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Finances and administration

Presentation of the financial report and the external auditor's report

In accordance with the Municipal Code of Québec, the Director General and Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality has filed the financial report and the external auditor's report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. This report shows an operating surplus of \$957,080.

Elections training courses

Council authorized the General Manager and Finance Director to take training courses in preparation for the November 2025 municipal elections.

<u>Draft by-law on the creation of a reserved fund for elections tabled</u>

Under the Elections Act, municipalities are required to set up a fund reserved for elections. The by-law stipulates that the municipality will pay \$7050 annually into this fund. The cost of the next general election is estimated at \$28,200.

Private road maintenance by-law adopted

This by-law sets out the conditions for the maintenance of private roads by a supplier external to the municipality, as well as the terms of payment for these services by the owners and occupants concerned.

Any person wishing to have a private road maintained by a supplier of their choice must submit to the Municipality a "Declaration of Maintenance" signed by the owners of more than 50% of the lots served by the private road.

The declaration must specify the designation of the road concerned, the total number of owners and occupants along the road, the name of the person designated by the group to act as intermediary with the Municipality, the type of maintenance required, the period for which it is requested (maximum 5 years) and the desired method of distribution so that all costs relating to the type of maintenance required are borne by the persons concerned.

The Council accepts, with or without conditions, or refuses by resolution to follow up on the Declaration. The Municipality has full discretion to accept or refuse maintenance of a private road.



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A fee will be imposed annually at the same time as the property tax on each taxable unit of assessment bordering the road, in accordance with the apportionment method filed in support of the maintenance declaration, or any other apportionment method chosen by the Council.

Calendar of ordinary council meetings 2025

The Board has adopted the schedule of regular meetings for 2025. They will be held on January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 2, November 18 and December 9, 2025, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

Contracts awarded for maintenance of private roads

In accordance with the by-law governing maintenance of private roads, contracts were awarded to Excavation Kelly for Domaine du Lac Grenville, St-Pierre ouest, Cap Rouge and Donald Campbell roads, and to Entreprises Jeffrey Desjardins and entrepreneur Yannick Labrosse Legris for snow removal on private roads on rue Ménard, rue Lucien-Fortin and rue Welden.

Renewal of Carolle Guertin's janitorial contract

Council approved the renewal of Mrs. Carolle Guertin's janitorial contract, for maintenance of municipal buildings (Town Hall, fire hall and garage, libraries, Paul-Bougie Centre), for an annual amount of \$30,000, until June 30, 2026.

Appointment of deputy mayor

Given the resignation of councillor Manon Jutras as deputy mayor, councillor Carl Woodbury was appointed deputy mayor.

New hires

Two people have been hired for temporary one-year positions to join the Town Hall staff: Mr. Stéphane Langlois as Accounting Technician and Ms. Christine Amyot Cantin as Administrative Assistant.

Public works



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Culvert purchase and installation on rue des Érables

Following the floods of August 9, 2024, the culvert on rue des Érables, at the intersection with route 148, was damaged and must be replaced quickly.

Council therefore approved the awarding of a contract to Soleno for the supply and delivery of a polyethylene pipe to replace the culvert, in the amount of \$32,946, as well as a contract to Émile Foucault Excavation for the installation of the culvert, in the amount of \$36,762.

It was also resolved to file a claim with the Ministère de la Sécurité publique following the floods of August 9, 2024.

Diesel fuel supply contract

Following a public call for tenders, the Board approved the awarding of a contract to Pétrole Léger for the supply and delivery of diesel fuel, and for the supply of diesel fuel for a 3-year period. The contract also includes the supply, installation and free start-up of a diesel fuel tank that complies with Quebec environmental standards. The contract amounts to \$448,747.43 for 3 years.

Signature of a letter of agreement with the United Steelworkers concerning the implementation of an on-call bonus for blue-collar workers.

In order to compensate for the prolonged absence of the Public Works Superintendent for health reasons, it is necessary to implement an on-call system for blue-collar workers. An agreement to this effect has been negotiated with the Union. In accordance with this agreement, the Council unanimously adopted the granting of an on-call premium for blue-collar workers.

The mayor vetoed this resolution.

Sale of surplus assets

Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to proceed with the sale of three obsolete trucks.

Urban planning and development

Approval of a subdivision permit request in zone V-13 and acceptance of a 10% cash contribution for park fees



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Council approved the subdivision application for lot number 0765-92-0682 to create 5 building lots on chemin du Lac Commandant. Each lot will comprise a minimum of 20,000 square meters and a minimum frontage of 150 meters, in compliance with the urban planning by-law. This subdivision is accompanied by a payment, by the applicant, of an amount equivalent to 10% of its market value, for park fees.

Economic and community development

Installation of a cellular antenna system by Videotron

Council adopted a resolution in favor of Videotron's project to install a cellular antenna system on Rawcliffe Road.

Environment, health and well-being

Organic and residual materials collection contract awarded for 2025

Following a public call for tenders, Council approved the awarding of a contract to Transport sanitaire Hayes for the collection of residual materials for 2025, in the amount of \$364,237.30.

Council members to attend the Rendez-vous Conservation Laurentides and the WMAN 2024 biennial conference

The municipal council of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge wishes to submit protected area projects for the Rouge Corridor and Lac Commandant, as part of the Quebec government's call for protected area projects on public lands.

To this end, a resolution was adopted authorizing Board members to participate in the 10th edition of the Rendez-vous Conservation Laurentides, on November 13, 2024 in St-Jérôme. The event will showcase conservation tools to accelerate the conservation movement in the Laurentians.

Board members were also authorized to attend the "Mined Justice in a Time of Climate Crisis" conference presented by the Western Mining Action Network in Montreal from November 13 to 17, 2024.

Correspondence and new business



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Financial assistance

The Board granted financial assistance to the following organizations:

- 2000\$ to the Campbell Community Centre for the children's Christmas tree sale;
- 3000\$ to the Réseau de dépannage alimentaire;
- 1000\$ to the parish of Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur, in Grenville;
- 1000\$ to the Knights of Columbus for the Guignolée 2024;
- 3000\$ to Citad'Elle, helping women and children who are victims of domestic violence;
- 200\$ to Polyvalente Lavigne for the graduating class of 2024-2025.