



## MARCH 8, 2022, COUNCIL SITTING HIGHLIGHTS

Council is committed to better communication with the public. As a result, summaries of the main points of Council meetings will now be published a few days after the meeting.

### **Council's position on the choice of site for the future Affiliated University Hospital Centre of the Outaouais (CHAU)**

At the regular meeting of March 8, 2022, Council adopted a resolution expressing its concerns regarding the choice of site for the Affiliated University Hospital Center of the Outaouais (CHAU) and asking the Government of Quebec to choose a sustainable, responsible and accessible location for the construction of this center for the population of the Outaouais. Council indicates that the choice of the site on de la Technologie Boulevard, considered by the Government of Quebec, represents several issues regarding the infrastructure and the environment of the municipality, and on the health and quality of life of its residents. Council is asking the government to take its concerns into consideration when choosing the site for the future CHAU and would like it to prioritize a site near downtown Gatineau in order to avoid urban sprawl, to promote public transportation, to protect the natural environment and to take into account population growth and long-term economic development.

### **Refusal of the Planning Project for Additional Space for the Portages-de-l'Outaouais School Services Centre**

The Municipal Council informed by means of a resolution of its refusal with regard to the planning project of the 2023-2033 additional space needs of the CSSPO on its territory. Following the presentation of its project, the CSSPO does not foresee any new space in Chelsea. Council predicts that the need for space will continue to increase due to the many developments underway. The CSSPO's data does not take into account the rapid growth of Chelsea, which has the 3rd largest growth in Quebec in 2020-2021. Council is therefore asking the CSSPO to reconsider its decision regarding the construction of a new school on the territory of Chelsea, taking into account the full expansion of the municipality.

### **Awarding of a contract for professional services for the tree planting plan**

In order to begin its greening project, the Municipality must obtain a planting plan that determines the best locations for the planting of native trees on its territory. Thus, following the submission process, the municipal council has awarded the contract for professional services for the greening project of the village center to the firm CIMA+, s.e.n.c. for an amount of \$30,180.94.

### **Grant Applications: Thanks to Volunteers!**

During the tabling of the Chelsea Creek Trail and the Hautes-Plaines Trail grant applications, as part of the Government of Canada's call for active transportation projects, Council wished to thank the volunteers for their extraordinary contribution to the grant application process. Their help allows the Municipality to be better equipped and proactive in these applications.

### **Congratulations to two Chelsea residents on their nomination to the Order of Canada**

On December 29, 2021, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, announced 135 new appointments to the Order of Canada, one of Canada's most prestigious civilian honours. Two Chelsea residents are among the inductees, Ian Tamblyn for his lasting contributions as a folk music icon, adventurer and cultural ambassador for Canada, and Robert Duff McKeown for his excellence in investigative television journalism. Council congratulated both men at the Council meeting for their outstanding dedication to their community and their extraordinary contributions to the nation.

### **Nomination of members to the RSCCLC and ASMC**

Following the selection process of the members of the committees of the Municipality, the municipal council made the nomination of the members on the advisory committee of the Recreation, Sports, Culture and Community Life Committee as well as on the Active and Sustainable Mobility Committee. Ms. Julie Dupont was selected to join the RSCCLC. As for the ASMC, the Council nominated the following members from organizations: Mr. Alain Piché from Les Amis de la Voie Verte Chelsea, Ms. Heather MacDonald from Sentier Chelsea Trail and Mr. Andy Ball from SAFE Chelsea. Ms. Allana Leblanc and Ms. Pamela Aung Thin will also serve on the ASMC as community members. These members will form the Active and Sustainable Mobility Committee along with elected members and municipal staff.