



**CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 10, 2023
Council Chambers
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

PRESENT: Mario Zanth, Mayor
Kyle Cyr, Councillor Ward 1
Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3
Samuel Cardarelli, Councillor Ward 4
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5
Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle, Councillor Ward 6
Trevor Stewart, Councillor Ward 7
Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8
Pierre Voisine, Chief Administrative Officer
Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Stephane Fournier, Councillor Ward 2
Monique Ouellet, Clerk

1. Opening of the meeting

Mayor Zanth calls the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Mario Zanth reads the land acknowledgement of Indigenous territories.

3. Moment of Reflection

Councillor Carl Grimard recites the moment of reflection.

4. Adoption of the agenda

RESOLUTION 2023-42

Moved by Diane Choinière

Seconded by Kyle Cyr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Disclosure of pecuniary interests** (none)

6. **Closed Meeting**

RESOLUTION 2023-43

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Trevor Stewart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting be adjourned in order to discuss the following items in closed session, as stipulated in Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended:

6.1 Adoption of the Closed meeting minutes of April 12, 2023

6.2 Fire Department Shared Services Request - update

CARRIED

Members of Council move to the conference room adjacent to the Council Chambers at 6:47 p.m. and return to the Council Chambers at 6:57 p.m..

Break between 6:57 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

7. **Resolution to resume open meeting**

RESOLUTION 2023-44

Moved by Kyle Cyr

Seconded by André J. Lalonde

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the closed session be adjourned to resume the regular meeting.

CARRIED

8. **Closed Meeting report**

Mayor Zanth informs the members of the public that Council discussed some matters in closed session and that directives were given to staff.

9. **Announcements / Special Presentations** (none)

At this point, the Regular Meeting is adjourned to go in Committee of the Whole.

10. Committee of the Whole items

10.1 Delegations/Presentations

a. Presentation by Michel Gratton and Joseph Gonsalves regarding concerning the supply of water to Labelle and Schnupp streets

Joseph Gonsalves explains that he filed a petition last year for the water supply, as the network is 0.6 km from his property. He adds that water quality tests on his property are poor, and he has even been referred to the Ministry of the Environment for follow-up. Joseph Gonsalves explains that his request is made on behalf of the residents of the area.

Further to questions, Jean-Luc Jubinville explains that a meeting has been held with Joseph Gonsalves and Michel Gratton regarding this request. He explains that the network is designed to avoid dead-ends, and connecting to the requested sector could create one. He adds that a network connection such as the one requested requires a substantial investment on the part of residents, as payment is not made by all taxpayers, but only by users.

Mayor Zanth explains that he will contact local representatives of the province to see what options are available to enable water supply to these locations.

b. Presentation by Jean-Marc Lalonde for the installation of a monument in honour of Guy Lafleur at 2169 Laurier Street

Jean-Marc Lalonde presents his project. He explains that it would be important to find a place where people could stop and take photos and suggests 2169 Laurier Street as a location. He suggests inaugurating the project on October 1, close to Guy Lafleur's birthday.

Further to questions, Jean-Luc Jubinville explains that the proposed space is too small and that it is not recommended to install a monument in the road right-of-way.

The following directive is approved:

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

That the Committee of the Whole mandates the administration to research the project for the installation of a monument dedicated to Guy Lafleur, submitted by Jean-Marc Lalonde, which research includes contacting the UCPR about the location and considering all other possible options.

CARRIED

- c. Presentation by Stéphanie Chénard of the Parents' Council of Carrefour-Jeunesse Public Elementary School for the construction of a high school in Rockland**

Stéphanie Chénard presents the request. She requests a letter of support from Council.

The following directive is approved:

Moved by Trevor Stewart

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

THAT the administration be mandated to prepare a resolution of support for the Rockland high school construction project.

CARRIED

- d. Presentation by Chantal Lalonde from the Coureurs des bois Challenge requesting financial support**

Chantal Lalonde, Josée Corbeil and Jean-François Bélisle present the request. They ask for a financial contribution of \$10,000 to make participation costs accessible to all, and to renew certain obstacles.

Further to questions, Frédéric Desnoyers explains that contributions have been made in previous years and that they vary from year to year.

Further to questions, Chantal Labelle explains that the donation requested is a recurring annual contribution.

Mayor Zanth explains that he will offer a contribution of \$5,000 from his UCPR budget and suggests that Council members offer the remainder from their discretionary budget.

10.2 Petitions and Correspondence

- a. Letter dated March 28, 2023 from Serge Payer of Unlimited Sports Management**

Further to discussions, the letter is received and filed.

