



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

March 20, 2024  
Council Chambers  
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

**PRESENT:** Mario Zanth, Mayor  
Kyle Cyr, Councillor Ward 1  
Stephane Fournier, Councillor Ward 2  
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  
Monique Ouellet, Clerk  
Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk

**1. Opening of the meeting**

Mayor Mario Zanth calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The mayor Mario Zanth recognizes the Francophonie in honour of French Language Day on March 20.

**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 2024-23**

**Moved by** Kyle Cyr

**Seconded by** Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted with the addition of item 12.2 to postpone the date of the next regular meeting.

**CARRIED, as modified**

**5. Disclosure of pecuniary interests**

None

**6. Closed Meeting**

Members of Council move to the conference room adjacent to the Council Chambers at 6:04 and return to the Council Chambers at 7:15.

**RESOLUTION 2024-24**

**Moved by** Carl Grimard

**Seconded by** Stephane Fournier

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

6.1 Closed Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024

6.2 Sports Complex Stock Taking - YMCA Negotiation Strategy Update

**CARRIED**

**7. Resolution to resume open meeting**

**RESOLUTION 2024-25**

**Moved by** Kyle Cyr

**Seconded by** Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

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

**CARRIED**

## **8. Closed Meeting report**

Mayor Mario 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**

Councillor Trevor Stewart announces the Cheney-Hammond Knights of Columbus Turkey & Ham Bingo, to be held this Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in Hammond.

Councillor Trevor Stewart wishes everyone a Happy Francophone Day.

Councillor Trevor Stewart wishes good luck to all families participating in next week's Community Hockey Tournament.

Councillor Diane Choinière announces the Bourget Recreation Committee's Wine & Cheese event to be held at the Bourget Community Centre on April 13, 2024.

Councillor Diane Choinière announces the Bourget Optimist Club's Easter breakfast and craft sale, to be held Sunday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

## **10. Committee of the Whole items**

### **10.1 Delegations/Presentations**

#### **a. TVC22 Regeneration Strategy**

Presentation by Renée Gratton, Director General of TVC22, to council members on the difficulties faced by non-profit organizations, including community television; on TVC22's plan to survive the coming year; and on their developing partnership with other non-profit organizations in Prescott and Russell. TVC22 is asking for two things: the support of the council in order to seek community funding from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell; and a letter of support, in order to seek support from other municipalities and the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

Mayor Mario Zanth informs Renée Gratton that the community funds from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell have already been allocated.

Following questions, Renée Gratton explained that although TVC22 is under Vidéotron, the funds received from them depends on the number of cable subscriptions, and with the decline in subscriptions, the money is only decreasing. Renée Gratton informed the council that TVC22 also has a YouTube channel, on which everything they produce is available to everyone.

At this point it is moved by Councillor Diane Choinière and seconded by Councillor Trevor Stewart:

That the members of the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland support the continuation of TVC22 services in order to serve the community and all non-profit

organizations in Prescott and Russell; and further that all municipalities within the United Counties of Prescott and Russell be encouraged to do the same.

After discussion, Mayor Mario Zanth, supported by Council gives staff the directive to prepare a letter of support for his signature.

## **10.2 Petitions and Correspondence**

None

## **10.3 Notice of motion**

- a. Notice of Motion presented by Councillor Trevor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Samuel Cardarelli to commit to allocating a grant to the Clarence-Rockland Public Library in it's 2025 and 2026 budgets**

Councillor Trevor Stewart presents his member's motion.

- b. Notice of Motion presented by Councillor Stéphane Fournier and seconded by Councillor Diane Choinière to increase the councillor's discretionary budget to ensure their participation in conferences**

Councillor Stéphane Fournier presents his member's motion.

- c. Notice of motion presented by Mayor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Stéphane Fournier requesting that the administration evaluate the necessity of By-law 2018-41 - Opening hours of retail establishments**

Mayor Mario Zanth presents his member's motion.

