CITY OF COWANSVILLE

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

A summary of the minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of the City of Cowansville.

A meeting of Council was held on November 6, 2012. A quorum of Councillors made up of Councillors Lucille Robert, Sylvie Beauregard, Ghyslain Vallières, Yvon Pepin, Michel Charbonneau, and Guy Patenaude was present under the chairmanship of Mayor Arthur Fauteux and in the presence of senior staff, Me. Sandra Ruel, City Clerk, Josée Tassé CGA, Treasurer and Claude Lalonde, Eng., Director General.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the withdrawal of the following items:
- Financial assistance – Couleurs urbaines de Cowansville
- Mandate and composition of a follow-up committee on the cultural policy

FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

A question period was held as required by law.

TABLING OF THE MAYORS’ S REPORT ON THE CITY’S FINANCIAL SITUATION
Council approved the Report on the City’s financial situation for the year 2012 as presented by the Mayor and directed that the report be published in “Le Guide” as required by law. Council also acknowledged the tabling of the list of all contracts exceeding $25,000.00 in value as well as a list of all expenses exceeding $2000.00 over the same period.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FONDATION ÉDUCATIVE JEAN JACQUES BERTRAND

Council made a grant of $295.00 to la Fondation éducative Jean Jacques Bertrand.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSION TAX EXEMPTION

Council agreed to advise the Quebec Municipal Commission that the City of Cowansville recommends that the tax exemption given to Fondation de jeunesse Brome-Missisquoi be maintained.

STREET CLOSING - SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Council approved the holding by the Chamber of Commerce of Cowansville of this year’s Santa Claus parade and authorized the closing of certain streets for that purpose.

BOND FINANCING – CONTRACT AWARD AND CONCORDANCE

Council awarded the contract for the issue of $4,440,000.00 in City of Cowansville bonds to Financière Banque Nationale inc. In addition, Council passed the required resolution of concordance to give full effect to the contract award.

EXTENSION OF FINANCING

Pursuant to section 2 of the Municipal Financing Act, Council approved a loan of $1,173,000.00 to cover short term financing.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AGA ON FEES
Council approved a settlement agreement with the Groupe Financier AGA, the terms of which are set out in an agreement attached to the minutes.

TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT OF THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

Council approved the appointment of Cynthia Turmel as legal technician and Assistant City Clerk during the maternity leave of Ms. Brigitte Chabot.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY-LAW 1770

Councillor Patenaude gave notice of his intention to present By-law 1770 repealing By-law 1762 which governs tariffs to be charged by the City of Cowansville.

ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS

- Council adopted By-law 1766 relating to destructed areas as presented.
- Council adopted, on second reading, By-law 1767 in compliance with CPTRQ decision number 372362.
- Council adopted By-law 1765 dealing with a sector in the Miner Street area.

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – DOMAINE DE COWANSVILLE

- Council gave its approval in principle to the plan presented by Mr. Robert Fournier for a residential and commercial development called Domaine de Cowansville Inc in the area of Louis Joseph Papineau Boulevard.

MINOR ZONING VARIATIONS AND PIIA

On the recommendation of the City Planning Committee (CCU), Council considered the following:
  a) Architectural Integration and Implementation Plans:
     - at 241 rue Principale, to permit the installation of two signs (refused)
     - at 950 rue Principale, to permit the installation of signs (approved)
- at 340 rue Principale, to permit the felling of a maple tree (approved)
- at 702 rue de l’Arctique, to permit the construction of 3 single family dwellings (approved)
- at 128 rue Principale, to permit an amended plan to modify the façade of the building.

REQUEST – BELL CANADA INSTALLATION OF FRONT LOT NETWORK

Council took cognizance of a plan prepared by Bell Canada for the installation of network equipment and stated that the City would not assume any part of the cost thereof.

CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE RIVERLAND SECTOR

Council mandated CIMA + to prepare on its behalf an application to the MDDEFP for a certificate of authorization to permit the construction of infrastructures in the Riverland sector.

CONTRACT AWARD – 12 WHEEL TRUCK

Council awarded a contract in the amount of $160,516.60 to Camions BL Freightliner, the lowest conforming bidder, to supply a 12 wheel truck as described in the call for tenders.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Council made the following grants of financial assistance:
- to the Massey Vanier High School in the amount of $350.00 to support their writing project.
- to Place aux jeunes Brome Missisquoi in the amount of $500.00.

PACTE RURAL – INSTALLATION OF SWING SETS

Council resolved to make a request to the Pacte rural for a grant to install swing sets.
TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Quarterly expenditures report.
Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the RCM of Brome-Missisquoi of
October 16, 2012.
Tabling of the list of personnel movements.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.