

November 26, 2024

A regular meeting of Shawville Council was called to order by Mayor Bill McCleary, at the town hall at 7:30 p.m., November 26, 2024, with Councillors, Richard Armitage, Julien Gagnon, Bill Hobbs, Brent Leach, Katie Sharpe and Denzil Yach as well as Crystal Webb, Director General.

251-24 Moved by Brent Leach and resolved that the agenda be adopted with the removal of number 5. Snow removal policy (Res.) and replaced with PAS Insurance (Res). Carried unanimously.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Adoption of regular meeting November 12, 2024
3. Visitors Question Period
4. Business Arising
 - A) Rescind Resolution 249-24 (Stelem)
5. PAS Insurance (Res)
6. Billing to municipalities served by the services of the Sûreté du Québec (Res.)
7. Christmas Parade (Res. Gifts Cards)
8. Pontiac Snowmobile Signage (Res.)
9. Correspondence
10. Committee Report
11. Adjournment

252-24 Moved by Katie Sharpe, that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2024, be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Visitors Question Period

Christine Armitage attends the meeting to discuss the lights located at the outdoor rink and concerns re. the new apartment being built in Shawville, paved driveways
Linda Davis attends the meeting to discuss evaluations the way it is calculated at the MRC.

253-24 Moved by Richard Armitage, that the council of the Municipality of Shawville rescind resolution number 249-24 to hire Stelem for the repairs on the Fire Hydrant Located on Victoria Avenue. Carried unanimously.

254-24 Moved by Richard Armitage, that the council of the Municipality of Shawville authorizes to pay the PAS Insurance in the amount of \$19,387.83. Carried unanimously.

WHEREAS: the municipalities served by the Sûreté du Québec have just received their invoice for the year 2025.,

WHEREAS: the average of the announced increases is 6.47%, but that the increases for several municipalities are much more significant, even considerable.

WHEREAS: the 2025 bill marks the end of the transitional period to lead to a 50-50 sharing of the bill for Sûreté du Québec services between the Government and the municipalities. A period characterized by the establishment of an increase ceiling of 7% and a floor of 2%.

WHEREAS: during the negotiations for the new formula in 2019, the authorities of the Ministry of Public Security assured its municipal partners that the increases would be approximately 3% per year once the transitional period ended and that this formula would protect the municipal world from increases of the nature of those announced in 2025.

CONSIDERING: that the inflation rate is now less than 2%.

WHEREAS: the media have recently reported on the management of overtime by police officers in the regions, which is causing significant pressure on the overall cost of the Sûreté du Québec service billed to municipalities.

CONSIDERING: the legitimate questions from several elected officials concerning the real impact of the number of unfilled police positions and the significant use of overtime, while an effective police service requires stability and a long-term, developed community presence.

CONSIDERING: the unconsidered increase in the costs of the Sûreté du Québec and their impact on the bill imposed on municipalities.

CONSIDERING: that the municipal world is not involved in determining the working conditions of police officers and the management of the Sûreté du Québec.

CONSIDERING: that the total amount billed to municipalities for 2025 amounts to more than \$444.8 million, a considerable amount that should give municipalities a say in the management of these services.

255-24 It is moved by Denzil Yach, that the Municipality of Shawville ask the Minister of Public Security, Mr. François Bonnardel:

- To mandate an external firm to analyze the management of the Sûreté du Québec, like the approach taken with municipal transport companies, which made it possible to identify solutions to save several hundred million dollars.
- To maintain a ceiling and a floor for the increase in bills in the permanent formula as in the transitional formula until the analysis has identified means to control the inconsiderate increase in the cost of Sûreté du Québec services.

That a copy of the resolution be sent to the Minister of Public Security, Mr. François Bonnardel, to the Director General of the Sûreté du Québec, Ms. Johanne Beausoleil and to the President of the Fédération Québécoise des municipalités (FQM), Mr. Jacques Demers. Carried unanimously.

256-24 Moved by Richard Armitage, that the council of the Municipality of Shawville authorizes to purchase 5 gift cards at \$50.00 each for the 2024 Christmas Parade. Carried unanimously.

257-24 Moved by Bill Hobbs, the Council of the Municipality of Shawville authorizes the Pontiac Snowmobile Drivers Association to install the necessary signage for municipal crossings if there is no cost to the Municipality of Shawville. The Municipality reserves the right to deny or remove access should the noise become a nuisance to the residents of Shawville.

1. Glendale and Main
2. Glendale and King
3. Lang West of Hwy 303
4. Main West of Hwy 303
5. Bristol West of Hwy 303
6. King West of Hwy 303
7. Calumet Rd., East of Golden Spring Lane onto old Armstrong property
8. John-Dale West of West
9. Church Street West of Main, left on Glendale crossing King
10. Railroad to Victoria down to Kojacks. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bill McCleary

Act on RADON website and facebook

Katie Sharpe

Curling Club snow removal

Julien Gagnon

Christmas Food Drive

Richard Armitage

Discussion: Indoor Heated Storage for Garbage Truck

Denzil Yach

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Outdoor dressing room re. outdoor rink

258-24 Moved by Julien Gagnon, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor

Director General