## **10.4 Committee/Staff Reports**

- a. Automated Speed Enforcement Project**

Following questions, Frederic Desnoyers mentions that, for the time being, funds will be directed towards infrastructure to offset the deficit. Infrastructure includes buildings and roads.

Following questions, Pierre Voisine mentions that the purpose of the program is road safety. There will be several by-laws and policies presented to the council regarding where the cameras will be placed. The community safety zone project has already begun, with an objective of installing the cameras in these locations. Signage will be installed as required by law.

**Moved by** Carl Grimard

**Seconded by** Diane Choinière

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approves the establishment of the Joint Processing Center and directs Administration to enter into an agreement with LAS Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Business Services to provide processing services to other municipalities; and

THAT Council approves that Administration access up to \$400,000 from the tax stabilization reserve to implement this program, and that all initial revenues generated for this program be used to refund the reserve; and

FURTHER THAT Council approves that the net revenues from the Automated Speed Enforcement program will be used to reduce the deficits related to infrastructure.

**CARRIED**

**b. Employee recognition policy**

Following questions, Michel Cousineau mentions that the version of the policy presented has been updated in order to exclude all reference to Council Members. A separate policy will be created specifically for council members.

**Moved by** Diane Choinière

**Seconded by** Stephane Fournier

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council adopts the Employee Recognition Policy as presented in Report CORP-2024-003, with the removal of all references to the council members therefrom.

**CARRIED**

**c. Tarpaulin System for the Landfill Site**

**Moved by** Samuel Cardarelli

**Seconded by** Carl Grimard

**WHEREAS** the cost of purchasing the tarpaulin system has increased by \$7,000 due to the exchange of Canadian/U.S. currency and transportation costs; and

**WHEREAS** the tarpaulin system requires a \$17,000 modification to the garbage compactor in order to manipulate the tarps;

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the budget increase of \$24,000 for the purchase of the tarpaulin system and the modification of the compactor, which amount shall be taken from the landfill reserve fund.

**CARRIED**

**d. Clarence-Rockland Strategic Plan**

Following questions, Pierre Voisine confirms that the outcomes measurement section will be added on the one pager. He adds that a system to measure these outcomes will be developed and the results will then be made available to Council.

**Moved by** Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

**Seconded by** Kyle Cyr

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the Strategic Plan, as presented in Report No. ADM2024-003, at its next regular meeting.

**CARRIED**

**11. Committee of the Whole Report**

Mayor Mario Zanth explains that the items discussed in Committee of the Whole will be considered at the next regular Council meeting.

**12. Council Members' Items**

**12.1 Resolution presented by Councillor Trevor Stewart and seconded by Mayor Mario Zanth to petition the Province of Ontario to commit to a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review.**

**RESOLUTION 2024-26**

**Moved by** Trevor Stewart

**Seconded by** Mario Zanth

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and  
WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and  
WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and  
WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and  
WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges, like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers, and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and  
WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

WHEREAS property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, cannot afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland petitions the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

**CARRIED**

## **12.2 Resolution to postpone the date of the next regular meeting**

### **RESOLUTION 2024-27**

**Moved by** Carl Grimard

**Seconded by** Samuel Cardarelli

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for April 10, 2024, be moved to April 17, 2024.

**CARRIED**

## **13. Consent Items**

### **RESOLUTION 2024-28**

**Moved by** Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

**Seconded by** Kyle Cyr

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following items, as identified under the consent items category on the regular meeting agenda of March 20, 2024, be adopted:

13.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024

13.2 Receipt of the minutes of the following meetings:

a. Accessibility Advisory Committee of September 25 and October 23, 2023

b. Clarence-Rockland Public Library Board Meetings of January 16, 2024

13.3 Receipt of the February Weekly Correspondence Packages being 2024-54 to 2024-57

13.4 Resolution to approve the Council expenses for 2023

13.5 Resolution to accept the statement of development charges reserve funds for 2023

13.6 Resolution to approve the salaries paid from January 21 to March 2, 2024

13.7 Resolution to approve the accounts paid from February 5 to March 10, 2024

**CARRIED**

***Text of the resolutions as adopted by consent under Resolution 2024-28 :***

**13.1** ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 14, 2024, be adopted.

**13.2a.** ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee of September 25 and October 23, 2023, be received.

**13.2b.** ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the minutes of the Public Library Board meeting of January 16, 2024, be received.