Mayor Zanth gives up his seat to Councillor Trevor Stewart due to the presentation of his notice of motion.

10.3 Notice of motion

- a. **Notice of motion presented by Mayor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Diane Choinière regarding Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

The notice of motion is presented.

Mayor Zanth returns to his seat.

10.4 Committee/Staff Reports

- a. **Pilot projects - Free weight at landfill and Fall clean-up programs**

The following directive is approved:

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Kyle Cyr

WHEREAS Council adopted on April 19, 2021 the implementation of pilot projects for the Free Weight at the Landfill Program and the modified Fall Cleanup Program; and

WHEREAS these two pilot projects end on July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS staff need time to properly compile and analyze the results and statistics of this program before recommending to the board whether to permanently implement or modify the program; and

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approves the extension of the two pilot projects until December 31, 2023.

CARRIED

- b. **Termination of Parking Maintenance Agreement with Paroisse Très-Sainte-Trinité**

The following directive is approved:

Moved by Diane Choinière

Seconded by André J. Lalonde

WHEREAS an agreement was signed between the Paroisse de la Très-Sainte-Trinité and the City of Clarence-Rockland in August 2015 under the authority of By-law No. 2015-107; and

WHEREAS the CR-Transpo services is no longer offered by the municipality; and

WHEREAS the municipality's transportation plan does not identify any need for public parking in the village of Rockland; and

WHEREAS the municipality no longer uses the Très-Sainte-Trinité parish parking lot;

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends that the City of Clarence-Rockland give notice to the Paroisse de la Très-Sainte-Trinité that the agreement adopted on August 28th 2015 will be terminated on September 1, 2023.

CARRIED

c. Waterfront vision

Julian Lenhart presents the report.

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

WHEREAS waterfront development has been a key priority for the City and its residents for many years, and also identified in the City's current strategic plan as well as in the recreation and parks master plan and the economic development strategy;

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends that Council agrees with the Guiding Principles of the Propelling the Transformation of Clarence-Rockland's Waterfront Vision as outlined in report COMDEV2023-03.

CARRIED

At this point, the Committee of the Whole is adjourned and Council resumes to the Regular Council Meeting.

11. Committee of the Whole Report

Mayor Zanth explains that two resolutions are to be considered.

RESOLUTION 2023-45

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Member's Resolution presented by Mayor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Diane Choinière regarding Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, be considered immediately.

CARRIED

Mayor Zanth gives up his seat to Councillor Trevor Stewart due to the consideration of his member's resolution.

RESOLUTION 2023-46

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded by Diane Choinière

WHEREAS municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS over 40 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland express its support for Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Stéphane Sarrazin, MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

CARRIED

Mayor Zanth returns to his seat.

12. Council Members' Items

12.1 Member's Resolution presented by Councillor Trevor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Diane Choinière regarding Drouin Road Bridge

RESOLUTION 2023-47

Moved by Trevor Stewart

Seconded by Diane Choinière

WHEREAS the pedestrian sidewalk on the Drouin Road bridge have been gated and closed since its opening in 2014; and

WHEREAS pedestrians are forced to walk on the road and into the flow of traffic to get across the bridge; and

WHEREAS the bridge is situated right before a hill, making it hard for travelling cars to react to pedestrians in the roadway hereby increasing the risk of an accident; and

WHEREAS open and accessible sidewalks would make the road safer for pedestrians and motorists alike;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council mandate staff to draft a report on the total cost of including sidewalks on Drouin bridge and that the cost be considered prior to the Budget 2024.

CARRIED, as modified

13. Consent Items

RESOLUTION 2023-48

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Diane Choinière

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following items, as identified under the consent items category on the regular meeting agenda of May 10, 2023, be adopted:

13.1 Adoption of the minutes of the following meetings:

a. Regular meeting of April 12, 2023

13.2 Receipt of the minutes of the following meetings:

a. Public Library Board of December 6, 2022

13.3 Resolution to adopt the salaries paid from March 19 to April 15, 2023

13.4 Resolution to adopt the accounts paid from April 3 to April 30, 2023

CARRIED

Text of the resolutions as adopted by consent under Resolution 2023-48:

13.3 *BE IT RESOLVED that the salaries paid from March 19 to April 15, 2023, in the gross amount of \$1,022,728.72 and net amount of \$695,372.50 be adopted as recommended.*

13.4 *BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts paid from April 3 to April 30, 2023, in the amount of \$700,331.85 be adopted as recommended.*

14. Committee/Staff Reports

14.1 Presentation of the 2022 Financial statements by Annick Blanchard from BDO

Annick Blanchard presents the 2022 Financial Statements.

