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. Abandonment of by-law 23-171 amendment procedure
4. Abandonment of the amendment procedure in connection with draft by-law 23-172
5. Adjournment

3. Abandonment of the amendment procedure in connection with draft by-law 23-171

RESOLUTION #23-09-165
ABANDONING THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURE IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT BY-LAW 23-171, AMENDING ZONING BY-LAW 08-38

Draft by-law 23-171, amending zoning by-law 08-38

CONSIDERING THAT, after holding a public consultation on August 23, 2023 on the amendment to the zoning by-law and in accordance with the by-law amendment process provided for in the Land Use Planning and Development Act, the municipality has received requests to participate in a referendum;

CONSIDERING THAT the municipal council has heard the concerns of citizens regarding the amendment to the zoning by-law ;

CONSIDERING THAT the municipal council respects the democratic principles that govern our community and the operation of the municipality;

CONSIDERING THAT in order to proceed with the adoption of draft by-law 23-171, the Town must hold a referendum in accordance with the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities;

CONSIDERING THAT the organization of a referendum represents high costs for the Town and therefore for all Métis-sur-Mer taxpayers;

CONSIDERING THAT this by-law amendment has already resulted in very substantial legal costs for the Town, exceeding what is normal in such a context;

CONSIDERING THAT the municipal council, in accordance with its policy of sound management of public funds, is of the opinion that the costs associated with holding a referendum are too high;

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Tracy Sim and unanimously resolved, after weighing the various issues related to the zoning by-law amendment (by-law project number 23-171 and recent developments, that the zoning by-law amendment (by-law project number 23-171 be abandoned.

4. Abandonment of the amendment procedure in connection with draft by-law 23-172

RESOLUTION #23-09-166
ABANDONMENT OF THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURE IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT BY-LAW 23-172, AMENDING SUBDIVISION BY-LAW 08-39

Draft by-law 23-172, amending Subdivision By-law 08-39

- CONSIDERING THAT, after holding a public consultation on August 23, 2023, on the amendment of the subdivision by-law and in accordance with the by-law amendment process provided for in the Land Use Planning and Development Act, the municipality has received requests to participate in a referendum;
- CONSIDERING THAT the municipal council has heard the concerns of citizens regarding the amendment of the subdivision by-law ;
- CONSIDERING THAT the municipal council respects the democratic principles that govern our community and the operation of the municipality;
- CONSIDERING THAT in order to proceed with the adoption of draft by-law 23-172, the Town must hold a referendum in accordance with the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities;
- CONSIDERING THAT the organization of a referendum represents high costs for the Town and therefore for all Métis-sur-Mer taxpayers;
- CONSIDERING THAT this by-law amendment has already resulted in very substantial legal costs for the Town, exceeding what is normal in such a context;
- CONSIDERING THAT the municipal council, in accordance with its policy of sound management of public funds, is of the opinion that the costs associated with holding a referendum are too high;

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED by Councillor Carmen Migneault and unanimously resolved, after weighing the various issues related to the amendment to the subdivision by-law (by-law project number 23-172) and recent developments, that the amendment to the subdivision by-law (by-law project number 23-172) be abandoned.

5. QUESTION PERIOD

There is no question period.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

RESOLUTION #23-09-167
ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

There being no further business, Councillor Raynald Banville moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Jean-Pierre Pelletier

Isabelle Dion,
Assistant General Manager and Clerk-Treasurer