



**CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

April 7, 2021
Teleconference

PRESENT: Michel Levert, Deputy Mayor
Samuel Cardarelli, Councillor Ward 1
Mario Zanth, Councillor Ward 2
Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3
Don Bouchard, Councillor Ward 4
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5
Christian Simard, Councillor Ward 6
Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8
Helen Collier, Chief Administrative Officer
Monique Ouellet, Clerk
Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Guy Desjardins, Mayor

1. Opening of the meeting

Deputy Mayor Levert calls the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda

RECOMMENDATION COW2021-36

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Christian Simard

THAT the agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 7, 2021, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests (none)

4. Petitions / Correspondence

4.1 Letter from the Horizon Drive-In regarding land rental

Further to questions, Jean-Luc Jubinville explains that Horizon Drive-in still owes the City an amount of \$4,000 in rental fees from last summer's activities. He adds that the City hired them for other events and are presently holding payment to them for an amount of \$2300.

RECOMMENDATION COW2021-37

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Mario Zanth

THAT the Committee of the Whole mandates the Administration to prepare a detailed report on the situation between the City of Clarence-Rockland and the Horizon Drive-in.

CARRIED

4.2 Letter from Mr. Michel Claude in regards to the Bell Fibe Project

Further to questions, Helen Collier explains that the trenching technique is a challenge across the country, but that Rockland's soil is mostly rock. She adds that Bell has temporarily stopped the work in order to evaluate other options.

Further to discussions, the Committee of the Whole mandates the Administration to prepare a letter address to Bell to share the City's opinion on the techniques used for the installation of their telecommunication services, which shall be presented to Council for approval at the next Regular Council Meeting.

5. Notice of Motion

5.1 Notice of motion proposed by Councillor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor André J. Lalonde requesting the administration to bring back report no. PRO2019-031 at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

The notice of motion is presented.

Further to questions, Pierre Voisine confirms that the said report will need to be updated before it is brought back to Council, especially in relation to subsidies. He adds that the Covid-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on access to affordable housing.

Further to questions, Pierre Voisine clarifies that the purpose of the report is to share additional information from the UCPR regarding affordable housing.

6. Report from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell

Helen Collier explains that due to the Mayor's absence, there is no United Counties report.

7. Committee/Staff Reports

7.1 2021 Community Activities Program

Further to questions regarding the Christmas drive-through parade, Martin Irwin explains that the expectation was 4000 cars and more than the double attend.

Further to questions regarding Canada Day, Jean-Luc Jubinville explains that the organization of Canada Day starts almost a year in advance. He explains that because of that, the celebrations will be organized virtually.

RECOMMENDATION COW2021-38

Moved by Carl Grimard

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

WHEREAS the City of Clarence-Rockland received an amount of \$10,000 from the United Counties of Prescott-Russell to cover certain costs for the cultural or recreational activities;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council accept that the amount of \$10 000 be granted as follows:

- \$4,000 to the Virtual Canada Day celebrations;
- \$1,000 for a virtual art exhibit with local artists; and
- \$5,000 for the Drive-Through Christmas Parade of Lights, as recommended.

CARRIED

7.2 Update on the Joint Water System with the Nation Municipality outlining the challenges of providing services to the 59 properties fronting the transmission main corridor

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart explains that the initial amount of \$500,000 excluded important considerations such as the design. He adds that because of the soil condition, the work required is greater. Julian Lenhart confirms that the soil evaluation was not completed at the time of the estimate.

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart explains that a viable solution to extend the water supply to the 59 properties fronting the transmission main corridor could be a local improvement.

Further to discussions, Deputy-Mayor Michel Levert directs the administration to provide members of Council with the procedure to initiate a local improvement.

RECOMMENDATION COW2021-39

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Carl Grimard

WHEREAS Report No. INF2021-014 provides an update on the progress of the Joint Water System project with the Nation Municipality; and

WHEREAS the only viable option to provide water services to 59 properties fronting the transmission main corridor is to install a 1.7 km long parallel water main from the Cheney Water Tower to the Bear Brook Creek along North Indian Creek Road; and

WHEREAS the Department recommends against providing services to the 59 properties altogether, for the reasons identified in the discussion section of Report No. INF2021-014;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approves the Department's recommendation which is to not install the parallel water main resulting in not providing water services to the 59 properties fronting the transmission main corridor.

CARRIED

7.3 Proposed changes to Waste Collection Program

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart confirms that the 140 kg is the maximum weight assigned per home address. He adds that this weight can be spread over several visits.

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart confirms that the weight was established based on the licences that were given.

Further to discussions, Julian Lenhart confirms that the free weekends that were planned for this year have been cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION COW2021-40

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded by Don Bouchard

WHEREAS, the municipality currently organizes three supplementary annual non-recyclable waste collection programs comprising two (2) Free Access Weekends and one (1) Curbside Fall Clean-Up;

AND WHEREAS, increased participation with these programs is resulting in increasing challenges with respect to managing operational impacts, and logistical difficulties associated with organizing the events;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council supports that the annual Free Access Weekend waste disposal programs be modified as per

Option 3, entitled *Modified Free Access Program -Full Subsidy* as a two-year pilot program, as described in Report No. INF2021-012; and

THAT the Committee of the Whole further recommends that Council supports that the Fall Cleanup Program be modified as per Option 2, entitled *Modified Fall Cleanup Program* as a two-year pilot program, as described in Report No. INF2021-012.

CARRIED

7.4 Major projects communications procedure

RECOMMENDATION COW2021-41

Moved by Diane Choinière

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

THAT Report No. LOI2021-04-02, in regards to the internal procedure “PROSCREL-006 – Major projects communication procedure” be received as information.

CARRIED

7.5 Proposed changes to Daycare Services to meet budget

RECOMMENDATION COW2021-42

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Carl Grimard

WHEREAS during the 2021 budget process, council approved a reduction in daycare expenses valued at \$100 000 in order to respect the allocated budgets; and

WHEREAS to respect the allocated budget, Council must consider increasing customer service fees or decreasing service in order to reduce expenses;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the service reductions as recommended in report LOI2021-04-03; and

THAT the service reductions be put in place before the beginning of the next contract that will start on July 1st 2021, as recommended.

CARRIED

8. Other items

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart explains that requests for dust control on gravel roads should be forwarded to Client Services for follow-up.

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart confirms that he will follow up with his team regarding the release of the report on the pipes with grease problems.

9. Adjournment

The Deputy Mayor adjourns the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Michel Levert, Deputy Mayor;

Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk