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PÉRIODE DE QUESTIONS /
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QUESTION PERIOD

Début : 19 h 15 Fin : 19 h 51

1	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why is there a need to upgrade the new septic system? Who will pay for the upgrade? Please give the percent for the public cost and percent for users / development.
	R	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The draft by-law explains why an upgrade is necessary in that it was anticipated that upon reaching 50% of the residual capacity of the plant, an upgrade of the sludge treatment system would be required to avoid odour and operational issues. It was already planned 6 years ago that an upgrade would be needed, but we wanted to spread the cost at that moment instead of building it too big at first. We have reached 52% of the capacity that stage and that is why the upgrade is necessary. The draft by-law details how the expenses incurred will be paid. 80% of the cost will be paid by the local users of the centre village, and 20% paid at large for the public services (Municipality, post Canada, centre Meredith etc.)
	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The question concerns the environmental impact studies that were conducted regarding re-construction of the River road, and we would like to know if they could be made available to the residents? What type of mitigation measures have been identified by the Municipality to address ecological risks of the river road construction works?
2	R	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> These studies that has been deposited by council are on the website of the Municipality. See link noted hereunder. https://www.chelsea.ca/en/your-municipality/council-meetings The mitigation measures have been identified by the engineering firm and the biologist of Cima +. Furthermore, these measures are identified in the plans and specifications for the rehabilitation work. Also, for all sensitive areas, a request for certification of authorization has been made to the government (MELCC). All the conditions issued by the CA will be followed.
	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can I please get an update on when an opaque fence adjacent to my property will be built as required by the MRC? Can you please explain why The Lofts recently planted 2 large telephone like poles at 63 cm and 72 cm respectively adjacent my property since it does not adhere to 1.5 m setback requirements?
3	R	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The zoning by-law states that an opaque fence must be installed if a parking lot encroaches on the 4.5 meters setback from a property line that's shared with a residential property. However, the site plan and permits delivered to the MRC in 2018 to expand their parking lot showed that the new parking spaces would <i>not</i> be located within the 4.5 meters setback from your property line, and therefore that an opaque fence is <i>not</i> required in this case. More recently a footpath was created between the property line and the MRC's parking lot. Since the 4.5 meters setback does not apply to footpaths, an opaque fence would not be required in this case either. The confusion might stem from the fact that an opaque fence will have to be installed by the immediate neighbor, the Padden Lofts, because their parking area will be located within the 4.5 meters setback. Utility poles installed by telephone companies or Hydro Quebec are not of municipal jurisdiction. In theory, such a pole could be installed directly on a property line and the Municipality would have no authority to remove it.
	Q	Since the committees will now be held in camera, can you assure the residents of Chelsea that Committee meetings will be fully transparent from this point forward? Will those citizens interested enough to attend the meetings be permitted to observe the meetings?
4	R	<p>We have the responsibility to protect our staff, and volunteers, and ensure that they give recommendation to the council without being influenced and have to be able to speak their minds.</p> <p>Committee are only giving recommendation, and it is the council that will decide and vote, not the committee. Furthermore, before every committee there will be question period prior to the meeting and residents will always be able to voice their concerns and ask their questions. You will be able to send your question in advance so the councillors in the committee will be able to answer. However, the best place to ask a question is during the council meeting.</p>
	Q	Could you continue with the way the committees were doing and not change the way they are functioning?
5	R	According to the law, the Municipality has the obligation to have only one committee which is the CCUDD all the other committees are optional. The last council decided to create more committees, but they were some issues with the way they were working. We need to protect the staff and the residents that are part of those committees from harassment and virulent critics. For those reason, a part of the committee will be public, and the other part will be held in camera. The wording is different, but the process will be the same.

6	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J'aimerais savoir ce qui se passe depuis que la mise en demeure a été envoyée à la CCN? 2. Êtes-vous également d'accord pour nommer un représentant parmi vous qui pourrait travailler avec le groupe de citoyens qui travaillent dans le dossier de la CCN depuis au moins 4 ans?
	R	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Le 5 octobre dernier, le conseil a adopté une résolution afin de mandater les avocats pour continuer de s'opposer à la décision de la CCN qui refusait de payer les sommes mentionnées par le Comité Consultatif sur les Différends – Paiements en remplacement d'impôts (DAP). Le 19 novembre, nous avons reçu la décision de la CCN laquelle ne tient pas compte des enseignements du DAP. 2. Les deux avis du DAP pour Chelsea et Gatineau étaient unanimes et retenaient la position de la Municipalité. La CCN a refait sa propre analyse en retenant ses prétentions devant le DAP alors qu'elles avaient été rejetées. La Municipalité de Chelsea a un recours en Cour fédérale qu'elle doit déposer dans les 30 jours de la décision et c'est pourquoi aujourd'hui nous avons l'item 6.5 g) afin de mandater à nouveau les avocats DHC afin d'entreprendre le recours judiciaire approprié devant la Cour fédérale. On veut continuer à mettre de la pression dans le dossier.
7	Q	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. La Municipalité a-t-elle songé à demander l'intervention de l'Union des municipalités du Québec et de la députée du Pontiac relativement au dossier de la CCN pour mettre fin à l'abus des fonds publics et de pouvoir? 2. La mise en demeure a été envoyée depuis octobre et nous n'avons aucun retour, y a-t-il une façon de tenir informés les citoyens des développements dans le dossier?
	R	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nous allons faire un suivi avec vous la semaine prochaine. 2. Depuis le mois d'octobre, il n'y a pas eu de séance du conseil, les élections et la transition des nouveaux membres du conseil. Avant de se positionner dans ce dossier et d'informer les résidents, il faut que le nouveau conseil puisse l'analyser. Par la suite, le conseil décidera comment aller de l'avant.