**13.3** ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the weekly correspondence packages no. 2024-54, 2024-55, 2024-56, 2024-57, be received and filed.

**13.4** ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland hereby adopts the Itemized Statement of Remuneration and expenses paid in 2023 as per section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as presented under Report No. FIN 2024-08.

**13.5** ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the Municipal Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland accept the statement of development charges reserve funds for the 2023 year-end as presented in report FIN2024-09.

**13.6** ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the salaries paid from January 21st, 2024, to March 2nd, 2024, in the gross amount of \$1,552,765.46 and net amount of \$1,050,647.04 be adopted as recommended.

**13.7** ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the accounts paid from February 5th, 2024, to March 10th, 2024, in the amount of \$5,592,290.85 be adopted as recommended.

**14. Committee/Staff Reports**

**14.1 Cobbs Lake Creek Bridge**

**RESOLUTION 2024-29**

**Moved by** Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

**Seconded by** Carl Grimard

WHEREAS following the presentation of Report TP2022-005 regarding Cobbs Lake Creek Bridge on December 19th, 2022, the administration received the mandate to present additional options in order to consider selling or transferring the road and the bridge; and

WHEREAS Council has considered the additional options presented by the administration in closed session on February 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS a budget of \$336,600 has already been adopted during the 2023 budget process;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipal council mandates the administration to proceed with the Cobbs Lake Creek bridge demolition option as presented in report TP2022-005B.

**DEFEATED**

**RESOLUTION 2024-30**

**Moved by** Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

**Seconded by** Trevor Stewart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Administration be mandated to negotiate a partnership agreement for the reconstruction of the Cobbs Lake Creek Bridge with the funding being taken from the Road Reserve.

**CARRIED**

**14.2 Environment Assessment Study - St-Jean-Poupart**

**RESOLUTION 2024-31**

**Moved by** André J. Lalonde

**Seconded by** Stephane Fournier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the “Final Draft” of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study as presented in Report No. CP2024-04; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council hereby understands that any comments shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this 'Final Draft' as explained in Report No. CP2024-04.

**CARRIED**

**15. By-laws**

**RESOLUTION 2024-32**

**Moved by** André J. Lalonde

**Seconded by** Stephane Fournier

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

15.1 2024-19 being a By-law for keeping a record of the names of the public highways and parks and to repeal By-law 2019-110 and also, renaming Loda Park to Paul Lavoie Park

15.2 2024-20 being a by-law to assume des Jonquilles Street, des Tulipes Street, des Spirées Place, des Orchidées Street, des Violettes Street and des Rosiers Place (JML Development project in Hammond)

15.3 2024-21 to 2024-28 being By-laws for the designation of lands not subject to part-lot control, for Blocks 1 to 8 of Plan 50M-378 (Clement Cove Subdivision)

15.4 2024-29 being a By-Law to authorize the City of Clarence-Rockland to sign an agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency

15.5 2024-30 being a by-law for the designation of lands not subject to part-lot control, for the civic address 1635 Wallace Street and 588-592 Pouliotte Street

15.6 2024-31 being a by-law to authorize the sale of a property to CIH Academy

**CARRIED**

**16. Confirmatory By-law**

**RESOLUTION 2024-33**

**Moved by** Diane Choinière

**Seconded by** Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 2024-32, being a confirmatory by-law for the regular meeting of March 20, 2024, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**17. Adjournment**

Mayor Mario Zanth adjourns the meeting at 9:31.

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Mario Zanth, Mayor

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Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk