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Minutes of the special Council sitting of the Municipality of West Bolton, held on April 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Located at 9 Town Hall Road, West Bolton, with interactive webcast.

The following were present:

Margarita Lafontaine, Councillor n° 1

Jean-Pierre Pouliot, Councillor n° 2

Loren Allen, Councillor n° 3

Eddy Whitcher, Councillor n° 4

Gilles Asselin, Councillor n° 5

Nancy Lanteigne, Councillor n° 6

The members present formed a quorum. The sitting was presided over by Denis Vaillancourt, Mayor.

Also present:

Jean-François Grandmont, Director General and Clerk-Treasurer

AGENDA

- 1. NOTICE OF SITTING**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 3. ROADS**
 - 3.1. *Ministère des Transports du Québec* - Local Road Assistance Program – Recovery Component – Application for emergency financial assistance for the rehabilitation of Paramount Road
- 4. QUESTION PERIOD**
- 5. END OF SITTING**

083-0422
NOTICE OF MEETING

The director general confirmed that the notice of sitting was sent to all members of Council in accordance with the Law.

The sitting was called to order by the mayor at 7:30 p.m.

084-0422
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY Gilles Asselin
SECONDED BY Margarita Lafontaine
AND RESOLVED:

To adopt the agenda presented.

Adopted unanimously

085-0422
ROADS
MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORTS DU QUÉBEC – LOCAL
ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - RECOVERY
COMPONENT – APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF
PARAMOUNT ROAD

WHEREAS emergency work was carried out on Paramount Road in 2019 during the thaw period, as the road became impassable for traffic;

WHEREAS a ban on heavy vehicles was instituted during the thaw;

WHEREAS Covid-19 started in 2020;

WHEREAS on June 11, 2021, the Municipality requested the addition of Paramount Road to the Local Road Infrastructure Intervention Plan (LRREP) managed by the BROME-Missisquoi RCM but that the eligibility of this road will not be known before the end of this year;

WHEREAS given the accelerated degradation of Paramount Road it would be ill-advised to wait another year for the work to be carried out;

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Bolton does not have the financial capacity to carry out this urgent project without a grant;

Whereas several other roads such as Stagecoach, Fuller, Argyll and Town Hall require interventions, but these are not of the same scale and complexity as those of Paramount Road;

WHEREAS the municipality received on September 28, 2021 the geotechnical study conducted by EXP for Paramount Road;

Whereas this study mentions the following:

- According to the information obtained, the Municipality of West Bolton wishes to rebuild Paramount Road, which, during the thaw, is in very poor condition;
- The section of the road studied is approximately 2.3 kilometers long, located in the mountainous area between Glen Road and Des Hauteurs Road;
- Recommendations for the construction of the structure of the roadway involving a granular layer as well as asphalt coating were requested;
- Drilling results show that, in general, the current thickness of the road structure was very variable (180 to 1,450 mm, for an average of nearly 400 mm) and most often deficient both structurally and in terms of frost protection, particularly in the northern part of the section under study (drilling F-8 to F-14) where it was particularly thin (average of 325 mm) and locally followed by organic soils;
- In addition, none of the samples constituting this pavement structure that have been tested meet the current particle size requirements of a material of type MG 20 (foundation) or MG 112 (sub-foundation) and must be considered as frost-prone (SM/GM);
- That complete reconstruction is recommended.

WHEREAS Paramount Road is the only thoroughfare for all residences located north of Paige Road, including the Mont Gauvin development located in Saint-Étienne-de-Bolton;

WHEREAS a fortuitous event occurred on March 11, 2022 after the passage of trucks;

WHEREAS the description of the fortuitous event is presented below:

- Severe, excessive and abnormally rapid deformation of Paramount Road prior to the start of the thaw period (scheduled for March 21, 2022);
- The obligation for the municipality to issue, as of March 11, a notice of closure of Paramount Road to non-essential trucks before the thaw period;
- The obligation for the municipality to urgently close Paramount Road to all trucks, including school transportation and waste collection, on March 18, 2022, to ensure the safety of people and property;
- The addition of gravel in an emergency is no longer enough to

- maintain the road;
- Motorists risk getting bogged down and have to zigzag in order to get to their residence.

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Bolton has taken note of the terms and conditions of application of the Restoration component of the Local Road Assistance Program (PAVL) and undertakes to respect them;

WHEREAS the interventions referred to in the application for financial assistance concern local level 1 or 2 roads and work eligible for financial assistance under the Recovery component;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bolton-Ouest undertakes to obtain the financing necessary to carry out the entire project, including, in particular, the maximum financial assistance granted by the Minister and corresponding to 90% of eligible expenses;

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Bolton chooses the following option as the basis for calculating the financial assistance:

- a detailed estimate of the cost of the work;

WHEREAS the director general of the Municipality of West Bolton is acting as the Municipality's representative to the Ministry in connection with this matter.

FOR THESE REASONS,

IT WAS MOVED BY Jean-Pierre Pouliot
SECONDED BY Gilles Asselin
AND RESOLVED AND ADOPTED:

That the Council of the Municipality of West Bolton authorizes the submission of an application for financial assistance for eligible work, confirms its commitment to have the work carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions in force and acknowledges that in the event of non-compliance, the financial assistance will be terminated.

To authorize the director general to issue any directives and to sign any documents to that effect.

Adopted unanimously

086-0422
QUESTION PERIOD

Council held a question period during which attendees could ask questions to its members via Zoom.

Copies of the agenda were made available to the public prior to the beginning of this sitting.

087-0422
END OF SITTING

The agenda having been exhausted,

IT WAS MOVED BY Loren Allen
SECONDED BY Eddy Whitcher
AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

To end the sitting at 8:17 p.m.

Jean-François Grandmont, OMA
Director General and Clerk-Treasurer

Denis Vaillancourt
Mayor

Attestation

The signing of these minutes by the mayor is equivalent to the signing by the mayor of all the resolutions it contains as per section 142 of the Municipal Code.