RESOLUTION 2023-49

Moved by Samuel Cardarelli

Seconded by Carl Grimard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipal Council hereby adopts the Financial Statements of the City of Clarence-Rockland, as prepared by BDO Canada for the period ending December 31 2022, as recommended.

CARRIED

14.2 2022 Year-end report

RESOLUTION 2023-50

Moved by Samuel Cardarelli

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

WHEREAS the City made a \$300,656 general operating surplus in 2022;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the allocation of the surplus as presented in report FIN2023-09.

CARRIED

14.3 Rockland Water System – 2022 Annual Report

RESOLUTION 2023-51

Moved by Samuel Cardarelli

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

WHEREAS the City is required to complete and submit an annual report to the Ministry of Environment with respect to the operation of the Water Treatment Plant;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the Rockland Water Annual Report 2022 as attached to Report No. WW2023-002.

CARRIED

14.4 Rockland Wastewater Treatment 2022 Annual Report

RESOLUTION 2023-52

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Diane Choinière

WHEREAS the Environmental Compliance Approval [ECA] certificate for the municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant requires that the City prepare and submit an annual report to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks [MECP] with respect to the activities and performance of the plant; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) produced and submitted a report on the City's behalf to the Ministry prior to their March 31, 2023 deadline;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council acknowledges receipt of the report entitled "2022 Rockland WWT Annual Report" as attached to Report No. WW2023-003.

CARRIED

14.5 Biosolids Lagoon 2022 Annual Report

RESOLUTION 2023-53

Moved by Diane Choinière

Seconded by Trevor Stewart

WHEREAS there is a requirement to prepare and submit an annual report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant's biosolid lagoon operations to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby acknowledges the receipt of the report entitled "Biosolids Lagoons 2022 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report", as attached to Report No. WW2023-004.

CARRIED

14.6 Recycling program update

RESOLUTION 2023-54

Moved by Diane Choinière
Seconded by Trevor Stewart

WHEREAS producers of recyclable materials will be responsible for managing the Blue Box program (which includes the Black Box) for the municipality as of July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS the new blue box recycling regulations apply only to residential sources and that industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) sources are not eligible for the new collection service offered by recyclable material producers; and

WHEREAS there are no regulations requiring most IC&I to recycle; and

WHEREAS the Administration is concerned that if merchants are not required to recycle, all of their recyclable materials will end up in the waste collected by the City and taken to the municipal landfill; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council mandates the administration to amend the garbage collection by-law to require ICI's who wish to obtain the garbage collection service offered by the municipality to provide proof of a collection contract for their recyclable material on an annual basis.

CARRIED

14.7 Sports Field Rental Policy

RESOLUTION 2023-55

Moved by Carl Grimard
Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

WHEREAS the sports field rental management policy was last revised in 2013; and

WHEREAS the current fee structure is causing some financial inequalities between sports fields users;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts Policy MBP2023-01, being a policy to establish municipal sports field rental guidelines, which will be effect as of May 1, 2023; and

BE IT RESEOLVED THAT Policy LOI99-01 is hereby repealed; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-Law 2023-32, being a by-law to amend Schedule J to the user fee By-Law #2023-10, to reflect the proposed modifications in the new sports fields rental policy; as recommended

CARRIED

14.8 Fire Master Plan update

RESOLUTION 2023-56

Moved by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

Seconded by André J. Lalonde

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report number PRO2023-001 regarding the 2017 Master Fire Plan update be received; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Director of Protective Services be directed to continue with the implementation of the 2017 Fire Master Plan in accordance with the strategies identified in Table A and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendations outlined in this report which identify a funding requirement, be included in the budget years identified in the report and be subject to Council's approval.

CARRIED

15. By-laws

RESOLUTION 2023-57

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following by-laws be adopted:

15.1 2023-33, being a By-Law to back charge fees of the installation of water laterals in Russell Road

15.2 2023-35, being a by-law to amend the Zoning By-Law 2016-10 for the property described as 3054 Gagné Road

CARRIED

16. Confirmatory By-law

RESOLUTION 2023-58

Moved by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

Seconded by Trevor Stewart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 2023-34, being a confirmatory by-law for the regular meeting of May 10, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

Mayor Zanth adjourns the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Mario Zanth, Mayor

Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk